



St. Augustine's Newsletter

Date: **Friday 9th November 2018** Issue: 9

Learning & General Information

80th ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING MASS: On Monday, we celebrated the 80th anniversary of our school. Rt Rev Alan (Bishop of Brentwood Diocese) celebrated Mass in church. It was an uplifting experience for all. Previous members of staff and parents joined in the celebration. I would like to thank everyone who attended Mass and helped us to celebrate this joyous occasion.

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.

ODD SOCKS DAY: To launch the start of Anti Bullying Week, the children are invited to wear odd socks to school on **Monday 12th November** to celebrate what makes us unique.

GDPR / IMAGE AND PHOTO USE POLICY: We are required to obtain your written consent for your child's image to be used in certain circumstances in school. A separate form was sent home with your child last week requesting your written consent. Please complete and sign both sides of the form and return to the school office as soon as possible.

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

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: Sunday 11th November is Remembrance Sunday when we remember fallen heroes of all wars and conflicts especially those during the two World Wars. The school supported the Royal British Legion by selling poppies. Today, Friday 9th November, the school observed a 2-minute silence at 11am.

PSA INFANT DISCO: The PSA Infant Disco will be held today **Friday 9th November**, 4 – 5.30pm in the Junior Hall. Tickets £4 including drinks and crisps. 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.

BOOK FAIR: We will be holding a Book Fair in the Junior Hall from **Wednesday 21st to Friday 23rd 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.

Thank you and God Bless



FAITH JOURNEY

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Mark 12:28-34

The greatest commandment of all

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus expresses in simple terms, what God expects of us all—the *greatest commandments*. The first: to love the Lord our God with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind and all our strength. When we reflect on this command, God is asking us to replicate his love for us – unconditional love. The second commandment wants us to love our neighbours we love ourselves. This is also an unconditional form of love.

Within our communities, everyone seek for what is best for themselves and their loved ones, this is just human nature; and subconsciously, we can't help it. This two commandments are inter-linked. The scripture tells us that God created all man/woman in his own image; physically, we appear different but we are one in God's image. Hence, loving another person (*irrespective of who or what they are*) is, loving God. Jesus also said, "*Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, that, you do unto me*"

In order to fulfil these two great commandments, requires sacrifices, devotion and the Lord's guidance. Let us take time out to speak to God through prayers, praises and adoration; and ask him to show us how best to carry out these commandments. God is always here listening to our every word and thoughts.

"God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good"



Jesus explained to the scribe that, the unconditional love of God and one's neighbour are the greatest commandments we should live by.

This Week's Prayer

Dear Lord, we thank you for loving us unconditionally. We thank you for still loving us when we turn away from you. We recognise that it is humanly challenging to love unconditionally. Heavenly Father, you said, "ask and you shall receive"; we therefore come to you asking for spiritual enlightenment and strength to love you with our entirety and love our neighbours as you have commanded us.

We ask these through Christ your Holy Son.

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 9th November 2018

Year Groups	Class Name	Attendance	Class Name	Attendance
Rec.	Acorn	93.60	Chestnut	94.50
Year 1	Daisy	96.87	Poppy	96.06
Year 2	Buttercup	92.48	Sunflower	97.58
Year 3	Lavender	95.19	Lilac	99.69
Year 4	Fern	100.00	Heather	99.09
Year 5	Oak	98.12	Sycamore	98.12
Year 6	Ash	98.48	Willow	98.79

'BEST ATTENDANCE' FOR THIS WEEK

**EYFS & KS1:
Sunflower Class**

**KS2:
Fern Class**

DIARY DATES – AUTUMN TERM 2018

w/c 12 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week	
12 th Nov	Odd Socks Day	
12 th Nov	Flu Vaccinations (Reception – Year 5)	am
16 th Nov	Junior Disco	7:00pm – 8:30pm
21 st – 23 rd Nov	Book Fair – KS2 Hall	3.30 - 4pm
29 th Nov	PSA Non Uniform Day	
30 th Nov	PSA Christmas Bazaar	
3 rd Dec	Advent Celebration and Reconciliation Service; KS2 to attend, Yr 3 & 4 to lead	2.15pm

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.