



# 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
<b>Reception</b>	99.3%	1st	<b>Year 3</b>	100%	1st
<b>Year 1</b>	99.3%	1st	<b>Year 4</b>	100%	1st
<b>Year 2</b>	97.3%	3rd	<b>Year 5</b>	99.4%	3rd
			<b>Year 6</b>	98%	4th

## **Attendance:**

I am delighted to tell you that we continue to be having an outstanding start to the new school year; this time last year we had had **163** absences ; this year we have only had **61!** Therefore we are raising our expectations and target. The target for this year will be at **97%** in order to aim to achieve the Local Authority average.

Even with this inspirational target, **ALL** classes have managed to achieve it and so will be rewarded with extra play. Year 3 and Year 4 will be given an extra treat!

## **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?

Mrs Dunne will provide payment cards next week.

## **Parents and teachers:**

Teachers are always willing to, and indeed more than happy to, talk with parents regarding any questions or issues they may have. Unfortunately because teachers need to set up for lessons etc, they are not available in the morning.

However they will always do their best to speak to you after school. Due to safeguarding our children, this cannot happen immediately at the gate, when they are ensuring the children are dismissed safely to an adult. If you stand back and wait until all the children are safe, or walk around to the main office, they will happily answer your queries.

I am always available in the morning, as Mrs Oprey will be, when she returns.

## **Party Boxes:**

If your child wants a party box this Thursday, and you have not yet ordered it, you only have until Monday to do so.

**Information for Parents:** *Please see Mrs Kennedy 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:**

**Friday 2nd October 2015:** Bishop Tom Williams to visit the school.

**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)