



St. Augustine's Newsletter

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Learning & General Information

PSA CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – TODAY, FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER, 3.30 – 5.30pm

We look forward to seeing you this afternoon at our Christmas Bazaar in the Junior and Youth Hall.

KS2 RECONCILIATION SERVICE: On Monday 3rd December, Years 3 & 4 will lead our Reconciliation Service to mark the beginning of Advent and to have an opportunity to reflect on times when we have not done our best and to say sorry. Due to the redecoration works currently taking place in the Church, the service will be held in the Junior Hall. Unfortunately, parents and carers will not be able to attend the service this year, due to the limited space available in the Junior Hall. Thank you for your understanding.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES / SAFEGUARDING: Due to safeguarding concerns, under no circumstances are any images taken of the children, on the day of their Christmas performances, to be shared on social media. Individual arrangements regarding the Christmas Concerts will be sent home separately via ParentMail.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Christmas lunch will be served on **Wednesday 12th 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 3rd 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

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 7th December 2018**.

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

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 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 **15th January 2019**. Rev Canon Paul Bruxby will be available to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice on Saturday 8th 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:

This coming Sunday marks the beginning of Advent. Advent is the English translation of the Latin word '*Adventus*', which means '*coming*'.

This is significant in the Catholic Church because it is the period we prepare for the coming of our Lord, Jesus on Christmas Day.

Preparing for Christmas is special, both spiritually and humanly. We often humanly prepare by planning meticulously for Christmas - *decorating the house, buying and wrapping presents, cooking*; the list can be endless. It is almost a routine. However, preparing spiritually is not commonly viewed as the more important of the two types of preparations.

Let us take this opportunity to reflect and make a concerted effort to put our spiritually preparation first. How can we prepare spiritually is the key question. The answer is simple - *observing Jesus' life and words*. Our Lord was humble, generous, forgiving, loving, tolerant. . .

I genuinely believe these are good starting points. During Lent, we have our Lenten Promise, which we might mean giving up something or start doing something for other people; I propose we have an Advent promise; an opportunity to follow in the footsteps of Christ by reaching out to *needy, sick, lonely, hungry and weak* of our communities during this special period. I am sure Jesus will be proud and welcomed to households that have made every effort in following in his footsteps.

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



This Week's Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

As we prepare to enter the season of Advent, we ask you to give us the wisdom in order to have a greater understanding of the coming of our Lord Jesus; a good heart to receive him into our homes and our hearts; a yearn to follow in his footsteps of humility, gentility, generosity and a forgiving nature.

We rejoice and thank you for the strength and guidance you have given us to be able to prepare. During this special time, we think about our departed loved ones and we thank you for receiving them into your light. We ask you to grant them the opportunity to be reborn with Christ and into your kingdom. For the sick of our school community, we ask you to lay your healing hands on them so that they can rejoice at the coming of Christ Jesus.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Prayer



WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE - Week Ending Friday 30th November 2018

Year Groups	Class Name	Attendance	Class Name	Attendance
Rec.	Acorn	93.87	Chestnut	94.13
Year 1	Daisy	95.93	Poppy	95.83
Year 2	Buttercup	93.83	Sunflower	96.13
Year 3	Lavender	96.66	Lilac	96.59
Year 4	Fern	98.91	Heather	98.62
Year 5	Oak	97.42	Sycamore	97.64
Year 6	Ash	97.96	Willow	97.72

'BEST ATTENDANCE' FOR THIS WEEK

EYFS & KS1:
Sunflower

KS2:
Fern

DIARY DATES – AUTUMN TERM 2018

30 th Nov	PSA Christmas Bazaar	3.30 – 5.30pm
6 th December	Nursery PM Concert	2pm
7 th December	Nursery AM Concert	10am
7 th December	Reception Concert	2pm
11 th December	KS1 Concert – Daisy and Buttercup Classes	2pm
12 th December	Christmas Lunch – Children can wear a colourful or Christmas jumper / T shirt to school.	
13 th December	KS1 Concert – Poppy / Sunflower Classes	2pm
20 th December	Non Uniform, Christmas Parties	
21 th December	End of Term Mass	9.30am
21 st December	School Closes at 2pm	

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

CHURCH CAR PARK

Please refrain from using the church car park if you do not have an electronic swipe card issued by the Parish.