



The Anchor News

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21st October 2016

Hi everybody,

First I would like to introduce myself to the new families at St. Clement's, I am Mrs Dowling and I am the Pastoral Manager. I am involved in the mentoring of the children and work very closely with teachers, support staff and family members to ensure your child achieves their full potential. I offer children 1-1 support, group support and classroom support with any difficulties they may be experiencing at school or home so they can achieve the best possible outcomes. I also offer parents support with any problems they may be experiencing, so please ask at the office if you require any support or wish to talk.

Part of my role as Pastoral Manager is to improve attendance and punctuality within the school. The attendance is currently not quite at our target of 96% so please can I remind Parents/Carers to get their child to school on time, every day.

Can I also remind you that it is very important that you provide the office with the following evidence if your child is off ill from school to enable us to authorise the absence:

- * Medical appointment card
- * Letter from a professional
- * Medication prescribed by a GP
- * Copy of prescription
- * Letters concerning hospital appointments
- * Compliment slip signed by Doctor's receptionist

Another part of my role is being involved with achieving the UNICEF Rights Respecting School Award. I am very proud that the school and the UNICEF team have now achieved Recognition of Commitment. Thank you to my team of helpers who are all very enthusiastic.

After half term I will be planning for the annual Christmas Fayre. If anybody would like a stall, to help with the planning, or to donate items for the Bric-A-Brac stall, please come and see me.

I hope you all have a lovely half term and stay safe.

Mrs Dowling
Pastoral Manager



Pudsey visits St. Clement's



This week we were lucky enough to be one of several schools picked at random to have Pudsey the Bear come visit us! During his walk around school Pudsey visited all the children in their classrooms and everyone was really excited to see him.

Stacie Goodhead, one of our School Governors, was able to help with the organisation thanks to her job at Lloyds Bank, who are partners with Children in Need.

"It's been great to be on the roadshow with Pudsey, covering 12 schools in 3 days reaching over 2500 children, raising awareness of the fantastic work Children in Need do in the UK. The Pudsey roadshow is all about raising awareness of the charity and encouraging fundraising within the schools, but also giving something to the children in the local community"

We look forward to celebrating Children in Need next half term and hope that everyone can get involved in some way to help us raise much needed money for this great cause.



Attention Parents who use our Stuart Street Entrance...

Please can we ask parents that pick up children from the Stuart Street entrance to school NOT to park their cars in the entry of the cul-de-sac, or block anyone's driveway. We have had a few complaints from residents being unable to leave or enter the cul-de-sac due to parked cars, especially at the end of the school day.



We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



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Mr Ricketts recently received this from Rosemary Cripps at the Aston & Nechells Foodbank. They were very grateful for the donation we were able to give after our Harvest Festival.

Dear Mr Ricketts

On behalf of Aston & Nechells Foodbank I would like to thank all of your pupils, their parents and your staff team for the generous support received on 11 October. The food donations totalled 112.85kg in weight.

All of the food donated in due course will be given out to families and individuals in food crises. Our half yearly figures show that we have helped 1,527 people since April 2016 including 604 children under age 16. This is just slightly less than the same period in 2015.

We would hope that over time there will be less need but we know that the continuing high unemployment rates in Nechells, Washwood Heath and Aston areas mean that the Foodbank will be needed for some time yet.

Thank you again for the continuing support from St Clements School.

All Good Wishes

Rosemary Cripps
Volunteer Administrator,
Aston & Nechells Foodbank

Please take note ...

Year 2 Trip to Aston Hall

Important Dates...

Half Term Mon 24th - Fri 28th October		
November	Tues 1st	School Photo Return Date
	Wed 2nd	Coffee Morning - Sleep Routines 9am - 10am
		Parents Evening 3:30pm - 6pm
	Tues 8th	Yr. 1 Expectations Parents Meeting and Maths Workshop 2pm-3pm
	Wed 9th	Coffee Morning - Baby Lifesavers (book in advance at the Office) 9am - 10am
		Reception Phonics Meeting 2:15pm - 3:15pm
	Thurs 10th	Reception Open Day (Nursery Closed)
December	Mon 14th	Yr. 2 Expectations Parents Meeting 2:30pm - 3pm
	Fri 18th	Children in Need
	Fri 9th	Christmas Fayre
	Tues 13th	Nursery Nativity
	Wed 14th	Whole School Christmas Production
Christmas Break Mon 19th Dec - Fri 30th Dec		
Mon 2nd Jan First Day Back		

ST. CLEMENT'S DIAMOND
AWARD FOR KINDNESS

Well Done!

Basil Gbreel - Year 3 - Mim Akhter - Year 6 - Sanina Mushtaq - Year 6 - Tida Sanneh - Year 6 -

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