



St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Autumn 2017 Newsletter 4

This month's Value is '**Respect**'

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

Message from the Head

Dear Parents,

This weekend is the start of Advent. This is the four Sundays leading up to Christmas. In school we try to encourage the children to think about the real meaning of the Christmas as well as looking at some of its traditions (and having a bit of fun).

In RE lessons the children will be reflecting on the stories associated with Advent and how Christians prepare for remembering Jesus' birth at Christmas. Our assemblies will focus on the Gospel readings for the week with reflection on how each of the four weeks has a different theme; Hope, Love, Joy and Peace.

Our Christmas production this year will be in two parts with the Infants performing The Nativity followed by the Juniors leading a Carol Service with reflections. Can I please ask as many parents as possible to come to the Wednesday morning performance, as the first performance is always a lot busier than the second one each year.

We are also taking part in our parish (St John XIII) Advent Service at St Joseph's Church on 6th December at 6pm. Mr Cobb has sent out letters with children who said that they are interested in attending. Please join us, if you are available to, as it is important that we support our parish celebrations along with the other four schools.

In class, the children will be given a secret Advent Friend. This is the name of someone who they have to be extra nice to during Advent. They can do anything for them; helping them with something, making sure that they have someone to play with, give them a little treat or just making their day better by being friendly to them or sharing a smile. We hope that this will give them a chance to think more about the real meaning of the season and the themes of Advent. *Mr John Entwistle*

2018/19 Holiday Dates

There will be a new holiday list for 2018/19 coming out this week, apologies as I have had to change a couple of things. The actual dates for the holidays have not changed, just a couple of the INSET Days. We are no longer being used as a Polling Station so we do not need the day off in May. I have put a couple of INSET days at the end of the school year so we can finish on the 19th July 2019 instead of the 23rd July. I thought this would help families who want to go on holiday.

Important dates for your diary - updated

Parents are invited to join us for the events in bold

29th Nov	School Mass at 9:30 am - all welcome Junior Choir performing at the Guild Hall Emotional Health Concert
30th Nov	Advent Friends draw in school
1st Dec	9:15am Celebration Assembly - all welcome Interviews for the new Worship Leaders
4th Dec	Start of Christmas Art Week
5th Dec	Blossom Class trip to the Hindu Temple
6th Dec	Year 3 Dance Festival at Christ the King Parish Advent Service at St Joseph's church 6pm Junior Choir to Liverpool for Peace Proms rehearsal After school clubs Finish for the term
7th Dec	Afternoon performance of the Christmas Production
8th Dec	Morning performance of the Christmas Production
12th Dec	Y5/6 Cinema Trip
13th Dec	Team Challenge Day in school
14th Dec	Christmas Dinner in school Junior Talent Show auditions in school
15th Dec	Christmas Fayre from 2pm Travelling Crib starts in school
18th Dec	Year 6 trip to Edinburgh
19th Dec	School Mass at 9:30 am - all welcome
20th Dec	1:45pm Talent Showcase Christmas Party Day
21st Dec	Finish for Christmas at 1:30pm
22nd Dec	
Start of the Spring Term:	
8th Jan	Start back to school
11th Jan	Junior History Day
12th Jan	Toy Afternoon
15th Jan	Y6s to High Five Netball Tournament
17th Jan	New Year Mass
25th Jan	Year 3 and 4 team to Football Tournament
27th Jan	Junior Choir performing at Peace Proms in the Liverpool Echo Arena

Sickness

Can I please remind you that children are not allowed back in school after they have been ill until **48 hours** after their last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. This is to stop the bugs from spreading - it seems to happen at this time every year and we already have a few children off in different classes.

Nuts

Can I also please remind you that children are not allowed to bring nuts into school as we have quite a few children with an allergy to them. Some of our children's allergy is so severe they could result in anaphylaxis which can be very dangerous for them.

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Please take the time to look at our school website:

www.staugustinespreston.co.uk

Junior Choir

Our Junior choir is going from strength to strength. They practise hard each week with Mr Cobb and have learnt a wide range of songs. We were very impressed and proud of them recently when they performed five songs on the stage of the Charter Theatre along with the choir from St Ignatius' School. We were the only primary schools performing and they certainly 'let their lights shine'. The video of the performance is on the school website - please take time to view it.

They will also be performing on stage at the Guild Hall on Wednesday night at the C.A.N.W. Concert along with 500 other children and opera singer Sean Ruane and The Voice star Hayley Eccles.

In January, the choir will also be taking part in the Peace Proms at the Liverpool Echo Arena along with 3000 other children from across the North West and the Cross Border Orchestra from Ireland.

If you do not get chance to see the choir live at one of the concerts they will be performing a few of their songs at the school Christmas Fayre.

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 25/9/17 - 8/12/17.

Please check with Mrs Stack for any spare availability.

Fortnightly Winners

Shining Light Awards

Foundation: Alishbah Alam, Damian Marszalek-Smialek, Filip Berg, Laaibah Patel

Y1: Leo Hope-Moran, Maya Droszczak, Amad Elahi, Khadija Nakhuda

Y1/2: Mikolaj Migacz, Miolaj Migacz

Y2: Adam Rajani, Berenice Imafidon- Oviasogie

Y3: Bartlomiej Baran, Patryk Filipiak

Y3/4: Gera Carmona- Sirb, Sulayman Nakhuda

Y4/5: Easa Laly, Easa Laly

Y5/6: Jameel Ahmed, Sam Moss

Y6: Zahra Siddiqi, Malaika Malik

Value Pupils of the Week

Foundation: Hussain Islam, Ethan Scott- Ager, Bethany Watson, Henry Nleanya

YR/1: Remaya Nicholls, Leo Hope Moran

Y1/2: Lukas Lubinskis, Natalia Filipiak

Y2: Billy Doyle- Key, Zuzanna Rejss

Y3: Aisha Patel, Evie Pritchard

Y3/4: Habibah Islam, Gracie Burns

Y4/5: Leona Vickers, Naadiya Ahmed

Y5/6: Mariyah Alli, Julia Wujtowicz

Y6: Yusayrah Atcha, Sade May-Garber



After School Care Club

Our After School Care Club has now started in school and they have got their Ofsted accreditation. It will be running everyday after school from 3:15pm until 5:45pm. There are a whole range of activities for the children to take part in and they are provided with a snack. **The price is £6.50 for each session or £3.75 for half a session; this can be reduced by using Childcare Vouchers.**

For more information please contact Sana on 07954575796

School Uniform

I have been informed that Top One Uniform Shop has now got the corrected uniform in their shop. They say that you can return any faulty uniform that you purchased from them and this will be exchanged (especially ones that say 'Welet' instead of 'We let' on the badge). Bang Bang shop say that their corrected uniform will be in the shop shortly.

Junior Leadership Team

Congratulations go out to our new Junior Leadership Team. This comprises of our Head Boy and Girl; Naeem Rajani and Klaudia Lysiak, and the Deputy Head Boy and Girl; Samuel Moss and Zahra Siddiqi. We also have our Year 6 House Captains: Neha Cork, Connor Derbyshire, Adam Umerjee, Sade May-Garber, Joshua Simpson, Maarya Bagia, Naeem Rajani and Hana Abdullah.

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