



A big thank you to those who were able to come and meet me today. It was lovely to have the time to talk about many things, including what makes St Aidan's so special - its inclusivity and its family feel. If you weren't able to make it today, I will be holding another coffee morning on Wednesday 8th February. If these times are tricky for you, then please call me to arrange to come in and meet me at another time.

Morning drop off arrangements for KS2

At today's coffee morning, some of you gave me valuable feedback on how this is working. This has included how there seems little time for parents now to chat with each other, particularly for some of you who work and only have this time at school.

Suggestions included possibly setting up a 'stall' on a Friday with refreshments, as an opportunity to get to know other parents. If you have any other ideas, then please let me know.

I would like to stress that we still encourage parents to come into the playground with their children at this time, though I realise some may be saying goodbye at the gate, which for older children can be part of the transition to secondary.

Feedback from staff is that the start of the day is a much calmer experience for the children, and they're ready to learn earlier, as their arrival is staggered, rather than as a whole class.

Governor vacancy

We currently have vacancies for two parent governors. The deadline to apply is this Monday, 30th January. If you are interested please contact Helen Froggatt, Chair of Governors chairgovernors@staidansprimaryschool.org.uk for more information, a nomination form and other relevant documents.

Behaviour Expectations

St Aidan's is currently on a journey to embed its school ethos and values into expectations for staff and pupils. The journey began last year by reviewing our behaviour and expectations policy (available on the school website). During this time, Amanda Munn, Y5 teacher and KS2 Phase Leader, began training with Haringey Educational Partnership (HEP) and leading behaviour consultant Tracey Campbell. Following the training, HEP recruited her as a Behaviour Champion to drive forward positive change in schools.

Following consultation with staff and pupils, we have succinctly defined our expectations, along with a logo that encapsulates this, displayed and referred to in classrooms and around the school.

At St Aidan's...

We keep each other safe

We always aim to achieve

We treat each other with respect



Please ask your child to explain them to you.

National Youth Jazz Collective Workshops **National Jazz Youth Collective Regional Hub**

Workshops, Kings Place, London

The National Jazz Youth Collective has invited young musicians to attend a series of workshops over the next 3 months. The workshops are intended to provide the opportunity for young musicians to be inspired, empowered, and create. The full cost for the 5 full day workshops is £150. **Bursaries are available.** This is open to children aged 8 and above. For more information and to apply, please visit their website. <https://nationalyouthjazz.co.uk/regional-courses/kings-place>.



Supporting your child with anxiety

Young Minds offers some fantastic advice for parents and carers to help support children who suffer from anxiety. Check out this guide for helpful tips and videos including conversation starters and activities you can use at home to help.

[Supporting A Child With Anxiety | Tips & Advice | YoungMinds](#)

Meal to Celebrate Chinese New Year

The kitchen team are preparing a special meal on Thursday 2nd February to mark Chinese New Year. If your child usually has packed lunch and would like to eat a school meal on this date, please contact the school office.

Menu:

Meat option- Panda Express orange chicken with egg fried rice or plain basmati rice

Vegetarian option- Oriental vegetables and mushroom chow mein

Pescatarian option- Chinese crispy ginger soy fish served with egg fried rice or plain basmati rice

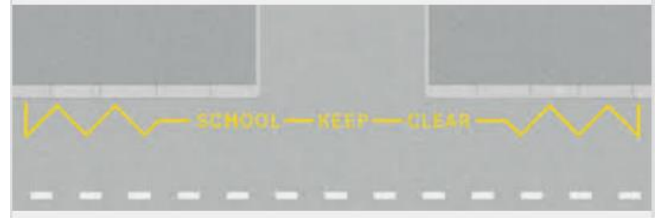
Sides- vegetarian mini spring roll, garlic honey glazed baby corn and broccoli

Dessert- ice cream

School meals

The cost of school lunches for those who are required to pay for Spring term 1 is £70. The cost for Spring 2 is £75. Please ensure that payments are made via SchoolMoney.

If your child has packed lunch, please ensure they bring their lunch with them each morning.



Safety First

In order to keep our school community safe, we kindly remind everyone to not park on the yellow zigzag lines outside our school. These restrictions are in place to help keep all of our children safe.

Wherever possible, we also kindly ask drivers to turn off their car engines when parked outside the school; this will help to lower the air pollution. Thank you for your support.

Update from the PSA

St Aidan's Quiz and Curry Night

Thursday 2nd February, 7.30pm, in the school hall

Tickets are £15, available at drop-off and pickup, and also on the door on the night. Tickets include a raffle ticket.

Bring your own bottle (£3 corkage) or buy from the St Aidan's bar. Don't worry about forming a team before you come.

Did you know the PSA has a Facebook group?

As well as the current fundraising events, we also like the group to be a useful information/sharing hub for parents and carers regarding term dates, times, school events etc. as well as a discussion board for relevant themes.

Any input is welcome!

Follow the link below for more information

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2844727769097636/>