

# St. Cecilia's Catholic Infant & Nursery School

## Newsletter October 2017

### P.E. Research

We are excited that our Year 1 children have been chosen to take part in new research into Primary Physical Education. The project will involve all Year 1 children and will include dance, gymnastics and ball skills. Parents have been invited to attend a morning or afternoon session on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November for further information.



### Inclusion Charter Mark/Basic Skills Award

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October, two Local Authority officers spent the morning in school assessing our policies and practices for renewal of the 'Inclusion Charter Mark' and the 'Basic Skills Award'. They spent time observing teaching, meeting with parents, children and our Chair of Governors. They were very impressed with all the children and as always, they were a credit to you. We will keep you informed of the outcome after the half term break.



### Attendance Quality Mark

We are pleased to announce we were awarded the silver level for the Attendance Quality Mark recently. The assessors scrutinized our policies and practises and spoke to staff and children about our ethos around attendance and punctuality. They were impressed with our methods and the way the children spoke about rewards and the importance of being in school every day and on time. Well done to all the children, staff and Mr Fitzsimmons for all their hard work.



### Year 2 Football

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October our Year 2 football team went to the Liverpool Academy to take part in a tournament. The boys played really well but missed out on a place in the semi-finals on goal difference. As ever they were a credit to our school and a big thank you goes to John Poland our coach who trained and supported our team – well done to all!



### Harvest Festival

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October the whole school community came together in the Hall to celebrate Harvest Festival. We were very grateful to all of you who donated food items for the St. Andrew's Foodbank which helps people in our local area. The service was a lovely way to end the half term with the whole school gathered together to praise God and give him thanks.



### Maths – Hope Visit

Today Mrs Campbell took some of our Year 1 children to HOPE university campus in the school minibus. This was an opportunity for the universities' Year 2 students to teach small groups of children in maths. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and some are even aspiring to go to HOPE University in the future – well done to all!



### National Poetry Day

We had a fab poetry day in school! We began the day in the hall with some collaborative poetry readings from Year 2. This inspired all classes to learn and write some poems over the day. We're already looking forward to next years!

### Readathon

Thank you to all who took part in our Readathon! Sponsor money can still be sent in this week and after half term. We look forward to letting you know how much we raised for Alder Hey and for our school library.



### School Nurse

Our school nurse, Julie Vaughan runs monthly 'drop in sessions' here in school. If you have any health concerns about your child, you can call into school to see Julie and have a chat with her.

The sessions are held on the first Wednesday of each month.

No appointment is necessary.

All dates are also on the school website.

### October Half Term

We finish school on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October** at **3:00pm** and return on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October**.

### Important Christmas Dates



Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December – Children's Christmas dinner	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December – A.M. & P.M. Nursery Performances (10:30am & 2:00pm)	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December – Class 5 & 6 Performance (2:00pm)	
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December – Class 3 & 4 Performance (2:00pm)	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December – Class 1 & 2 Performance (2:00pm)	
Doors open at 1:40pm for KS1 performances	
School finishes @ 1:30pm on Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	

