



St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Spring 2016 Newsletter 2

This month's Value is 'Peace'

Please can you re-enforce this with the children at home throughout February

Message from the Head

Dear Parents,

Lent is starting this week with Ash Wednesday. We will be having services in school led by our Chaplain Mr Cobb and some of our Worship Leaders from Years 4 and 5.

Lent is a time lasting for 40 days (not including Sundays) where we focus more on the needs of others and try to get closer to God. It is a time to prepare for the holiest time of the Christian year (Easter) by fasting, prayer, giving, and other acts of penance. Many people give up something they enjoy (such as chocolate, sweets, biscuits etc.) and give the money they save to charity.

This year our One World Group have asked us if we can focus on the needs of people in our area. We will be supporting the work of our parish's St Vincent de Paul Society. This is a group of parishioners who provide practical support to people in need, whether financial or emotional support or more practical support such as clothes, food or furniture. Just before Christmas some of our children helped provide toys for a family that had moved into the area escaping domestic abuse as they fled with nothing.

For our Lenten fundraiser the school's One World Group want the school to do a sponsored run and also a Wear Purple for Lent day - details will follow from them.

As mentioned above, we now have a set of 11 Worship Leaders in school chosen from Years 4 and 5. We asked all the children to apply and we interviewed the 26 that did. We were so impressed with the quality of presentations they made and the real sense of faith the children had. These Worship Leaders will be supporting Mr Cobb and myself in running worship sessions in classes, at break times and during assembly time. They are all so keen and can't wait to start supporting around school.

Mr John Entwistle

School Clubs for this term

Mondays:	Year 1 and 2 Craft club Year 1 and 2 Drawing/Colouring club Year 1 and 2 Multi-sport club Junior Born to Move club
Tuesdays:	Years 1 and 2 Cookery club Junior Sewing club Junior Multi-sport club Years 5 and 6 Yoga club
Wednesdays:	Years 1 and 2 Choir (dinner time) Years 3 and 4 Fun Fitness club Years 5 and 6 Football club Years 5 and 6 One World club Junior Film club
Thursdays:	Year 1 and 2 Board Games club Years 3 and 4 Homework club Years 4 and 5 Recorder club Years 5 and 6 Drama group (in the afternoon) Target pupil Drama club
Fridays:	Year 2 Ukulele music club (dinner time) Year 3&4 Ukulele music club (dinner time) Years 3-6 Choir Years 5 and 6 Homework club

School Holiday Reminder

Our Easter holidays are not at Easter this year - they are 2 weeks later (11th-22nd of April).

We have stuck to the recommended pattern set by County. I'm afraid other schools have changed theirs. I know Christ the King is two weeks before ours meaning the children are not off together at all this year.

Volunteers in school

If you have any spare time and would like to come and volunteer in school please contact Mrs Shorrocks. We are always looking for support hearing readers, putting up displays, with trips etc.

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Please take the time to look at our new Behaviour Management Policy on the school website: www.staugustinespreston.co.uk

Internet Safety

This week we have had the annual Internet Safety Day. This has been a chance to give extra focus ensuring the children keep safe when on-line. Everyone is aware of how useful the internet can be and all the amazing things that are on it, but we are getting more and more issues in school where children have either been miss-using the internet at home or putting themselves in danger.

Some things you could do to keep your child safer online include:

- Make some internet rules for your home (what sites they can go on, when and where) and check they are being followed.
- Make sure that they access the internet in 'open areas' i.e. not in their bedroom. Remember that the internet is on a lot of devices including games consoles and phones as well as tablets and computers.
- Use filtering software and set your parental control settings on the devices and the broadband to the highest.
- Make sure that if anything upsets your child that they can report it to you straight away.
- Remind your child never to give away personal information on the internet, especially full name, age, address etc. or agree to meet up with anyone.
- Remember some sites have age restrictions—for a reason. With Facebook you have to be over **13** in order to use it.
- Remind them that cyber-bullying and trolling is an offence and they could get into serious trouble - as is creating false accounts and using them to contact people.

Fortnightly Winners

Shining Light Awards

Foundation:	Wiktor Poreba, Uzair Bux, Samira Choudhury, Wiktoria Majewska
Y1:	Zuzanna Grabus, Kamile Matutyte, Seweryn Anders.
Y1/2:	Simrah Siddiqi, Kian Hetherington
Y2:	Jessica Gonzales, Cyrus Blakey Salim.
Y3:	Hala Alqatamin, Muhammad Nakhuda
Y3/4:	Sam Moss, Keira Geoghegan
Y4/5:	Aaminah Adam, Ola Wasielewska
Y5/6:	Muhammad Ameen Saleh, Wiktoria Kramarz
Y6:	Aisha Atchha, Hamza Omer

Value Pupils of the Week

Foundation:	Lukasz Pawlak, Vanessa Grodek, Muhammad-Faiz Ismail, Sheldon Vickers.
Y1:	Konrad Migacz, Layton Baxter, Samra Bukhari, Aisha Patel.
Y1/2:	Scarlett Gonzales, Hasina Hansrot.
Y2:	Sulayman Nakhuda
Y3:	Kelsey Finch, Prisha Panchal
Y3/4:	Nicol Kumor, Aamina Kinloch
Y4/5:	Taylor Wren, Laura Rumin
Y5/6:	Kasim Rasool, Huda Abdullah
Y6:	Huzaifa Master, Mariyah Sola

Important dates for this term

- 8th Feb Chinese New Year MADD Day
- 10th Feb Ash Wednesday, Y3/4 Street Dance Festival
- 11th Feb Governors Building and Finance/Staffing committees
- 12th Feb INSET Day – no children in**
- 15-19th Feb Half Term
- Next half-term highlights:**
- 25th Feb Foundation Class Train trip, Governors Curriculum Committee
- 26th Feb Whole School Celebration Assembly, non-uniform day—Mother's Day gifts
- 3rd March: World Book dress up day!
- 4th March: Mothers' Day Wrapping
- 8th March: Year 2 Multi-Sport competition
- 9th March: Staff/Governors Vision Planning
- 10th March: Lenten Sponsored Run
- 14th March: Commonwealth Day MADD Day
- 18th March: Wear Purple for Lent day
- 21-24th March: Holy Week celebrations in school
- 23rd March: Full Governors meeting
- 24th March: Easter Reflection led by Y3
- 25th to 28th March: long weekend off school for Easter
- 1st April: Whole School Celebration Assembly
- 7th April: Parent Group Disco after school
- 8th April: Finish for Easter Holidays for 2 weeks

Dogs

Can I please remind parents that dogs are not allowed on the school grounds. This is a decision from Lancashire County Council; not just the school. Can I please ask that you abide by this as we do have a lot of children that are afraid of dogs.

Can I also ask that if you are waiting for your child and you have a dog that you stand a little away from the gate please.