



# St. Augustine's Newsletter

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## Learning & General Information

### 80<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

This year (22<sup>nd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### CLASS ASSEMBLIES

EYFS and KS1 Class Assemblies are held at 9.15am in the Infant Hall. KS2 Assemblies are held at 2.45pm in the Junior Hall.

| DATE                      | CLASS     | DATE                   | CLASS     |
|---------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
| 10 <sup>th</sup> October  | Ash       | 15 <sup>th</sup> March | Fern      |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> November  | Buttercup | 12 <sup>th</sup> April | Sunflower |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> November  | Sycamore  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> May    | Lavender  |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> November | Lilac     | 3 <sup>rd</sup> May    | Acorn     |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> January  | Willow    | 7 <sup>th</sup> June   | Heather   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> March     | Poppy     | 21 <sup>st</sup> June  | Chestnut  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> March    | Daisy     | 21 <sup>st</sup> June  | Oak       |

### APPLICATION FOR 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)

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

**Thank you and God bless.**



# FAITH JOURNEY

## GOSPEL REFLECTION: Mark 8:27-35

*Peter believes in Jesus as Messiah, but resists the idea of messianic sacrifice*

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus queried his disciples about people's perception of his identity. They answered - John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets. He further queried them about their own personal views. Peter correctly identified him as the Messiah; however, Christ did not want this identity revealed. He then explained to them that being a messiah, he will suffer, be rejected and eventually be crucified. The disciples found this incomprehensible. Their vision of a messiah is that of a powerful person in worldly terms. However, Christ informed them that this was his cross to bear. He further instructed them that they all have a cross to bear. In our daily lives, we all have our cross to bear. Christ assures us that we are not alone; especially when we are weary, spiritually and physically. During these times, we might question the existence of our Lord and wobble spiritually; however, we must remain strong in our faith and rejoice that Christ will always be at our side, every step of the way.

There is a famous poem called 'Footprints in the Sand', which puts the message in to context. I copied a version on the last page of this newsletter; I hope you find it comforting and inspiring.



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## This Week's Prayer

Merciful Father, as we carry our crosses, give us the strength to do it with Your grace. There are many people in our communities whose crosses have been too heavy to bear, we ask you to comfort them in body, mind and spirit. Almighty God, You sent Your Son to set us free, to make us rich in faith, love and hope. Unite us in communion with You and give us the strength to bear our cross in Your glory. 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 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018

| Year Groups |
|-------------|
| Rec.        |
| Year 1      |
| Year 2      |
| Year 3      |
| Year 4      |
| Year 5      |
| Year 6      |

| Class Name | Attendance |
|------------|------------|
| Acorn      |            |
| Daisy      | 98.21      |
| Buttercup  | 93.20      |
| Lavender   | 99.72      |
| Fern       | 98.85      |
| Oak        | 96.39      |
| Ash        | 98.33      |

| Class Name | Attendance |
|------------|------------|
| Chestnut   |            |
| Poppy      | 96.11      |
| Sunflower  | 96.54      |
| Lilac      | 99.09      |
| Heather    | 96.94      |
| Sycamore   | 96.94      |
| Willow     | 97.78      |

**'BEST ATTENDANCE'**  
FOR THIS WEEK  
KS1: Daisy  
KS2: Lavender

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.

## Footprints in the Sand



*One night I dreamed a dream.*

*As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.  
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.  
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in  
the sand, one belonging to me and the other, to my  
Lord.*

*After the last scene of my life flashed before me,  
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.  
I noticed that at many times along the path of  
my life, especially at the very lowest and saddest  
times, there was only one set of footprints.*

*This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord  
about it.*

*"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,  
you would walk with me all the way.*

*But, I noticed that during the saddest and most  
troublesome times of my life, there was only one  
set of footprints.*

*I don't understand why, when I needed you the  
most, you would leave me."*

*He whispered, "My precious child, I love you  
and will never leave you, never, ever, during your  
trials and testings.*

*When you saw only one set of footprints, it was  
then that I carried you.*