



# St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

## Autumn 2015 Newsletter 1

This month's Value is 'Manners'

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

### Message from the Head

Dear Parents,

Welcome back - I hope you all had an enjoyable Summer. It is great to see the children looking refreshed and ready to start another year.

We have had some new children join us last week - I would like to welcome you on behalf of all the staff and hope that you settle quickly into our school family.

It is great to see the children in their new uniforms. Quite a few staff have commented how smart the children look. It is great to see so many wearing our new badges. I know we said we would phase it in over this year, so thank you to those parents who have switched to it already.

It has been a very busy Summer holidays in school. We have had what feels like a complete refurbishment of the Infant school and it looks amazing. We have had builders, electricians and painters in for the whole summer re-wiring the school, building new rooms and partition walls and re-decorating all the building. I am afraid that because there was so much to do they did run out of time. We still have some of the tradesmen in finishing of the work. We have planned it so that it should not disturb the running of the school in any way.

Because of the amount of work that was done over the Summer we were getting worried about whether we would be fit to open in time, but in good St Augustine's tradition, staff volunteered to come in on the Bank Holiday Monday to thoroughly clean the school (even bringing members of their family to help!) - a big thank you goes out to them.

We are so proud of the Infant building now—if you would like to have a look around please see me or ask your child's class teacher.

Many thanks

*Mr John Entwistle*

### Meet the Teacher

After school each evening next week staff will be holding 'meet the teacher' sessions. The dates and times for each class are:

**Monday 3:30pm = Y2**

**Monday 4:15pm = Y1/2**

**Tuesday 3:30pm = Y1**

**Tuesday 4:15pm = Y3**

**Wednesday 3:30pm = Y3/4**

**Wednesday 4:15pm = Y4/5**

**Thursday 3:30pm = Y5/6**

**Thursday 4:15pm = Y6**

**The meetings will take place in the classrooms.**

During these meetings the class teachers will let you know what they will be teaching this term, what the timetable is - especially when PE is, when and what homework is to be given etc.. They will also give you advice on what you can be doing at home to support your children linked with the work they are doing in class. They will also let you know of the new way we will be assessing the children this year.

We do hope that you can attend and that you find them useful. As you know, we are trying these for the first time this year - please let us know what you think.

Don't forget our new website can be found at  
[www.staugustinespreston.co.uk](http://www.staugustinespreston.co.uk)

### Family Support Worker

Don't forget our Family Support Worker, Lynn, is available for any support you might need, whether it is with your children or other pressures. She can be contacted by ringing school.

Lynn will be running a 'Parent Survival Course' on Thursday afternoons for 7 weeks, starting on Thursday 1st October. She will be looking at issues you might be having as your children grow older and sharing tips and advice on managing them. She is running this course because we have had quite a few parents seek advice on dealing with their children's challenging behaviours at home - it seems the 'teenager' attitudes seem to be affecting children younger these days.

Please contact Lynn if you would like to book a place on this free course.

### Foundation Class Request

Over this term we wish to enhance our 'Mud Kitchen' in the Early Years outdoor classroom. If you are having a clear out and have any of the following, we would really appreciate them:

wooden spoons, wooden boxes or bread boards, sieves, funnels, small sauce pans and frying pans and any plastic bowls. Could you please pass them on to Mrs Shorrocks.

### Notice from Christ the King High School

Are you a former pupil of Christ the King Catholic High School/St John Fisher Catholic High School? If so the school is hosting a Nostalgia Evening on Thursday 1st October 6 - 8pm to celebrate its 50th anniversary. Why not come along and visit your old classrooms, meet past and present staff, meet old friends, see photographs of your time at the school?

All welcome. Admission by ticket only.

For tickets please contact the school on 01772 252072 or email [jdockray@ctk.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:jdockray@ctk.lancs.sch.uk)

### Important dates for this term

2nd Sept	Back to School!
Some important dates for next term:	
14th Sept	<b>Meet the Teacher Y2 at 3:30pm</b> <b>Meet the Teacher Y1/2 at 4:15pm</b>
14th Sept	Y1 and Y1/2 trip to Windmill Farm
15th Sept	<b>Meet the Teacher Y1 at 3:30pm</b> <b>Meet the Teacher Y3 at 4:15pm</b>
15th Sept	Y3/4 and Y4/5 trip to Manchester Science Museum
16th Sept	<b>Meet the Teacher Y3/4 at 3:30pm</b> <b>Meet the Teacher Y4/5 at 4:15pm</b>
17th Sept	<b>Meet the Teacher Y5/6 at 3:30pm</b> <b>Meet the Teacher Y6 at 4:15pm</b>
21st Sept	Clubs start
22nd Sept	Year 6s to taster morning at Christ the King
24th Sept	INSET DAY - children not in
25th Sept	<b>Celebration Assembly</b>
9th Oct	School photograph day
13th Oct	Year 6s at Football tournament
16th Oct	Parish Celebration Mass at St Joseph's
23rd Oct	<b>Celebration Assembly</b>
26th - 30th Oct	Half Term

### *Important Dates for next 1/2 term*

5th Nov	Guy Fawkes MADD Day
16 - 20th Nov	Pastoral Week
27th Nov	Lancashire Day MADD DAY
30 Nov - 4th Dec	Christmas Art Week
8th Dec	<b>Christmas Productions - Infant Audience</b>
10th Dec	<b>Christmas Productions - Junior Audience</b>
11th Dec	<b>Christmas Fayre</b>
15th Dec	<b>KS1 Talent Showcase</b>
18th Dec	<b>KS2 Talent Showcase</b>
18th Dec	<b>1:30 pm Finish for Christmas</b>