



# St. Augustine's Newsletter

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## Learning & General Information

### **PARENT CONSULTATIONS**

Last year, we trialled booking your consultation appointments online and the general feedback was good; hence this will be the way forward. Instructions have gone out and the appointments are live. We have already had 213 appointments booked. Please ensure you book yours as soon as possible. If you require any help, please contact the School Office.

### **PSA EVENTS**

Please note the revised dates and times for the following PSA events:

9 <sup>th</sup> November	Infant Disco	4 – 5.30pm
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Junior Disco	7 – 8.30pm
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Infant Disco	4 – 5.30pm
1 <sup>st</sup> February	Junior Disco	7 – 8.30pm

### **SAMARITAN'S PURSE**

Your child will have brought home a leaflet on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 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 9<sup>th</sup> November.

### **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. 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.

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

The 'Lost Property' in the school is slowly growing and it has been difficult identifying whom these uniforms belong to. This is not just in the Infants but in the Juniors as well. I am aware that uniform prices are competitive but I am sure no one wants repeated investment. Please label all items, including ties and trousers.

**Thank you and God bless.**



# FAITH JOURNEY

## GOSPEL REFLECTION: **Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48**

*Be tolerant, and do not scandalise the little ones*

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus outlines 3 different expectations from us. The first expectation, Jesus demands us to see the good in others irrespective of any differences – **Tolerance**.

The second, to overcome the mindset of people who consider themselves better than others and despised the needy, poor, weak... - **Humility**.

And the final expectation is to avoid worldly challenges preventing us having a relationship with God – **Devotion to God**.

All three expectations are often intertwined in our daily experiences because we are constantly faced with choices. The one thing that glues all the expectations and makes it easier to meet is faith.

Faith in God makes everything possible, irrespective of the challenges that lies ahead. It justly guides us on our life and spiritual journeys even when the road is rocky. It ensures we make the choices that are good in the eyes of God.



*“Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.”*

## **This Weeks's Prayer**

Heavenly Father,  
You created us in your image so that we can be beacons to others  
You gave us your only Son so that we may have your salvation  
You sent us the Holy Spirit so that we may be guided on our spiritual journey  
We thank you for your wonderful gifts  
We praise you for your great glories  
We adore you for your gracious mercies  
We offer ourselves as messengers to deliver your good news  
All we want to do is thank you for our lives.  
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 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Year Groups	Class Name	Attendance	Class Name	Attendance
Rec.	Acorn	96.13	Chestnut	94.64
Year 1	Daisy	98.61	Poppy	93.10
Year 2	Buttercup	96.48	Sunflower	98.30
Year 3	Lavender	98.61	Lilac	97.50
Year 4	Fern	98.86	Heather	97.50
Year 5	Oak	98.33	Sycamore	98.89
Year 6	Ash	99.44	Willow	97.21

**'BEST ATTENDANCE'**  
FOR THIS WEEK  
EYFS & KS1:  
Daisy Class  
KS2: Sycamore

### DIARY DATES – AUTUMN TERM 2018

9 <sup>th</sup> October	New Reception Parents Open Day - Reception 2019	9.30am onwards
11 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 Epping Forest Conservation Centre	
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Ash Class Assembly	2.45pm
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Resources Committee	6.00pm
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Teacher Consultations	3.30 – 6pm
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Teacher Consultations	3.30 – 6pm
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Wear It Pink Day in aid of Breast Cancer	
w/c 22nd October	<b>HALF TERM</b>	

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.