



It's been a hectic end to the first half-term of the academic year, with our Section 48 inspection taking place on Wednesday. It's a shame that our Yr 6 pupils and staff weren't able to participate on the day, but the inspectors did look at a lot of their work, and received a special video message from our prayer leaders. Have a lovely half-term and safe travels to all those who are going away.

### Fireworks

Our S.A.S.A. fireworks evening last Friday was a great success, with close to 700 people in attendance and a total of over £3,500 profit, which will go to support enrichment opportunities for our pupils. Some rain earlier in the evening threatened to put a dampener on proceedings but thankfully the skies cleared and a great night was had by all.

Dozens of volunteers worked throughout the evening and into the night to set up, run the stalls and clean up afterwards. Thank you to all of those who helped in any way, big or small. A special mention to Danni, Andy, Carla and Caroline who were the chief organisers of this great event and to Mr Lawrence Coutinho, our DJ for the evening. Also thanks to Papa John's Coulsdon for providing 20 free pizzas!



### Yr 6 Residential Trip

This week our Yr 6 pupils have been enjoying a week of fun activities on the Isle of Wight. They were blessed with glorious weather for almost all of the week and they developed a huge range of skills including leadership, teamwork etc. through the wide range of activities and challenges that they faced. Their teachers were very proud of how well they behaved and, as is often the case, their manners were positively complemented on by several members of the public and centre staff.

Many staff sacrificed evenings with their family to accompany the children this week and we are very grateful for all that they have done to ensure the safety, wellbeing and happiness of the children. Thanks to Mrs Paull, Mr Whitmarsh, Mrs Cecil, Mrs Luke & Mrs Day.



St. Francis: Aren Oniwuejeogwu  
St. Joseph: Olivia McMullan  
St. Bernadette: Vanessa Stepien  
St. Theresa: Zoe Mathew  
St. Peter: Ted Ryan  
St. Paul: Mrs Paull



St. Francis: Maks Daw'ok  
St. Joseph: Lorelei Bradley  
St. Bernadette: W'olia Bardett  
St. Theresa: Dara Hession  
St. Peter: Zac Bleach-Thorne  
St. Paul: Mr Whitmarsh

### Au revoir Mrs Cecil

We had a special assembly this morning to celebrate our lovely Mrs Cecil, who is sadly leaving us today after 10 years of dedicated service. She will be greatly missed, but our loss is the NHS's gain, and we wish her all the best for the future. In assembly this morning we had lots of children reading poems, good luck messages, presenting cards and gifts, and in typical St Aidan's style a specially penned (by the very talented Mrs Luke) rendition of 'The Irish Rover' to see Mrs Cecil off in style. God bless you Mrs Cecil, you have touched the lives of so many families at St Aidan's and I know all of our families will miss you greatly.



### Photos

The photographer will be coming to school on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November to take photos of individual pupils and sibling groups (those that attend St Aidan's). Please ensure that all pupils are in correct (winter) uniform. Girls should no longer be wearing the gingham dress after half-term. Please see the attached for further guidance on correct uniform. Any hair fastenings should be plain dark blue or black.

### S.A.S.A. Notices

Thank you to all of those families who have agreed to have advertising boards for local estate agent Hallways, Coulsdon advertising the Christmas Fair. £500 has been raised through this venture so far. There's still time to raise even more. Just email [danni@staidanssa.co.uk](mailto:danni@staidanssa.co.uk) before Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to register your interest.

The S.A.S.A AGM will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm in the school hall. All are welcome, whether a current or prospective member of S.A.S.A.

Disco night 25th November  
KS1: 330 – 4.45pm,  
KS2: 5 – 6.15pm  
tickets will be on sale after half-term

### Section 48 Inspection

Inspectors from Southwark diocese visited the school on Wednesday to assess the quality of teaching and Catholic life of St Aidan's School. They met with pupils, parents, governors, staff and clergy, as well as looking at work in pupil books and observing lessons throughout the day. They were very impressed by the levels of engagement from our families, with a huge response to the parent questionnaire that was circulated.

We are extremely grateful for all of your support with the inspection. Many pupils and parents helped in a variety of ways and the quality and quantity of feedback was humbling. A report will be available for parents to read at some point in November.

### All Saints Mass

All pupils (Yr 1 – Yr 6) will be attending mass at 2.15pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, which is All Saints Day, a holy day of obligation. Parents and family members are warmly invited to attend if they are available to do so. If you are attending mass you will be able to collect your child at school immediately afterwards, which should be around 3.15pm. Clubs will run as normal after school on that day.

### Achievement

Well done to all of those pupils who celebrated individual achievements in assembly this week. Too many to mention by name this week, but we had, swimming, rugby, Athletics, gymnastics and football. Good work everyone!

