



St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Autumn 2017 Newsletter 2

This month's Value is '**Responsibility**'

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

Message from the Head

Dear Parents,

I'd like to say a big thank you to all the parents that joined us for Junior Parent Lunches last week. It was a great success and the parents I talked to enjoyed the lunch. Later in the school year we are looking to do an Infant parent picnic with the children, but it won't be until the Summer term.

Following the issues we have had with the badges on the uniforms from Bang Bang and Top One uniform shops, I have now agreed a sample of the new badges and they are starting to make up the new jumpers, polo tops and bags. I will let you know by text/ Class Dojo when you are able to return the faulty uniform and obtain a new one.

Next week we have the Open Days for next year's Foundation Class.; these are being held on the morning of Monday 16th and the afternoon of Wednesday 18th October. Please come and have a look at our fantastic Foundation Class and meet the staff. Please let anyone you know who has a child starting school next year to consider coming along and seeing what we offer.

ParentPay is now up and running and is being used by parents to pay for school dinners. The feedback we have received from parents is very positive and makes their life easier as they don't have to come into school to pay for dinners anymore. If you have not set your account up as yet, please do so as you will need it to pay for trips etc. If you need assistance in activating your account, please contact the office staff.

Mr John Entwistle

Volunteers in school

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

To get ready for Winter, we could really do with some help in the school gardens - keeping it tidy, planted up etc.

Important dates for your diary

Parents are invited to join us for the events in bold

9th Oct	Year 6 Football Tournament at Christ the King
16th Oct	Open Morning - for prospective parents
17th Oct	Harvest Assembly at 2:30pm led by Y1/2
18th Oct	School Mass at 9:30 am - all welcome
	Open Afternoon - for prospective parents
20th Oct	Diwali MADD Day in school (more information to follow)
23rd Oct	Y4/5 Change for Life Day at Ashton CSC
24th Oct	School Photograph Morning - they will do family photos from 8:30am if you wish
26th Oct	9:15am Celebration Assembly - all welcome
27th Oct	INSET Day - the children are not at school
Half Term Holidays 30th Oct - 3rd Nov	
6th Nov	Start back to school
	Bonfire Themed Lunch
7th Nov	2:00 - 5:30pm Parents' Evening
13th-17th Nov	Pastoral Week in school covering eSafety and Anti-Bullying
13th Nov	Year 4 Hockey Tournament in the afternoon
23rd Nov	Year 6s at Preston Indoor Athletic Tournament
29th Nov	School Mass at 9:30 am - all welcome
1st Dec	9:15am Celebration Assembly - all welcome
4th Dec	Year 5 and 6 team at Tag Rugby Tournament
6th Dec	Year 3 Dance Festival at Christ the King
8th Dec	After school clubs Finish for the term
12th Dec	Afternoon performance of the Christmas Production
13th Dec	Morning performance of the Christmas Production
15th Dec	Christmas Dinner in school
18th Dec	Christmas Fayre from 2pm
19th Dec	Talent Showcase
20th Dec	School Mass at 9:30 am - all welcome
21st Dec	Christmas Party Day
22nd Dec	Finish for Christmas at 1:30pm

Children's Reading

In school we are having a big push on developing the children's reading ability. We are trying to work with the children more on a 1:1 basis and in small groups. We are also trying to spend some time each day reading to them and talking about the stories.

The teachers are finding that there seems to be a decline in the number of children who are being heard to read at home. Staff can see a marked improvement in the progress made by children whose family spend time to hear them read each night - even if it is just for 10 minutes. If you do not currently do this can I please urge you to start - it does not take much time in the evening and it really will have a big impact on your child's ability and confidence to read. We will be sending out information shortly to help you and give you ideas.

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Please take the time to look at our school website:

www.staugustinespreston.co.uk



After School Care Club

Our After School Care Club has now started and the company running this have obtained their Ofsted accreditation. The club will run each day from 3:15pm until 5:45pm. There are a whole range of activities for the children to take part in.

The price is £6:50 for each full session or £3.75 for half a session; this can be reduced by using Childcare Vouchers.

**Please speak to the school office or
ring Sana on 07954575796**

Sumdog

To help support maths in school we have subscribed to Sumdog Maths for all the children. This is a website and an app that the children can log into and carry out activities and games that the class teachers select for them. The children are really excited about this as they get 'rewards' each time they do an activity. The teachers will be using this to set homework for the children each week but they can also choose their own activities as well.

Please encourage your child(ren) to take part in the activities at home as often as possible even if it is for 10-15 minutes each day. You can access the website online at www.sumdog.com or download the app from your App Store.



Each child has been given their own login. If you are not sure please contact the class teacher via Class Dojo and they will give you the details.

Don't forget to sign up for Class Dojo - we are only missing a couple of parents in each class. Staff are starting to send out regular information and photographs about what is happening in their classes.



School Clubs for this term

Mondays:	Year 1 and 2 Born to Move club Literacy club - Years 3 - by invitation
Tuesdays:	Year 1 and 2 Drawing and Colouring club Year 1 and 2 Music Fitness club Year 3 and 4 Homework club
Wednesdays:	Year 1 and 2 Choir (dinner time) Year 1 and 2 Art and Craft club Junior Reading for Fun club Year 5 and 6 Football club
Thursdays:	Year 1 and 2 Construction and Jigsaw club Year 5 and 6 Homework club
Fridays:	Year 2 Ukulele music club (dinner time) Junior guitar music club (dinner time) Junior Choir Year 6 Maths Booster - by invitation

**Clubs run every week from 25th Sep—8th Dec 2017.
Please check with the school office for any spare
availability.**

Harvest Festival - fundraising for our school in Africa

Y1/2 will be leading the school assembly about Harvest on the 17th October at 2:30pm. This year we have decided to carry out a Sponsored Autumn Walk in Avenham Park to raise money for our partner school in Irovo, Kenya. Through various fundraisers and donations last year we managed to raise £657.47. The children have decided that they would try to raise the money to get water to the school site as they currently have none. As you know, clean water will be vital to them for cooking, drinking and for keeping clean; they currently have to get water from a stream which is about a forty minute walk away. Getting clean water to the school site is going to cost around £1,000, so we are over half way there already.

Information about the sponsored walks will be sent out shortly. We hope to get all the money in before half term as there are two workers from the charity going to Africa soon to oversee some project work and we are hoping that this can be part of it.

School Application information

The closing dates for applications for Reception Class and High School are as follows:

For high schools it is the 31st October 2017

For primary schools it is the 15th January 2018

For more information please call into school or visit:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

Can I please remind parents that in the interests of our children's safety not to park in front of the school gates - especially in the mornings and after school.