



St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Spring 2016 Newsletter 3

This month's Value is '**Patience and Tolerance**'

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

Message from the Head

Dear Parents,

I am writing to you again concerning the parking outside the school gate at the start of the day and at home time. Only a couple of weeks ago we had another near miss with a parent and child being 'nudged' by a car when crossing the road.

Some parents, and it does seem to be the same parents every day, choose to park right across from the school gates despite being asked not to. It might not seem a problem to park there, but it is the knock on effect of the traffic passing - we have a really bad road layout with the bend and it is difficult for cars to pass - any obstructions cause a back-up and a dangerous situation. We are lucky that no-one has been seriously hurt.

Seeing that the A board signs are not working we have bought a set of signs to go over the bollards and a banner for the wall as a reminder to parents that they are putting children's lives in danger by parking there. There are plenty of other parking spaces away from the gate - is it worth putting children's safety at risk for the sake of a short walk?

Can I please ask parents who park there to consider what they are doing and find somewhere else to park.

Mr John Entwistle



School Clubs for this term

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| 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 |

Parent Questionnaire

We just want to say a big thank you to all the parents who filled in the yearly questionnaire. We are very pleased with such positive responses – it does make all the hard work the staff put in worthwhile. We have taken on board the improvement points and will be addressing these over the next few months where possible. Results of the questionnaire can be found on the school website under 'Recent News'.

Volunteers in school

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

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The Year of Mercy

We are well into the Year of Mercy and in school we are remembering it in lots of different ways. Our Worship Leaders are preparing and leading assemblies and Worship. Classes have been focussing on the Corporal and Spiritual Act of Mercy such as helping the homeless, hungry and thirsty. They are also

looking at the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation.

As part of the Year of Mercy the Lancaster Diocese is sending round an icon/statue to all their schools. Ours will be with us for a week from the 25th April. While it is at school the classes will be carrying out activities to think about what it means to be merciful to others and reflecting on God's mercy given to us.

Fortnightly Winners

Shining Light Awards

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| Foundation: | Uzair Bux, Samira Choudhury, Wiktoria Majewska. |
| Y1: | Kamille Matutyte, Seweryn Anders, Layton Baxter, Bartek Baran. |
| Y1/2: | Kian Hetherington, Kuba Wasielewski. |
| Y2: | Cyrus Blakey Salim, Mohammed Nakhuda |
| Y3: | Sumayya Begum, Eryk Kubecki |
| Y3/4: | Saadiah Desai, Humaid Mulla, |
| Y4/5: | Dominic Simpson |
| Y5/6: | Eeraj Ajaz, Zahra Ameerat |
| Y6: | Al-Amin Ahmed, Erin Cookson |

Value Pupils of the Week

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| Foundation: | Vanessa Grodek, Muhammad-Faiz Ismail, Sheldon Vickers. |
| Y1: | Layton Baxter, Samra Bukhari, Aisha Patel, Ziyaad Kazi, Daniel Banda. |
| Y1/2: | Hasina Hansrot, Wiktor Wasowicz. |
| Y2: | Wasi Ahmed |
| Y3: | Zahir Al-Hinai, Faustyna Rumin |
| Y3/4: | Sadafbegum Kadri, Khalid Vaid |
| Y4/5: | Zahra Siddiqi, Yaseen Patel |
| Y5/6: | Wiktoria Kramarz, Rummanah Laly |
| Y6: | Mustafa Nakhuda, Angela Morgan |

Important dates for this term

8th March: Year 2 Multi-Sport competition

PTA meeting in school

9th March: Staff/Governors Vision Planning

10th March: Lenten Sponsored Run

14th March: Commonwealth Day MADD Day

16th March RNLI safety talks

18th March: Wear Purple for Lent day

Memorial service for Alex Morys

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

Week beginning 29th March Assessment Week

1st April: Whole School Celebration Assembly

7th April: Parent Group Disco after school

8th April: Finish for Easter Holidays for 2 weeks at 1:30pm

Children Reading

In school we are having a big push on reading. We have altered our timetable to allow classes to focus on reading activities for 20-30 minutes each morning, we have 2 Reading Champions (staff dedicated to promoting reading with the children) and we have lots of different support and intervention groups. We are also in the middle of an upgrade to our library - we have spent a lot of money on new reading books and over the Easter holidays it is being re-furbished. Mrs Patel has grand plans for its use - including a book club, reading area and a poetry corner.

We do need some support though. Can you please push reading more at home - staff have noticed a decline in the number of times children are heard read at home by parents - this is a vital activity. Also if any parents/ grandparents have a real passion for reading and time to come in and support in the new library please do let Mrs Patel know - it will be greatly appreciated.