



Awesome St Ambrose

Newsletter 7, Autumn 2018

Mrs Worrall and Mrs Griffiths

Our lovely office staff have worked in our school for a combined 65 years! During this time they have provided an amazing service to our school and community, seeing many of our children leave, only to return as parents and grandparents. They have also worked with a number of Headteachers and staff. Sadly, at the end of this week, Margaret and Jo will be retiring. We would like to thank them for the wonderful service they have given over the years and wish them well in their retirement!

Local Authority Reviews

During Monday and Tuesday this week, 7 Local Authority officers inspected the school to see the changes and improvements made since Ofsted in March. Our children, staff and parents all did us proud during the review, sharing a pride in the school but also showing off all the improvements and hard work that has gone into St Ambrose since March. The reviewers were very pleased with the progress being made in our journey back to being judged to be a 'good' school again.

Minibus training

We are very fortunate to have a good number of staff who have volunteered to train in driving the minibus. We hope to use ours and Much Woolton's buses to take classes on trips around the local area to support their learning and have some fun! Parents will be aware that the turn into school is tight and we ask that parents park away from the school gates at the beginning and end of the day to avoid clashes with our bus.

Parking

Some families will have seen the recent news that Liverpool CC are proposing a ban on cars around schools at the beginning and end of the school day. Families must begin parking more carefully near school, avoiding parking near the school gates or blocking our neighbour's driveways.

Christmas Fair

Please come along and support our Fair from 2pm on Friday. We will be using all money raised to fund equipment in school to benefit our children. We know that previously children have been allowed to go home early. Please note that children will only be allowed to leave at the normal time from now on.

Key Dates

30 November- Christmas Fair from 2pm

4 December- Pensioner's Christmas Party

St Ambrose Feast day mass- 2pm

11 December- Key Stage 1 Nativity- 2.15pm

13 December- Early Years Nativity- 10.30am

14 December- Key Stage 2 Carol Concert- 2.30pm

**Thursday 20 December
School closes at 2pm for Christmas**

**School re-opens Monday
7 January 2019**

How you can help us to help your child...

Below are a few tips that will help your child be ready for school:



- ✚ Be school ready each day; help them pack their bag the night before school, ensure they have plenty of sleep and eat breakfast.
- ✚ Teach them to be on time, have a clock in the house, and teach them to tell the time and to plan ahead for getting to school on time.
- ✚ Read each day, either individually or together. Talk about what children are reading and be interested in their stories.
- ✚ Expect them to look after their belongings. Help them by labelling clothes and other items so that they can find them.
- ✚ Expect them to have the correct equipment ready for each school day, including PE kit. All of the above help teach your child to be resilient, enabling them to be independent and solve problems for themselves. This will help them greatly in school but most importantly, in being prepared for life beyond school.
- ✚ If you wish to volunteer in school, maybe helping in class or helping with a club, please speak with Mrs Moorcroft.
- ✚ School staff are available to speak to at the exit doors at the end of each day, via appointment with our office or over the phone during the school day.
- ✚ Without parental support, time is taken away from teachers teaching and children learning. Helping with the above will help us help your children achieve their goals.
- ✚ If you have concerns about school, please speak with us so that these can be addressed.
- ✚ Birthdays! We are happy to help celebrate children's birthdays; however we do not have the time nor facility to have cakes in school. Should parents wish to share gifts with the class, we are able to hand out small packets of sweets at the end of the school day. Cakes can contain allergens that will make some children very poorly.

