



# St. Augustine's Newsletter

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## Learning & General Information

**SECTION 48 INSPECTION:** I would like to thank you all for completing and returning the Parent Survey in time for the inspectors to review. It is pleasing to know that you acknowledge and appreciate Christ is at the centre of what we aim to do in school. There was also some feedback that has given me points to reflect on. Once again, thank you for your continuing support.

**APPLICATION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES 2019:** A reminder that the closing date for applications for Year 7, commencing in September 2019, is **31<sup>st</sup> October 2018**.

**CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE OF PRACTICE:** Rev Canon Paul Bruxby will be available to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October** in the meeting room at the back of the church, from 12noon until 1pm, on a first come first served basis, for those applying for secondary transfer (Year 7) and admission to Reception Class in September 2019.

**PARENT CONSULTATIONS:** Parent Consultations will be held next week on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October**, 3.30 – 6pm. Please ensure you book your appointment, via Parentmail, as soon as possible. If you require any help, please contact the School Office.

**WEAR SOMETHING PINK DAY:** Next **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October** will be a non-uniform day. Children are asked to bring in a £1 donation and wear something pink to raise money for Breast Cancer Awareness. Please do not worry if your child does not have any pink items of clothing as they can still wear non-uniform and bring in the donation.

**PHONICS WORKSHOP:** Thank you to all the parents who attended this informative workshop and I hope those who attended found it useful. Thank you to Mrs Christou who led the workshop.

**MIDDAY ASSISTANT VACANCY:** We currently have a vacancy for a Midday Assistant, 1 hour per day, Monday to Friday, term time only. Please contact Mrs Brogan in the Infant Office for an application form. Closing date for completed applications is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

**NATIONAL CHILD MEASUREMENT PROGRAMME:** The NELFT Redbridge 0 – 19 Children's Universal Services (who work as part of the NHS) will shortly be coming to the school and measuring children's height and weight of pupils in Reception and in Yr 6. This is as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. If you have a child in Reception or Yr 6 you will receive a letter with information to explain about this in advance of when the measure are taken. Result letters are sent out to parents approximately 6 weeks after the measurements have been taken. If attached to your results letter you receive an invite to a healthy lifestyle sessions we encourage you to attend.

**Thank you and God bless.**



# FAITH JOURNEY

## GOSPEL REFLECTION: Mark 14

*Lifelong marriage; and receiving the kingdom of God as a little child*

Sunday's Gospel was a two-part message; the first was based on commitment and the second being non-judgemental. Over the last few Sundays, Jesus continues to be questioned about his actions in relation to the Jewish laws. Every time he had similar answers – the laws should not be interpreted to suit specific situations. What genuinely matters, is the state of the heart and what is good in the eyes of the Lord. In not so many words, faith in God will always guide your heart. The second part of the Gospel highlights Jesus' disappointment in his disciples' attempt to stop children coming to him. His response - "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

When we discussed this second part of the Gospel in the Juniors' liturgical assembly, we all recognised that what Jesus was saying to us was, irrespective of our differences, that we will all be welcomed by him into his Kingdom. When you combine both messages, it becomes even clearer the message Christ is giving his disciples – faith and the divine reward of his kingdom is not an exclusive club for a select few. All he is asking us is to aim to do what is good in the eyes of the Lord and always welcome everyone unconditionally. Throughout the scriptures, Jesus demonstrates these values, from eating with the much-disliked Zacchaeus the tax collect to allowing a perceived sinful woman wash his feet with her tears, hair and oils. Let us take this opportunity to reflect on our views and relationships with all those in our communities.



*Commitment and unconditional acceptance are values that will be guided by our faith.*

## This Weeks' Prayer

Dear God, we come to you because we acknowledge that sometimes we are weak and become judgemental. Our hearts and spiritual eyes shy away from you because of our daily challenges. However, you always open your arms and welcome us like a young child yearning for love. Teach us to have a pure heart so that we can love to accept people unconditionally. Guide us in our commitment to you and the people around us. Because once we are able to achieve these values, only then, we can ask for the gift of your kingdom. We ask these through Christ our Lord. 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 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Year Groups	Class Name	Attendance	Class Name	Attendance
Rec.	Acorn	95.07	Chestnut	95.48
Year 1	Daisy	95.00	Poppy	95.38
Year 2	Buttercup	94.83	Sunflower	99.17
Year 3	Lavender	99.17	Lilac	98.33
Year 4	Fern	100.00	Heather	99.17
Year 5	Oak	98.33	Sycamore	99.17
Year 6	Ash	99.58	Willow	99.17

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

## DIARY DATES – AUTUMN TERM 2018

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.