



# St. Augustine's Newsletter

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## Learning & General Information

**SECTION 48 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INSPECTION:** I hope you have all received a copy of the Section 48 Inspection report. I would like to thank you for your contribution and support. The 'Outstanding' outcome is a result of the triangulated-collaboration of the church, home and school. We have all had different roles in building the Religious Education, Collective Worship and Catholic Life provision of our school.

**GDPR / IMAGE AND PHOTO USE POLICY:** Today you will receive, via ParentMail, an updated copy of our 'Image and Photo Use' Policy. Please read this policy carefully. We are required to obtain your written consent for your child's image to be used in certain circumstances in school. A separate form has been sent home today with your child, requesting your written consent. Please complete and sign both sides of the form and return to the school office as soon as possible.

**WEAR SOMETHING PINK DAY:** Thank you for supporting the recent non-uniform day in support of Breast Cancer Awareness. A total of £238 was raised and has been forwarded to the charity.

**INFLUENZA IMMUNISATION:** All children from Reception to Year 5 are being offered a flu vaccination on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November**. It is important to return the consent forms even if the recommended vaccination is refused.

**POPPY APPEAL:** Next Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November is Remembrance Sunday when we remember fallen heroes of all wars and conflicts especially those during the two World Wars. The school supports the Royal British Legion by selling poppies. On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November, the children will wear a poppy made in class during the week. A minute silence will be observed at 11am.

**BE BRIGHT / BE SEEN** – We had previously asked the children to wear fluorescent coloured clothing to school on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November. **This event has now been postponed and children should wear their school uniform to school.**

**PSA INFANT DISCO:** The PSA Infant Disco will be held on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November**, 4 – 5pm in the Junior Hall. Tickets £4 including drinks and crisps. Please text John Poon on 07968 055410 if you can help by 5<sup>th</sup> November. We currently do not have enough parents helping for this event and need more helpers. Please note that children need to be picked up after school and taken to the Junior Hall by parents. The Youth Hall will be open for children to change and refreshments for all from 3.45pm. Teas and coffees will be served at a small cost for parents in the Youth Hall.

**PSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** A reminder that the PSA will be holding their Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November** at 3.30pm in the Junior Building. All parents and carers are welcome to attend this meeting.

**BOOK FAIR:** We will be holding a Book Fair in the Junior Hall from **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**, 3.30 to 4pm. By supporting this event, you will be helping the school to earn free books to enhance teaching and learning.

**SAMARITAN'S PURSE:** You will have received a leaflet about the Christmas project, which is run by Samaritan's Purse. We ask children to fill a shoebox with various treats e.g. small toys, felt pens, toothbrush etc. These shoeboxes are then sent to children around the world who would not normally receive any presents. A reminder to send in your filled shoeboxes to school by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

**Thank you and God Bless**



# FAITH JOURNEY

## GOSPEL REFLECTION: Mark 10:46-52

*Jesus hears the prayer of a blind man and gives him back his sight*

Sunday's Gospel was about Bartimaeus, a blind beggar who had faith. As result of his faith, his sight was restored by Jesus. When I reflected on this Gospel, I thought about blindness in three different forms. Most of us, or the people around us, sometimes suffer from one form or the other. The first type is the physical blindness where we are unable to physically see the world around us. Most of us have our physical sight to see our loved ones and the beauty of God's creation; however, we take it for granted. *How often do we wake up and thank the Lord for our gift of sight. How often do we praise and thank God for the gift of sight of our friends and families.* The second type is the morality blindness – we know what is right in the eyes of the Lord, yet we make a different choice because what is good in the eyes of the Lord is sometimes more beneficial to others than us. Tolerance and charity are examples of Gospel values we sometimes find challenging. Let us ask ourselves this question: *why are we not readily accepting of what is different to our perceived norm? why do we always want more for ourselves rather than what others need?* St. Oscar Romero once said - 'Aspire not to have more, but be more'.

The third type is spiritual blindness – this is often the result of withering or lack of faith. Without faith in God, we become spiritually hungry and thirsty; eventually we become weak and cannot see or achieve spiritual fulfilment.

To summarise my reflection in not so many words- Let us be grateful and thankful to the Lord for what we have, especially our gift of sight. We are truly blessed because we are able to see the beauty of his creation; let us make every effort to see all that is good in others.



*Because of his faith,  
Bartimaeus' sight was restored  
by Jesus.*

## This Weeks's Prayer

Dear Lord, we thank you for the gift of sight. We thank you that we can see your beautiful creations, including our loved ones. We ask you to heal us of any blindness (spiritual or moral) that we might have. Open our hearts and eyes so that we can always see the good in ourselves and the people around us. Almighty Father, we ask this through your merciful Son, Jesus Christ.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018

Year Groups	Class Name	Attendance	Class Name	Attendance
Rec.	Acorn	91.79	Chestnut	93.27
Year 1	Daisy	99.58	Poppy	97.50
Year 2	Buttercup	90.35	Sunflower	93.33
Year 3	Lavender	96.12	Lilac	99.14
Year 4	Fern	99.17	Heather	98.75
Year 5	Oak	96.55	Sycamore	100.00
Year 6	Ash	100.00	Willow	98.75

**'BEST ATTENDANCE' FOR THIS WEEK**

**EYFS & KS1:**  
Daisy Class

**KS2:**  
Sycamore & Ash Class

## DIARY DATES – AUTUMN TERM 2018

5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving Mass – celebrated by Bishop Alan Williams	11:15am
6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	New Reception Parents Open Day – Reception 2019	9:30am onwards
7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	PSA Annual General Meeting	3:30pm
9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Buttercup Class Assembly	9.15am
9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Sycamore Class Assembly	2.45pm
9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Infant Disco – Junior Hall	4:00pm – 5:00pm
w/c 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti-Bullying Week	
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Flu Vaccinations (Reception – Year 5)	am
16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Junior Disco	7:00pm – 8:30pm

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.