



# St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

## Spring 2017 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,

With Ash Wednesday yesterday we started the season of Lent. Fr Stephen from St Wilfrid's Church came in to celebrate Mass with the school and members of our former parish. Lent is a time in the liturgical year where Christians prepare for Easter and reflect on the hardship Jesus went through for 40 days in the desert. It is a time when we concentrate more on prayer and penance. To mark this in school our Worship Leaders, Chaplain and PAIS team will be running Prayer Space sessions for the Junior children every Wednesday and Friday break times. As well as all the work in classes, we will also be remembering the Stations of the Cross in Assemblies and Year 4/5 will be leading our Easter Reflection.

I hope you have seen that Y3/4 are running our Lenten Fundraiser in school. We are raising money for our partner school in Kenya. They have already started selling tickets for the Easter Egg raffle and are planning another fundraising event that we will inform you about soon.

Today we celebrated World Book Day in school and it was fantastic to see all the wonderful and imaginative costumes the children came in. We had everything from Horrid Henry to Harry Potter and princesses to Red Riding Hood. We even had a few Where's Wally (but we couldn't find them!). A big thanks has to go out to you as parents because we know how much effort you put in to helping make this day special.

*Mr John Entwistle*

### High School Admissions

The Year 6 pupils yesterday received their offer for high schools. The majority of children managed to get their first choice, but there were quite a few who did not. If parents need help in appealing for their preferred high school please contact our school office and we can arrange a meeting with Mrs Stack or Lynn.

### School Clubs for this term

Mondays:	Year 1 and 2 Drawing and Colouring club Year Drama club (Invitation only) Years 5 and 6 Dance club Year 6 Literacy club (Invitation only) Year 6 Maths club (Invitation only)
Tuesdays:	Years 1 and 2 Multi-sport club Years 1 and 2 Craft club
Wednesdays:	Years 1 and 2 Choir (dinner time) Years 1 and 2 Film club Years 3-6 Art, Craft and film club Years 5 and 6 Football club Junior One World club
Thursdays:	Years 1 and 2 Card and Board Games club Years 5 and 6 Homework club Junior Sports' club (Invitation only)
Fridays:	Year 2 Ukulele music club (dinner time) Junior guitar music club (dinner time) Junior Choir Years 3 and 4 Homework club Year 6 Maths Reasoning club (Invitation only)

**Clubs run every week until 24/03/17 - please check with the office for any spare availability**

### Staff Changes

Over the last few weeks we have had a few changes to school staff.

Very sadly, Mrs Dowson has to go off sick for a few months as she has been diagnosed with cancer. She is due to have an operation next week so I hope you will keep her in your thoughts and prayers. Miss Gangat has been employed to cover in her absence and started today.

In Year 1 Mrs Smith has already been covering for the last few weeks as Mrs May is on maternity leave. Mrs May had a beautiful baby girl and has named her Violet. Mother and daughter are both doing well and Mrs May says she will bring Violet into school soon to meet the children

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[www.staugustinespreston.co.uk](http://www.staugustinespreston.co.uk)

### PTA news

Thank you to the members of the PTA who have helped out with the selling of toast at Wednesday breaks. They raised £135 over the 5 weeks and the children seemed to really benefit from having the snack. We are having a break from it during Lent, but hope to start it again after Easter.

PTA events coming up:

- 17th March Mother's Day present gathering and sort
- 24th March Mother's Day present buying and wrapping
- 29th March 3:15pm Cake Sale after school
- 27th April 4:15-5:30pm Spring Disco

**The next PTA meeting is 25th April, 9am-10am**

### Important dates for this half term

1st March	9:30 Mass in school for Ash Wednesday
2nd March	World Book Day MADD Day – dressing up!
3rd March	Evening—Reconciliation at St Joseph's Church
9th March	CTK Science Assembly
10th March	"The Day of Awesomeness" – MADD day
	Year 6 to "Gangster Granny" at the Guild Hall
	Evening - Reconciliation at English Martyrs' Church
13th-17th	March Science Focus Week in school
14th pm	Y1/3 trip to Fishwick Nature Reserve
17th March	Non-Uniform Day for Mother's Day gifts
20th March pm	Group of children to the Bishop's Mass at St Josephs
22nd March	Full Governors' Meeting
24th March	<b>Celebration Assembly at 9:15am</b>
	Mother's Day gift buying and wrapping by PTA
	Clubs finish for the term
29th March	<b>Parish Lenten Service in the evening</b>
30th March	Team Challenge Day in school
31st March	<b>Easter Reflection at 9:30 am</b>

## Fortnightly Winners

### Shining Light Awards

Foundation: Jessica Banach, Sophie Hall, Alexis James

Nurture: Muhammad -Faiz Ismail

Y1: Lilianna Filipak, Maryam Siddiqi

Y1/2: Yahya Ismail

Y2: Daniel Banda

Y3: Liam Flannery, Jessica Gonzales

Y3/4: Easa Laly, Daniel Kunikowski

Y4/5: Hala Alqatamin, Hala Alqatamin

Y5/6: Ola Wasielewska, Klaudia Lysiak

Y6: Rummanah Laly, Michelle Morys

### Value Pupils of the Week

Foundation: Amad Elahi, Yusuf Abdul, Julia Witkowska

Nurture: Mohammed Ayaan Patel

YR/1: Wiktor Poreba, Lukasz Pawlak

Y1/2: Oliwia Majewska

Y2: Aleksander Klosowski

Y3: Cian Nicholls, Cian Nicholls

Y3/4: Emma Flannery, Muhammed Usayd Atcha

Y4/5: Malaika Malik, Hana Abdullah

Y5/6: Zaynab Patel, Nicole Panchal

Y6: Kacper Pasiek, Yaamin Patel

### Medical Appointments

Can we please ask that if you have to make doctors or dentist appointments for your children that you try to make it for after school time. We have had a lot of children going out during the school day recently and it does disrupt their education if they are missing vital lessons.

Thank you for all your responses to the questionnaire at Parents' Evening. We will let you know the results soon. We will also feed any issues into the School's Improvement Plan for 2017-18