



St. Austin's Catholic Primary School A Catholic Voluntary Academy Weekly Newsletter: Friday 28th September 2018 No: 4



Spiritual Reflection—Being kind

The advice given by Jesus in this Sunday's Gospel is 'do not stop anyone from doing good in my name.'

Acts of goodness or kindness should be celebrated.

Our school, our parishes and our homes are made up of people who have an unwavering desire to serve God and to help one another to be the best we can possibly be.

If you get a chance today, do something kind, nothing amazing, just a simple act and probably something that you do every day anyway. This time, stop and notice what you have done – your small act of kindness has just impacted someone's life, not just for that moment, but forever. Your kindness can create a chain reaction for one act of kindness will lead to another.

Mass of Welcome

We began the working week with Mass in Church and thank Monsignor David for saying this mass for us. A special thank you goes to the Y6 children who read at Mass. The children's behaviour whilst walking to and from church and during Mass was excellent. Please remember that all parents are invited to join us at many of our liturgies and Masses throughout the year. We will always notify you of forthcoming events. The children love to see their parents or grandparents at events.

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-THANK YOU!

Yellow is always a predominant colour in our school given that it is part of our summer school uniform which many children are still wearing and can continue doing so until half-term.

Once again, today the school was even brighter than usual with staff donning the Smiley Sun T Shirts. Adding to this brightness was the beautiful sunshine that we have enjoyed today, which always puts a smile on our faces.

We have been very impressed with the number of bags of clothing and other permitted items that have been brought into school this week—thank you so much for your generosity and for supporting this fundraising initiative. We look forward to announcing how much YOU have helped us raise for the benefit of your children in next week's newsletter.



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.

Creative Curriculum

One of our priorities this year is to develop a creative curriculum for all children. We know that through unique and exciting opportunities children will become more enthused about their learning and school in general. As you are already aware we are planning a 'Space Week' in just over a week's time.

The children in Y1T and Y1/2C classes enjoyed a visit from West Yorkshire Fire Service earlier this week as part of their 'People Who Help Us' Topic.



Diary Dates for this half-term

Tuesday 4th October	Ambulance Service Representative in school visiting Classes Y1T and Y1/2C
Friday 5th October	UFS and KS1 Harvest Assembly—KS1 Hall at 9.30am—Parents welcome
Friday 5th October	Y5 Fun Run at St. Wilfrid's High School
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
Saturday 13th October	First Meeting for parents of children making First Reconciliation (Y3 upwards) St. Austin's Church—2pm—4.30pm
Monday 15th October	Y5 Fire Safety Talk (Bonfire Night)
Wednesday 17th October	FOSAS Meeting at 2.30pm in school—All welcome!
Friday 19th October	Y3 Indoor Athletics Festival at St. Wilfrid's—all Y3 pupils will attend
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— Joshua Frudd
Class RG— Jewel Mathew
Class 1T— Isabel Joseph
Class 1/2C – Gracie— Mai O'Malley
Class 2V— Megan Blackburn
Class 3W— Swasti Singh
Class 3/4AT— Dara Fallon
Class 4M— Safullah Abrar
Class 5B— Hannah Starford
Class 5/6C— Millie Da Silva Johnson
Class 6CD— Ehren Johnson

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 99% and also to 4M in KS2 with an attendance of 99.33%

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

