



St. Augustine's Newsletter

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Learning & General Information

80th Anniversary of St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School

This year (22nd August) marked 80 years of our school. To celebrate this wonderful occasion, we have invited Bishop Alan Williams (Bishop of Brentwood) to celebrate Mass on Monday 5th November in the church. We would like to invite you all to join us for a Thanksgiving Mass. I am sure some of you have had generations of families attend St. Augustine's since its inception. If you have pictures of yourselves or families taken during the earlier decades of our school and you are happy to share them, we would be grateful. I will update you in the next few days about events planned in school. If you feel you are able to contribute to this event, please email Mrs Brogan on the school email. Let us come together as a school community and make it a wonderful day for all.

PARENT SURVEYS

Thank you for completing and returning the parent surveys at the end of last term. We really value the time you took to complete these and for your feedback.

DIARY DATES 2018/19

Diary dates have been sent to you today via Parentmail. The dates will also appear on our school website on Monday 17th September.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled. We already have a number of clothing items in lost property.

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 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

Starting School	Secondary Transfer
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 7:31-37

This week's Gospel discussed the miracle of the healing of a deaf man who also had a speech impediment. Two key messages can be teased out from this scripture. The first being **faith** and the second, **proclamation**. My focus for this week's reflection is proclamation – *announcing or sharing information/event*. In Bishop Alan Williams's (Bishop of Brentwood) letter to parishes this week, he acknowledged Pope Benedict's comment about schools – a place with diversity in terms of culture and faith, however there are common values of *virtue, friendship, respect, tolerance, trust...*

In all of these values, one thing that I sometimes feel we can do more as a school community is acknowledge and be more thankful to the mercies and glories of God in our lives. I am guessing some people will disagree with my observations and might say they are thankful to God on a daily basis. However let us take some time out and reflect - do these glories and mercies manifest in our daily engagements with others in our school community?

In the Gospel, it says the believers proclaimed God's glory with zeal. Let us be similar to these people and constantly proclaim and thank the Lord for every mercy in our lives from waking every morning and taking our first breath, to having our sight/speech/hearing to engage with our loved ones and going to bed at night, having gone through another day, irrespective of any challenges we might have encountered.



Jesus heals a man who was deaf and dumb

This Week's Prayer

Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for your blessings and mercies in our lives. As your humble servants Lord, we lift our hearts to you, full of praise.

Inspire us to grow in your love, open our ears to your words and sanctify our hearts. Guide us in proclaiming your glory.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

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 14th September 2018

Year Groups	Class Name	Attendance
Rec.	Acorn	
Year 1	Daisy	96.21
Year 2	Buttercup	89.43
Year 3	Lavender	96.00
Year 4	Fern	98.59
Year 5	Oak	96.67
Year 6	Ash	99.00

Class Name	Attendance
Chestnut	
Poppy	98.64
Sunflower	100.00
Lilac	98.33
Heather	99.00
Sycamore	98.00
Willow	98.33

'BEST ATTENDANCE'
FOR THIS WEEK
KS1:
Sunflower
KS2: Heather / Ash

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.