

ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

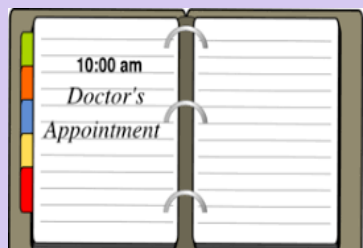
Week Commencing 2nd October 2017



We would like to say a massive thank you to all of the parents/carers who have returned the Free School Meals and Pupil Premium letter. We have had lots of completed letters returned and all staff at St Columba's really appreciate your cooperation.

Appointments

If your child has an appointment or needs to leave school early for any reason, please inform a member of the office staff in advance so arrangements can be made and teachers can be notified.



Year 6 News

Year 6 will be having a 'bring and buy' sale in class this week to raise money for an enterprise project. The sale will be held at break times in the Year 6 classroom. Below are some pictures from exciting lessons last week.



BREAKFAST CLUB Breakfast club is an extremely popular, **free** facility supported by GREGGS for our children. We are in need of parent helpers to support us in ensuring that we can keep offering the club to our families without charge. **Please speak to Lorraine Evans if you could spare an hour each week from 8am-9am.**

Packed Lunches

Please find below some healthy packed lunch ideas. For more information, advice and ideas you can visit the NHS Choices website—<http://www.nhs.uk/livewell/healthy-eating/Pages/Healthyeating.aspx>
We would like to remind parents that food such as; chocolate, sweets, full fat crisp and fizzy drinks are not allowed in school. However, children are allowed to bring in a small biscuit or cake.

Chopped roast chicken, raw carrot sticks, peas in pods, crackers, yoghurt and melon



Cheese & tomato sandwiches, rolled ham, cucumber slices and blackberries



Toasted pitta bread split filled with tuna & sweet corn, raw yellow pepper strips, babybel cheese and grapes



Parent/Carer Weekly Maths Challenge For
'Liverpool Counts Quality Mark'

St Columba's is working hard to improve our numeracy and maths skills in school. This year we will be working with Liverpool counts to achieve the new Liverpool Counts Quality Mark, this recognises excellent practice in schools to improve attainment in maths at all levels. We want our families to join in with our weekly maths challenge and prove that yes, you too, can do maths. Can you test your own maths skills on completing our new weekly maths challenge?

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ATTENDANCE

Above 97%	96% - 97%	Under 96%
Exceeding Target	On Target	Below Target
Class	Graded	%
Reception		95.3
Class 1		99.3
Class 2		93.3
Class 3		97.9
Class 4		94
Class 5		98.4
Class 6		98.6
WHOLE SCHOOL		96.4

Winners

The award for the best class goes to
Year 1 with 99.3%
WELL DONE!!

As mentioned in last week's newsletter parents wishing to take their child out of school during term time for holidays must inform the school in advance and arrange a meeting with a member of the school attendance team. Last week we had 30 absences 20 of which were holidays.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

TUESDAY	GLEE CLUB MATHS & ENGLISH CLUB	YEAR 3/4/5 & 6 YEAR 4	3.15-4.00 3.30-4.30
THURSDAY	DANCE	YEAR 3/4/5/6	3:15-4:15

IMPORTANT DATES

<u>Thursday 5th October 2017</u>	<u>Year 3 class assembly</u>
<u>Friday 20th October 2017</u>	<u>Break for half term</u>
<u>Monday 30th October 2017</u>	<u>Children return to school</u>
<u>Thursday 2nd November 2017</u>	<u>Year 4 class assembly</u>
<u>W/B 13th November 2017</u>	<u>Parents Evening</u>
<u>Thursday 14th December 2017</u>	<u>Infant Christmas Play</u>
<u>Friday 15th December 2017</u>	<u>Christmas parties</u>
<u>Thursday 21st December 2017</u>	<u>Break for Christmas 2pm</u>

Punctuality

In total we had **38 pupils** arrive late to school last week. We will be sending punctuality letters out to parents for authorisation of their child's late mark. As mentioned in previous newsletters, parents/carers must accompany their children into school when they are late.

