



St. Austin's Catholic Primary School A Catholic Voluntary Academy Weekly Newsletter: Friday 13th July 2018 No: 35



Spiritual Reflection—Listening

As you will have already seen from the Wednesday Word sent home early this week, the word for the week is 'Listening.' Many of us are not good listeners. The proof of this fact are some of the remarks that are so frequently heard repeated over and again: "For the 5th time, will you turn off that TV and get to bed?" or "Do your homework", or "Do the dishes", or "Vacuum the living room", or "Put petrol in the car when you are finished with it"? Sound familiar? We hear others say, "Your problem is that you have never learned to listen, or with you it seems that things go in one ear and right out the other". If we can only learn to listen, we can easily and frequently avoid a lot of embarrassment in our lives. I am sure that in our lives we can all think of times that if we had listened, we would have avoided many arguments, loss of time and even those temper tantrums. We end up, very often, in strained relationships, hurting others and ourselves in the process. Consider how often it must happen where a child asks one or both parents for ten minutes to talk about something. What do we do in this situation? Do we make time to listen to them or are we too caught up in the busyness of our own lives, thoughts and worries? How often do we fail to listen to God? I wonder how many times does God try to speak to us, through others, yet we are too busy to listen. Let's all try to make more of an effort to listen to one another as well as spending time in prayer to listen to God.

Parish Mass times each weekend are:

St Austin's:
Saturday at 6.15pm, Sunday at 8.15am, 11am and 6pm

SS Peter & Paul's
Saturday at 5pm, Sunday at 9am and 10.45am

Canonical Review

On Monday, we welcomed two visitors to our school—Mrs. Lubomski and Mr. Pye—who carried out a Canonical Review across school. These reviews are carried out two and a half years after a school's Section 48 RE Inspection. The purpose of the review is to check that school are addressing any areas for development that were identified during the previous inspection as well as looking at the catholic life of the school. Teaching, learning and assessment of RE are also looked at.. Our thanks to the many parents who took the time to complete the parent questionnaire.

Reports

Also on Monday, each child brought home their end of year school report. We hope that you have all received these and have found the time to read your child's report with them. We encourage parents to complete the reply slip—your feedback is always appreciated and acted on. The name of your child's class teacher for next academic year was also included in the report.

New Classes and Transition Days

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, all year groups from UFS to Y5 had the opportunity to move to their new classroom and meet their new teacher. These have been really positive days and have helped teachers to get to know your child as well as carry out some initial assessments. Our staffing structure for next year can be found overleaf.

Mini Vinnies visit St. Joseph's Castleford

On Wednesday afternoon our Mini Vinnies group joined other Mini Vinnies from across the BKCA to take part in an end of year celebration event during which each group had the opportunity to explain the work of their group within their school community this year. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Mrs. Ward for her outstanding contribution to the success of this group over the past few years. Although she retires next week, the Mini Vinnies Group will continue under the direction of Mrs. Kendrew. To our Y6 Mini Vinnies, we say a big 'Thank You' for your hard work and dedication to this group. We encourage you to continue your charitable efforts in your High School.

Y4 Singing Concert

On Thursday afternoon our Y4N class showcased their fantastic singing in a short concert of selected songs (secular and liturgical) to our KS2 children and parents. The hall was filled with the sound of their beautiful voices and we thank Miss. Kitson for her hard work and commitment this year. We look forward to working with her again next academic year.

Y6 Leavers Assembly

Our Y6 children are looking forward to presenting their Leavers' Assembly on Monday 16th July from 1.45pm. The Y3/4 playground will be open for parents to park in. The gates will be opened at 1.20pm. We encourage all Y6 parents and carers to attend this milestone event. It marks the end of an era and is always a very special event.

School Choir Annual Summer Concert

Our School Choir will perform their Annual Summer Concert to all KS2 classes and parents on Tuesday 17th July at 2.00pm. All are welcome to attend.

Celebration Evening

Our annual Celebration Evening will be held on Tuesday 17th July from 5pm until 7pm. This is an opportunity for all parents and carers to spend time with their child in their current classroom looking at some of the fantastic work they have completed this year as well as meeting their new teacher. We look forward to seeing you there!

End of Year Mass

Come and join us for the celebration of Mass to mark the end of a successful school year on Thursday 19th July at 10am. This is also our 'Leavers' Mass during which our Y6 children are prayed for as they prepare to move on to the next chapter of their lives. Mass will be at St. Austin's Catholic Church and will be attended by the whole school community. There will be plenty of space for our Y6 parents and any other parents who wish to join us for the final mass of the academic year.

