



St. Augustine's Newsletter

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Learning & General Information

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

We will be celebrating Black History Month next week and will be commemorating the life of **Walter Daniel John Tull** (28 April 1888 – 25 March 1918) who was an English professional footballer and British Army officer of Afro-Caribbean descent. He played for Clapton, Tottenham Hotspur and Northampton Town and was the third person of mixed heritage to play in the top division of the Football League. During the First World War, Tull served in the Middlesex Regiment, including in the two Footballers' Battalions. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant on 30 May 1917 and killed in action on 25 March 1918.

RECEPTION PHONICS WORKSHOP

We look forward to welcoming our Reception parents to a Phonics Workshop on **Friday 5th October at 9.15am** in the Junior Hall. At the meeting, we will show you how we begin teaching your child to recognise letters / sounds and to be able to start to read and write. We do this in a fun way and will need lots of parental involvement trying out the different activities.

PHOTOGRAPHS

The school photographer will be attending school on **Thursday 4th October**. In addition to photographing individuals, arrangements will be made for siblings to be photographed together. Children in the morning and afternoon Nursery will also have their photograph taken during the day. All photographs are supplied on a sale or return basis – there is no obligation to purchase.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Your child will have brought home a leaflet today about a Christmas project which is run by the organisation, Samaritan's Purse. We ask children to fill a shoebox with various treats e.g. small soft toys, felt pens, toothbrush etc. These shoeboxes are then sent to children around the world who would not normally receive any presents. Please read the instructions carefully and send in your boxes to school by Friday 9th November.

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. 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.

Thank you and God bless.



FAITH JOURNEY

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Mark 9:30-37

After predicting his passion, Jesus calls us to be like servants of all

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus challenges us in two different ways. Firstly by saying, "Whoever wants to be first, must be last of all and servant of all." Our human nature or natural instinct is to resist this notion of becoming last in whatever we do, in order to be first. By nature, we are competitive beings. Secondly, he commented that "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me". Naturally, our human nature is very receptive to welcoming young children; however I believe Christ might be using the notion of a child as a symbol for the needy, the helpless, the weak and the vulnerable.

Once you start to reflect on these two statements, it becomes clearer that Jesus is saying, by putting others first, you're putting him and God first. Let us take some time out and reflect on the following –

- Loving others is loving God
- Putting others first is putting God first
- Welcoming someone who is weak, needy, helpless or vulnerable is welcoming God



“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

This Week's Prayer

Gracious God, help us not to do anything out of selfishness or vanity, but instead may we act in the godly grace to regard the needs and desires of others as being more important than our own.

We ask you to teach us to pray and live as Christ lived – *in the power of the Spirit and to your praise and 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 28th September 2018

Year Groups	Class Name	Attendance	Class Name	Attendance
Rec.	Acorn	98.00	Chestnut	92.73
Year 1	Daisy	97.57	Poppy	95.70
Year 2	Buttercup	95.60	Sunflower	99.23
Year 3	Lavender	95.94	Lilac	92.31
Year 4	Fern	98.62	Heather	98.33
Year 5	Oak	97.62	Sycamore	98.33
Year 6	Ash	98.52	Willow	96.36

'BEST ATTENDANCE'
FOR THIS WEEK
EYFS & KS1:
Sunflower
KS2:
Fern

DIARY DATES – AUTUMN TERM 2018

w/c 1 st October	Black History Week	
4 th October	School Photographer, (Individual and family portraits)	
5 th October	Reception Phonics Workshop – Junior Hall	9.15am
9 th October	New Reception Parents Open Day - Reception 2019	9.30am onwards
11 th October	Year 4 Epping Forest Conservation Centre	
15 th October	Resources Committee	6.00pm
17 th October	Parent Teacher Consultations	3.30 – 6pm
18 th October	Parent Teacher Consultations	3.30 – 6pm
19 th October	Wear It Pink Day in aid of Breast Cancer	
w/c 22nd October	HALF TERM	

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.

