



St Columba's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find below some items of news:

Attendance:

Class	Percentage	Place	Class	Percentage	Place
Reception	94.5%	1st	Year 3	96.6%	3rd
Year 1	93.6%	2nd	Year 4	99.2%	1st
Year 2	92.5%	3rd	Year 5	96.7%	4th
			Year 6	98.7%	2nd

Attendance:

Our school target is **97%**; as you can see **Year 4 and Year 6** have reached this target. They will be rewarded with extra play on Friday.

Can I please remind you that school **cannot authorise** any holidays. If children are taken on holiday during term time, parents will be fined.

Through staff discussions and listening to children's views, we will continue to reward children who achieve **100%**, with a trip to the Cinema.

Year 6 residential:

Please could you pay the deposit and sign your letter as soon as possible, so that we secure the booking, before the date we want goes?

Visit from Bishop Tom:

Last Friday we had a wonderful visit from Bishop Tom Williams. He stayed with us all morning and even had lunch with the children. He visited all classes; from Nursery to Year 6. He heard our children singing, playing instruments and praying. He was very impressed with our school; he said he could tell it was a great school because our children had 'smiling eyes'.

We would like to thank Bishop Tom for his kind words, his sense of humour and his blessings on us.

School website and Blogging:

Staff and children have been working extremely hard to update and modernise our school website. We have now added blogging to it. Each week you can look at your child's class blog and see what they have been doing that week. We also now have a 'Praise Pod'; any child identified as deserving special praise will be interviewed in the pod and get their photograph taken. The video clip and photograph will also be uploaded onto the website.

Ties and PE kits:

Miss Lorraine and I have met with a new supplier, who has guaranteed that ties will arrive early this week. We have also ordered small PE kits.

Information for Parents: *Please see Miss Lorraine for all the information below.*

Parent Advice Workshops:

School can sign post parents for benefit advice who are experiencing problems with their benefits or change of benefits.

Parenting Course: Solihull

Mrs. Kennedy can arrange Solihull workshops each Friday for parents experiencing any difficulties related to your child's behaviour.

Maths and English for Adults:

If we have a significant amount of interest, we can offer free Maths and English courses to our families., in our SPACE building. Could you please inform the office if you are interested?

Twitter: @stcolumbas2014

This is still our school Twitter feed. We will let you know about upcoming trips, activities etc. Parents can also use this service to ask any questions of us.

www.stcolumbasknowsley.co.uk

Please visit our website. Key information is updated regularly. Our children will be writing their own blogs, keeping you informed of the work they have been doing in class.

Child Protection:

Our Child Protection Co-ordinator is Miss M Evans. Our Deputy Child Protection Coordinator is Mrs Oprey.

Diary dates:

Wednesday 7th October 2015: Year 6 Class Assembly

WB 5th October 2015: Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4 swimming.

WB 12th October 2015: Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 swimming.

Thursday 22nd October 2015: Children break up at 2pm for half term.

Friday 23rd October 2015: Staff training day.

Miss M Evans _____ (Headteacher)