



*Aigburth High School Newsletter December 2015.*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Just a few lines to review some of the events of the past term and to look forward to what promises to be a very eventful and exciting New Year for our school.

Our new pupils and staff, who joined us in September have all settled in really well to life at Aigburth. We have had lots of opportunities get out and about in Liverpool and beyond. The Sixth-form Duke of Edinburgh residential trip to Barden Tower in Yorkshire was a great success and our young people's outstanding behaviour and maturity were complimented by members of the public. Other visits have included both Year 8 classes going into Liverpool city centre to visit the cenotaph and see the poppies. Again, other visitors commented on the respect shown by our pupils. Trips to the library by a number of classes have been very popular too and are a great way of encouraging our pupils to read more widely.

Fundraising for those in need continues to be a big part of life in our school. Our pupils have raised funds for Macmillan and Children in Need this term. Monies raised for School Fund, through Own Clothes days, have gone towards enrichment activities such as the wonderful "Circusology" day for Key Stage 2 and 3 and rewards for our Merit Shop to encourage good citizenship.

Our Coffee mornings this term have been very well attended and as always have given the opportunity for parents, carers and school staff to get together informally to support each other and our children. We really appreciate you giving up your time to attend. Similarly, the Parents Evening in November was very busy, despite the terrible weather. Your feedback was very positive and suggestions for improvements will form part of planning discussions. Thank-you.

The two big initiatives in school, ASD accreditation and Restorative Practices have been very well received and are continuing to develop, through a lot of hard work by staff, pupils, parents and carers. Together, these programmes will really make a big difference to life in our school. We have also signed up to the Numeracy Counts scheme which is being set up in Liverpool and will be encouraging all our community to understand how important maths is in our daily lives.

In the New Year, we will be getting ever closer to the day when our new school is opened and we move on to the Childwall site. With the move, we will have a change of name, voted for by the pupils. We will become **Childwall Abbey School**. We think it sounds great and are all very excited the prospect of having a new home which has been specially built to meet our needs. (No more mobiles!). We will let you know as soon as we have a confirmed date for our move and keep you fully informed with regard to any special arrangements which may be necessary to move safely and successfully.

This Thursday (17/12/15) is our School Christmas lunch and we finish for the Christmas holiday at 1pm on Friday (18/12/15). Both these days will be "Own clothes" days with no donation required.

Pupils return to school at the normal time on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

May I wish you and all your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind regards,

*Mrs C Piercy.*

