



St. Austin's Catholic Primary School A Catholic Voluntary Academy Weekly Newsletter: Friday 14th September 2018 No: 2



Spiritual Reflection—Being a follower of Christ

This Sunday's Gospel has a message for us all. We must not allow the stumbling blocks of our everyday lives get in the way of our journey to God. We can be quick to say "yes" but when the going gets tough and we are called upon to be suffering servants in our turn we can all too easily begin to draw the line and say, that is not what I meant, this is not it at all, this is not for me at all, I draw the line here. Jesus said "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine let them take their cross and follow me." There is nothing in Jesus message about if it suits us or when we are ready or if it's not too hard for us or only on Sundays or feast days. Now is the time, always is the time.

Mass of Welcome

Our Mass of Welcome will take place on Monday 24th September in St. Austin's Church at 10am and not Monday 17th September as advertised in last week's newsletter.

KS2 Rosary Group

Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Gilroy from St. Austin's parish will continue to lead our Rosary Prayer Group which is open to all KS2 children. A decade of the Rosary is said every Monday from 12.45pm—1.10pm. This group wasn't always particularly well attended last year so it would be lovely to see more children joining in with this lovely tradition especially during the month of October which is the month of the Holy Rosary. We will be explaining more about this Prayer Group to our KS2 children during the Monday morning assembly next week.

Uniform and PE Kits

Although we have only been back at school for two weeks we have quite a lot of 'lost' jumpers and cardigans which have not been labelled with the child's name. Items of named clothing are so much easier to reunite with their owner! If you have not already labelled your child's clothing, please could you do this as soon as possible?

PE Kits must be brought into school on a Monday morning and kept in school all week. Children will be reminded to bring them home on a Friday evening for washing. We do keep a small amount of 'spare kit' for those occasional times when children forget their kit as we aim to ensure every child takes part in PE lessons—no-one misses out at St. Austin's. If there is a genuine reason why your child cannot participate in a PE lesson, please let your child's class teacher know.

Medication in School

Please remember only prescribed medication can be brought into school and should be given to the office staff by the child's parent. Medication that has been prescribed for three times a day does not need to be brought into school. Thank you for your cooperation with this important matter.

Smiley Sun Bag Collection

Following our launch of this initiative we have begun to plan enrichment activities for our children that can be subsidised with monies raised. Our first collection raised almost £200 and this will be used to subsidise the Planetarium Day in October. However, if at the next collection day on Friday 28th September, we could raise further funds we may be able to avoid having to ask any family for money towards this.

Special collection bags will be distributed soon. Please can they be returned by home time on Friday 28th September. Please note ordinary black sacks can be used too, if you have more than one bag to donate! If you don't have anything you are wishing to get rid of for this collection don't worry we hope to hold one at the end of each month as the year progresses.

Items sent could be shoes, clothes, belts, bags, toys, bric a brac, household items, bedding. Please do not put in the bags school uniform, towels, underwear, damaged or stained items. Thank you.

Entering and Leaving the School building

All children should enter school via the playgrounds each morning. Children only need to come in via the school office if they are arriving after 8.50am. Similarly, at the end of the school day we ask that children are collected from the designated areas to reduce congestion around the main entrance. If you are unavoidably delayed collecting your child please let the office staff know. Please ensure punctuality for drop off and collection of children. Thank you.

All children must be collected from the school grounds.

We politely ask that parents do not make alternative arrangements for their child to walk to an agreed meeting point for collection at the end of the day. The only exception to this is for those Y6 children whose parents have notified school giving permission for their child to walk home.

Contacting you

If over the summer any of your contact details have changed including mobile numbers, addresses, land-line numbers you will need to inform the office as we will be unable to contact you if we need to without the correct details in place. This also includes details of other family members you have given us.

Sickness and absence

Just to remind everyone that if your child is absent you will need to ring the school office before 10am on the 1st morning of the absence and each day thereafter until you child returns to school.

Diary Dates for this half-term

Friday 21st September	Road Safety Officer in school visiting Classes Y1T and Y1/2C
Monday 24th September	Mass in Church –10am PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE OF DATE
Wednesday 26th September	Flu Immunisations for children in Years 1—5
Thursday 27th September	Fire Service Representative in school visiting Classes Y1T and Y1/2C
Friday 28th September	Photographer in School—Individual and Family Group Photos
Friday 28th September	Smiley Sun Collection Day—Bring bags into school on this day please
Tuesday 4th October	Ambulance Service Representative in school visiting Classes Y1T and Y1/2C
Friday 5th October	CAFOD Harvest Fast Day—liturgies and assemblies will be taking place in school Further details to follow
Monday 8th October	Polestar Planetarium in school—presentations for all year groups during the day
Thursday 11th October	St. Austin's School Open Day
Wednesday 24th October	Big Sing Liturgy Thing for all Y6 pupils
Wednesday 24th October	Parents Evening—5pm-8pm
Thursday 25th October	Parents Evening—4pm—6pm
Friday 26th October	School closed to pupils—Staff Training Day

School Meals (KS2 children only)

The cost of a school dinner is £2.30 per day or £11.50 per week. Payments for School Meals, Water Bottles and Milk can be made through the school office. Thank you.

Hot Chocolate Friday

The following children will be rewarded with 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' on Monday for their super behaviour and excellent attitude towards all aspects of school.

Class RK—Kara Deshayes– McCourt

Class RG—Victoria Parpala

Class 1T– Sinead Walsh

Class 1/2C – Malachy Walsh

Class 2V– Michalena Julga

Class 3W– Klaudia Dabrowska

Class 3/4AT– Amelia Jennings

Class 4M– Benjamin Kemp

Class 5B— Iqra Imran

Class 5/6C– Sophie Baxter

Class 6CD—Hannah Lunn

Water Bottles

We ask all parents to make a contribution of £3 per school year which ensures your child will have a new water bottle each half-term and access to fresh water each day.

Milk

If you wish your child to have milk each day at school the cost of this is £7.60 per half-term

Attendance

Congratulations to 2V who are this week's KS1 attendance winners with 100% and also to 3/4 AT in KS2 with an attendance of 99.62%

Just a reminder that the school doors open at 08:50 and the day begins at 08:55. If you can ensure your child arrives on time. Thank you.



Communication with School

We encourage and value open communication between home and school. **Please remember to speak with your child's class teacher in the first instance regarding all issues.** Should you wish to take a matter further please arrange to speak to the relevant Phase Leader (UFS—Mrs Kendrew, KS1—Mrs. Velayudhan, KS2—Mrs. Chernenko). If after speaking to the phase leader you feel that the matter or issue has not been resolved please arrange to speak to our Deputy Headteacher (Mr. Molyneux). After following this route you still have concerns please contact Mr. Flood. In most cases any problems, issues or concerns can be effectively dealt with by the class teacher—they know your child best.

Parish Mass times this weekend are:

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

Peter & Paul's Saturday at 5pm, Sunday at 10am

For further information please see the newsletters on the parish

websites: www.peterpaul.org.uk and www.catholicchurchwakefield.co.uk

