



# St. Augustine's Newsletter

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## Learning & General Information

**PARENT GOVERNOR:** We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor to join the Governing Body from January 2019. This important role ensures that parents have a voice about the management of our school. To be eligible for this role:

- You must be the parent / carer of a child in the school
- You will need a proposer and seconder, both of whom must be parents / carers of children in the school
- You will need to provide a short statement (maximum of 100 words) supporting your candidature.
- Nominations will close on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018**.

Nominations forms and further details are available from Mrs Brogan in the Infant Office.

**SCHOOL CHOIR:** Well done to all members of our School Choir who went carol singing at Queens Hospital in Romford on Wednesday morning to raise funds for both Queens and King George Hospital.

### **PSA CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 3.45 – 5.30pm**

**Non-Uniform Day - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November:** Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform in return for a donation to the Christmas Bazaar. You will have received information explaining what each year is asked to bring.

**Donations:** Please leave any donations of toiletries, gift sets, toys, books etc. in the School Office Reception area.

**Volunteers:** If you can spare an hour to help set up or run a stall that would be great. The success of the Bazaar is completely dependent on your support. Please email: [www.staugustinespsa@hotmail.com](mailto:www.staugustinespsa@hotmail.com) if you are able to help.

**Grand Draw Tickets:** The Grand Draw will take place at the Bazaar. Please help the children to sell the tickets.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** Christmas lunch will be served on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**. As all children in KS1 are entitled to a free school meal, we will automatically order meals for every child. If your child is in KS2 and they wish to have a Christmas Lunch, please forward £2 in an envelope marked 'Christmas Lunch' along with your child's name and class by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. **Children can wear a colourful or Christmas jumper / T shirt to school on this day if they wish.**

### **Christmas Menu**

*Roast Turkey, Chicken Sausage and Gravy or Festive Pizza (v)*

*Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Peas*

*Christmas Ice Cream and Chocolate Shortbread Biscuit*

**APPLICATION FOR RECEPTION SCHOOL PLACES 2019:** If your child is starting school for the first time in a primary school in September 2019, you must apply on line at [www.redbridge.gov.uk/eadmissions](http://www.redbridge.gov.uk/eadmissions) It is important that you select your six preferred schools before the deadline or you are unlikely to get a place at a school you choose. The closing date for completed applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2019**. Rev Canon Paul Bruxby will be available to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December in the meeting room at the back of the church, from 12noon until 1pm, on a first come first served basis.

**Thank you and God Bless**



# FAITH JOURNEY

## GOSPEL REFLECTION: Mark 13:24-32

### *Be prepared for the second coming of Christ*

Sunday's Gospel discussed events that will take place during the second coming of Christ. In his descriptions of the events to his disciples, Jesus painted a grim picture – *darkened sun and moon, stars falling from the sky and heavenly bodies being shaken*. Despite this grim message, he offered hope - those who have prepared for his coming, will be gathered by his angels as the elected. The joy of being one of the elected is wholly within our reach, it is not dependent on other people. Hence, we have an opportunity to make sure that we are constantly prepared, as we do not know that day. In our everyday life, before starting anything, we will often make sure that we are prepared. This is duly because we all want to succeed, either for ourselves, or for others around us or for those in our care.

What Jesus is saying to us is very clear, at some point in time in our lifetime, we will experience a challenge far beyond our comprehension, however our faith will prepare us and as a result, there is hope.

My question to us all, is, how do we make sure that our faith is strong enough to prepare us for these challenges? The Good News (words of Christ, our Lord) are there to guide us.

Let us take this opportunity to reflect on the following, either literally or metaphorically – *“After a dark night, there is a brighter day”*. The message is clear, with Jesus on our side, we will always have hope.



*The second coming of Christ.  
Jesus is asking us to be  
prepared as we do not know  
when this time is.*

### **This Week's Prayer**

*Heavenly Father, we come to you as your humble servants.  
Inspire us with your Good News and make us an instrument of  
peace. Prepare us to be worthy of your selection.  
Sometimes when things are tough, we lose hope. Inspire us to reflect  
on your word and be better prepared to deal with those challenges.  
There are people in our school community who are sick, needy,  
worried and lonely. We ask you to give them hope that tomorrow will  
be a better day. We ask these through Christ our Lord.  
Amen*

## Prayer



## WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE - Week Ending Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

| Year Groups | Class Name | Attendance | Class Name | Attendance |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Rec.        | Acorn      | 90.09      | Chestnut   | 91.02      |
| Year 1      | Daisy      | 91.09      | Poppy      | 96.94      |
| Year 2      | Buttercup  | 88.27      | Sunflower  | 87.57      |
| Year 3      | Lavender   | 93.07      | Lilac      | 94.75      |
| Year 4      | Fern       | 98.06      | Heather    | 96.67      |
| Year 5      | Oak        | 98.85      | Sycamore   | 94.54      |
| Year 6      | Ash        | 96.11      | Willow     | 97.22      |

**'BEST ATTENDANCE' FOR THIS WEEK**

**EYFS & KS1:**

**Poppy**

**KS2:**

**Oak**

### DIARY DATES – AUTUMN TERM 2018

|                           |  |               |
|---------------------------|--|---------------|
| 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov      | PSA Non Uniform Day  |               |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov      | PSA Christmas Bazaar   | 3.45 – 5.30pm |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> December  | Nursery PM Concert   | 2pm           |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> December  | Nursery AM Concert   | 10am          |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> December  | Reception Concert  | 2pm           |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> December | KS1 Concert – Daisy and Buttercup Classes  | 2pm           |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> December | Year 5 / 6 Carol Service   | 7pm           |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> December | Christmas Lunch – Children can wear a colourful or Christmas jumper / T shirt to school. |               |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> December | KS1 Concert – Poppy / Sunflower Classes  | 2pm           |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> December | Non Uniform, Christmas Parties   |               |
| 21 <sup>th</sup> December | End of Term Mass   | 9.30am        |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> December | <b>School Closes at 2pm</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