# 'Living and Growing in Christ'



# St Aidan's Catholic Primary School

# 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023 Newsletter

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It has been so lovely to see all of our children back at school after the holidays. Although it has been very hot, the children have all been getting to know their new teachers and getting used to their new classrooms. The playground has been filled with the excitement of being back with friends. On behalf of all the staff we would like to welcome you all back. Next week is an exciting week, as we have our reception class starting half days, meet the teacher on Wednesday and a Mass at the church on Friday. Parents and grandparents are all welcome to attend.

## Welcome statement from SASA

SASA would like to welcome all of the St. Aidan's families to this new academic year. We hope that the Year 6 leavers are settling in well in their new schools, and we welcome the new families joining us this year. We thank you for your ongoing support with SASA, we truly appreciate every minute that is volunteered, every raffle ticket and event ticket purchased, and every contribution that is made. Thanks to you all, we had a successful year of fundraising events, which have meant that we could contribute in so many ways in our school. This allowed for the trim trail to be updated and repaired, new interactive screens for most of the classrooms, funding towards school trips, cookery equipment and much more! Please continue to support us in the work we do, and we wish that your children have a year filled with happiness.

<u>This year we have a few changes to SASA, as below:</u> Chair - Daniella Vicente-Machado Deputy Chair - Caroline McIntyre

Treasurer - Andy Horrigan Secretary - Sarah Garrigan Class list and Ticket Ambassador - Eleanor Parker

Please also see below the Class Reps for this year:

Reception Class Eleanor Parker Rosanne Deligiannis Year 1 Sarah Garrigan Lydia Halliday Year 2 Emma Whittaker Sian McPartland Year 3 Jennifer Koch Nathalie Bradley Year 4 Catherine Francis Sarah Hunt Year 5 Natalie Finnerty Katie McLaughlin Year 6 Emily Stokoe Gemma Serpilio

# **Diary Dates**

This is not an exhaustive list of dates and all dates are subject to change. Further dates (such as other class trips) will be added in due course.

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Sept Meet the teacher & TA 3.30pm Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Sept Whole school Mass (Yr 1-6) at St Aidan's church Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Sept New reception pupils start full time Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Sept Year 6 parents' transition/PGL meeting 6pm YR/Y1/Y2 Reading information evening Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Sept (Little Wandle) 4.30pm Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept Open morning for prospective parents -9.30am Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Sept Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Oct Reception curriculum evening 6.30pm Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Oct Open afternoon for prospective parents – 2pm Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Oct SASA Fireworks evening 6pm Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Oct Yr 6 PGL week begins Fri 20th Oct Half-term begins 3.25pm Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct Pupils return to school Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Oct Photographer booked for individual / sibling photos Parents Evening 4-7pm Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Nov Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Nov Year 6 Assembly 9.15am Thu 16<sup>th</sup> Nov Parents Evening 4 -7pm Tue 21<sup>st</sup> Nov Open morning for prospective parents 9.30am Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov **Rainbow pantomime** Tue 12<sup>th</sup> Dec Nativity perf for Rec class parents 9.30am Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec Nativity perf for Yr 1 class parents 9.30am Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec School carol concert 6pm Thu 21st Dec School closes for Christmas 1.45pm



#### St Mary:

- St. Francis: Joseph Galbraith
- St. Joseph: Lydia Kuforiji
- St. Bernadette: James Campbell
- St. Theresa: Adrian Lam
- St. Peter: Stanley Page
- St Paul: Mateo De Mendoza



# St Mary:

St. Francis: Iyla Smith St. Joseph: Joshua Lawrie St. Bernadette: Shannen Pararajasingam St. Theresa: Charlie Francis St Peter: Lana Nelson St Paul: Edward Dance

#### New starters

As well as our new Reception pupils, who will be joining us parttime next week, we would like to give a big welcome to our new starters at St. Aidan's who have already settled well into our school family.

Y6 Mateo de Mendoza

- Y5 Charlotte O'Connell
- Y3 Shannen Pararajasingam
- Y3 Nicholas Chen



Year 6 have been writing letters in role as their Class Saint, St. Paul. They would like to wish all our new Reception class good luck next week starting half days.

To all the your children & coolston Joining coception this year. & reading of the of Saint part to: the new reception Dear the new receptions Dear the new receptions of Gallsdon is your neurous don't worry god is with you every step of the way. Remember to collow in the ten considerents. gods love will shire like a becon on other children but especily you. don't be agrid gollow in Jesus fost step. Never disrespect any one or any thing allways be kind to other pupils is Someones heart in the play gound you can help them up and chet is there ok By Saint paul:

# **Staffing updates**

Mrs Mc Sherry has stepped down as lunch time supervisor as she is changing career. She will, however, continue to be part of the wrap-around care team. We are thankful to her for all the support she has given us in her role as lunchtime supervisor.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Potia who has joined us as lunch time supervisor and TA in Year 3.

## Meet the Teacher / TA

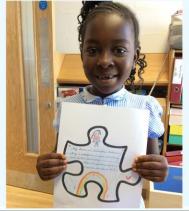
Next Wednesday, September 13th you will have the opportunity to informally meet the staff who will be working in your child's class. You can just pop along to your child's classroom to say hello and introduce yourself. If you have more than one child at St Aidan's, you are welcome to travel from class to class. Teachers will be available from 3.30 – 4pm. Teachers will be able to answer questions about topics being covered this term and organisational issues.

### Wonderful work in our new classes this week.

Y1- Chiara Nash and George Workman have used adjectives to describe how the lost teddy is feeling from their class story book "The Teddy Bear Robber".



Y2- Edwina Antwi wrote about her superpowers.





Congratulaitons to Isaiah Ikpa who won Silver at a Jiu Jitsu competition during the holiday.

# Wonderful work in our new classes this week.

Y3- Alana Bradley, Shannen Pararajasingam, Max Velleyen, James Campbell, Marianne Galbraith and Anna Ferguson made exciting predictions about their class book "stone Age boy".



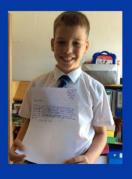
Y4 - Isabelle Maxwell-Fidler and Adrian Lam have used a range of vocabulary and different openers to write a setting description.



Y5 - Olivia Velleyen and Dara Hession took part in a class discussion in RE answering their 'big question' with thought provoking answers.



Y6 Callum Sales wrote a letter in role as St Paul asking him to welcome their new friend; Mateo into Y6.



Wow! The first week back and already our children are bringing in things to share their amazing talents. Well done to everyone who completed the Summer Reading Challenge or did some super Mathletics in the summer! Also over the summer, Matthew (Y1) took part in a competition in Ireland, winning a wonderful rosette for his sheep cake, Joseph (Y3) completed his 'half marathon club' and Dylan (Y2) has already won a medal for his fantastic football skills! Well done everyone.

Don't forget to keep bringing in all your amazing awards to share in Celebration Assembly on Friday!

