



St. Austin's Catholic Primary School
A Catholic Voluntary Academy
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Spiritual Reflection—Who is the greatest?

This Sunday's Gospel has a message for us all. The disciples are arguing among themselves about who is the greatest. Jesus presents himself as a servant of all and tells the disciples that greatness is judged in the way that we serve other People and said, "If anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last of all and servant of all." Service to others is something that we all would like to aspire to do and Pope Francis reminds us, "Jesus leads us to go out from ourselves more and more, to give ourselves and to serve others." We ask that God may help each one of us follow the example Jesus sets so that our classrooms, homes and communities may be places filled with love.

Mass of Welcome

Our Mass of Welcome will take place this Monday 24th September in St. Austin's Church at 10am. All pupils from Year 1-6 will be walking from school to St Austin's Church. Please ensure your child has a coat with them should the weather not be kind to us.

PLEASE NOTE KS1 CLASSES WILL NEED TO WEAR THEIR SCHOOL UNIFORM ON MONDAY MORNING AND NOT THEIR PE KIT AS THEY USUALLY WOULD. Thank you.

Any parent/Grandparent who is able to assist us walking to and from church would be welcomed with open arms.

Uniform and PE Kits

Although we have only been back at school for three weeks we have quite a lot of 'lost' jumpers and cardigans which have not been labelled with a child's name. If clothing is named clothing we are able to reunite items with their owner! If you have not already labelled your child's clothing, please could you do this as soon as possible? A permanent marker will suffice if you find this less time consuming.

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.

Smiley Sun Bag Collection-Friday 28th September

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 or pay in full for the Planetarium Day in October for 'Space Week.'

Today if you have been at school you will have noticed a 'nasty outbreak of yellow among teaching staff!'



We have been promoting the collection next week and hope that if you are able to help us that you will. Collection bags and a separate letter will be accompanying our newsletter this week so that you can have time to gather any items that are of no further use to you.

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.

If you need a reminder of what can or can't be put into the sacks please look on the back of the Smiley Sun letter that your child has brought 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. If we are not contacted office staff will need to contact you to ascertain why your child is not in school.

Holidays

Please remember that we are unable to authorise holidays or long term absences for pupils from school. I would urge families to take holidays within the school holiday periods. The reason for this is that school attendance matters and is key to your child's success in school. For the vast majority of our pupils this is not a concern but we need everyone to realise and value the good learning for pupils that takes place in the classrooms with their peers.

Thank You.



Diary Dates for this half-term

Monday 24th September	Mass in Church –10am
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—All of our pupils will have the opportunity to go into Portable planetarium for a tour of the stars and planets to launch the beginning of Space Week in school.
Thursday 11th October	St. Austin's School Open Day for new parents looking to consider St Austin's for their child's education
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— Thandi Van Der Merwe

Class RG—Ali Chouhan

Class 1T— Amelia Burke

Class 1/2C – Nicole Mullet

Class 2V— Lyanna Manuel

Class 3W— Nikolai Tandogan

Class 3/4AT— Alicja Malon

Class 4M— Megan Van Der Merwe

Class 5B— Amina Iqbal

Class 5/6C— Justas Boguckas

Class 6CD—Kesiya Joseph

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 RG who are this week's KS1 attendance winners with 98.5% and also to 6CD in KS2 with an attendance of 99.31%

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

