



# St. Augustine's Newsletter

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## Learning & General Information

### **WELCOME MESSAGE**

Welcome back everyone; it was great to see you after the summer holidays. I hope the break was restful, exciting and blessed. I am aware that some of our families had some difficult times as well; I pray to God to continue to give you strength, hope and guidance to deal with the challenges you are experiencing.

I would like to thank you for the great collaboration we had last year and I hope the year ahead is even more successful and blessed. Going round the classes, it is pleasing to know that the children are settling in well, especially the Year 3s coming into the Juniors. I am also looking forward to the children who are joining the Reception classes next week. As a school community, we ask the Lord to guide all the staff and parents to work collaboratively in setting these children on their spiritual, academic and social journey in our school.

We will continue with the successful initiatives (Yoga, Street Dance, Tai Chi, Sailing, African Drumming, Stubbers and residential visit to Kingswood) that were implemented last year and hope to explore some new learning opportunities for this year. The aim is to ensure that we continue to offer the best learning experiences for all the children. You will receive a Curriculum Map (*summary*) of what your child(ren) will be learning about this year and an overview of the specific topics for the autumn term by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

### **NEW MEMBERS OF STAFF**

We also welcome **Miss Hayley Summerbell** (Year 1), **Miss Hannah McCarthy** (Year 1), **Mrs Pauline Watkins** (Year 2), **Mr Ben Frosdick** (Year 4) and **Mrs Lynette Cargill** (Year 3); we ask the Lord to bless them and guide them in ensuring that our children continue to develop academically, socially and above all spiritually in their care. I know they are all excited about joining our school community and working collaboratively with you. I am sure you will welcome them warmly.

### **SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES:**

If your child is starting school for the first time or transferring from primary to secondary school in September 2019, you must apply online at [www.redbridge.gov.uk/eadmissions](http://www.redbridge.gov.uk/eadmissions) from **1 September 2018**. It is important that you select your six preferred schools before the deadline or you are unlikely to get a place at a school you chose. You can find more information on how school places are offered and how to apply online at [www.redbridge.gov.uk/eadmissions](http://www.redbridge.gov.uk/eadmissions)

<b>Starting School</b>	<b>Secondary Transfer</b>
APPLICATIONS OPEN 1 September 2018	APPLICATIONS OPEN 1 September 2018
APPLICATIONS DEADLINE 15 January 2019	APPLICATIONS DEADLINE 31 October 2018
NATIONAL OFFER DAY 16 April 2019	NATIONAL OFFER DAY 1 March 2019

**Thank you and God bless.**



# FAITH JOURNEY

## **GOSPEL REFLECTION: Mark (7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)**

*The Scribes' and Pharisees' worship of God was mere lip-service*

In last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus spoke about the Scribes and Pharisees and their observations and interpretations of the law. The Scribes and Pharisees interpreted the doctrines in ways that were not spiritual. They spoke about worldly cleanliness rather than spiritual. Christ instructed them that this worldly cleanliness did not enrich their relationship with God; he referred to them as hypocrites.

Sometimes in our daily lives, our perceptions and interpretations can impact on our relationships with God and the people around us. What we need to do is to ask God to open our spiritual eyes and ears so that we can reflect and ask for his guidance in everything that we say and do.

A new school year will sometimes bring along with it new experiences and opportunities and we might find this change sometimes challenging. Let us ask Christ to give us the spirit of patience and understanding so that we can truly see and enjoy these experiences.



*Jesus challenges the Scribes and Pharisees about the hypocritical behaviour.*

### **This Week's Prayer**

*As we start this new school year, we give thanks to God for looking over us during the summer holidays.*

*We ask Him to bless us and ensure his loving presence surround us.*

*May we find peace and happiness in all that we think, say, see and do. We ask Him through Christ His loving Son.*

*Amen*

## Prayer



### **TUESDAY CLASS MASS**

Due to the ongoing refurbishment in the church, our weekly Tuesday Class Masses will be suspended during the Autumn term. These Masses will resume in the second half of the Spring Term. I will provide updates as soon as they become available.

## WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE - Week Ending Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Year Groups	Class Name	Attendance
Rec.	Acorn	
Year 1	Daisy	91.33
Year 2	Buttercup	88.82
Year 3	Lavender	88.82
Year 4	Fern	90.78
Year 5	Oak	88.82
Year 6	Ash	98.67

Class Name	Attendance
Chestnut	
Poppy	97.24
Sunflower	98.61
Lilac	98.67
Heather	97.35
Sycamore	93.38
Willow	98.67

**'BEST ATTENDANCE'**  
FOR THIS WEEK  
KS1:  
Sunflower  
KS2: Ash /  
Lilac / Willow

Protecting children



### **SAFEGUARDING**

IF YOU HAVE ANY SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS ABOUT ANY MEMBER OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL'S SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS (MR OJO & MRS LUCEY).

YOUR CONCERNS WILL BE DEALT WITH THE UTMOST CONFIDENTIALITY



# PSA

## Parent Staff Association

If you are interested in being an active member of St. Augustine's PSA, please contact Mr John Poon (Acting Chair Person) via the school. We support the school by organising and delivering a range of fundraising events such as 'Break A Rule Day', 'Christmas Bazaar', 'Summer Fair', 'Macmillan Coffee Morning' and 'Infant and Junior Discos'. Monies raised goes into supporting the school by providing different resources to enhance the teaching and learning experiences of our children.