Parking

We have had a number of complaints from neighbours and families living on Duke of York Street and Back Duke of York Street because of people parking in front of entrances and exits outside their property. I urge everyone who parks near school to park with due regard to residents and access to and from their properties. We anticipate potential ticketing from the police if it were to continue. The Y3/4 playground will be used as a car park for parents attending the Leavers' Assembly, the Choir Concert and the Celebration Evening next week.

Healthy Snacks

We actively encourage healthy eating across school. It is good to see children who bring a packed lunch from home eating a healthy lunch with a piece of fruit. Please can we ask parents, especially of our younger children, to cut up any fruit into bite-size pieces? This minimises the risk of children choking on fruit and avoids unnecessary waste. Thank you.

Hot Weather

As the warm, sunny weather continues, please ensure children have sun cream applied each day before school, bring a hat every day and ensure all water bottles are brought back into school on Monday.

End of Term Arrangements

As has been the case for a number of years now, parents may collect their children from **1.30pm onwards on Friday 20th July**—the day we close for the Summer Holiday. Please come to the school office first. Staff will then direct you to your child's classroom. School will remain open until the usual time of 3.30pm. We will be reminding all children to take all their belongings (PE kits, uniform, coats, shoes etc) home with them next week. As is often the case at the time of year, we have a large amount of lost property items. There will be an opportunity to reclaim any lost property during our Celebration Evening. Lost property will be put out in our Science Room.

Staffing for 2018-2019

UFS Mrs. Kendrew and Miss. Gourmley
Y1T Miss. Tickle
Y1/2C Mrs. Curzon
Y2V Mrs. Velayudhan
Y3W Miss. Workman
Y3/4AT Mrs. Turner (Mon/Tues) and Mrs. Adams (Wed-Fri)
Y4M Mrs. Mills
Y5B Miss. Balmond
Y5/6C Mrs. Chernenko
Y6CD Mrs. Conley (Mon-Wed) and Mrs. Durkan (Wed-Fri)

Hot Chocolate with the Head

Congratulations to the following children for their super behaviour and excellent attitude towards all aspects of school.

w/e : 29.06.18

w/e : 13.07.18

Class RW – Amina Akbar	Class RW—Loyiso Bhebhe
Class RK – Hasan Ali Chouhan	Class RK—Anton Lokenyo
Class 1T– Sundas Qasim	Class 1T –Malachy Walsh
Class 1/2C– Elizabeth Harrison	Class 1/2C –Laura Raczcyka
Class 2V – Nikolai Tandogan	Class 2V—Freya Day
Class 3W – Aqsa Hussain	Class 3W—Safiullah Abrar
Class 3/4AT- Karol Wiecek	Class 3/4AT –Kitty Bradshaw
Class 4N– Harry Morante	Class 4N –Izabela Skoluda
Class 5B– Ehren Johnson	Class 5B –Julia Muszynska
Class 5/6C– Fatima Noor	Class 5/6C –Roshaan Ali
Class 6CD– Zuzanna Boguniowska	Class 6 CD –Laiba Arshad

Attendance

In KS1 & UFS the winners this week are 1/2C with an attendance of 97%.



In KS2 the winners this week are 5B with an attendance of 97%.

St. Austin's Players

The St Austin's Players have advised us that they are hoping to arrange a production of Alice in Wonderland for pupils age 7 years and upwards. There is a meeting to discuss the details further on Tuesday 17th July for parents and children who wish to express an interest in taking part. The meeting will be held at St Austin's Theatre at 7.30pm.

Dolce School Meals

After the summer break Dolce will be increasing the cost of school meals by 5p per day. £2.25 per day / £11.25 per week.

If your child is currently in Year 2 and moving up to Year 3 after the break you will pay for your child's school meals from September.

School Holidays 2018/2019

Autumn Term 2018		
School opens	Tuesday 4 th September	
School closes	Thursday 25 th October	Half term
School opens	Monday 5 th November	
School Closes	Friday 21 st December	Christmas Holidays
Spring Term 2019		
School opens	Monday 7 th January	
School closes	Friday 15 th February	Half term
School opens	Monday 25 th February	
School closes	Wednesday 17 th April	Easter
Summer Term 2019		
School opens	Monday 29 th April	
School closed	Monday 6 th May	May Day
School closes	Friday 24 th May	Spring Bank Holidays
School opens	Monday 10 th June	
School closes	Friday 19 th July	Summer break

Inset days: Monday 3rd September, Friday 26th October, Thursday 18th April, Monday 22nd July 2019 & Tuesday 23rd July 2019