



# St. Augustine's Newsletter

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## Learning & General Information

### **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

It was wonderful to see so many families at our PSA Christmas Bazaar last Friday. The magnificent sum of £2,533 was raised; thank you for coming to support this event. On behalf of the children, staff, governors and parents, I would like to thank the PSA for their tremendous hard work and commitment to our school. We are truly blessed as a school community.

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Thank you to all the parents who sent in filled shoeboxes. The shoeboxes have been delivered to the processing centre from where they will be distributed to the needy children. By doing this, we have fulfilled one of our obligations of being generous and caring to those who have less.

### **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Christmas lunch will be served on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**. **Children can wear a Christmas jumper or colourful T-shirt to school on this day if they wish (Not football/rugby shirts)**. It is a special time of the year for all the children and staff. From previous observations, the children enjoying having lunch with the staff and particularly, enjoy being served by them.

### **CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES / SAFEGUARDING (& GDPR)**

A reminder that due to safeguarding concerns (and GDPR), 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 have been sent home separately via ParentMail.

### **SCHOOL CHOIR**

We have received a letter from King George & Queen's Hospital thanking the children for supporting the charity by singing at their recent Christmas Market. The wonderful sum of £149.49 was raised on the day. The Choir also visited George Davis Lodge this week to sing to the residents and they will be Carol Singing again on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 11am at Tesco in Barkingside. Thank you to the children and to Mrs Laxton who leads the Choir.

### **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

## ADVENT REFLECTION

Last Sunday marked the start of the Advent season; the beginning of a new Church Liturgical Year and therefore, I wish you a Happy New Year.

**Candle 1** in the Advent Wreath was lit; an appropriately named candle – **Hope**. The second coming of Jesus brings us hope, therefore we have plenty to look forward to. This candle is also referred to as the **Prophecy Candle**. This is in remembrance of Prophets (primarily Isaiah) who prophesied the coming of the Messiah.

If we reflect on the symbolic representation of the circular-shaped Advent Wreath (made from the evergreen holly or ivy plant); it reinforces God's love for us; there is no beginning or end; and it never changes with seasons. The lit candle also reminds us that Jesus is the Light of the world and as Catholics, we are called to be a light to the world in our words and actions.

To summarise, Advent is that special season, when we wait and prepare in joyful hope for the coming of Jesus Christ our Messiah; and while we wait, we have to be a light to the world by being more Christ-like: *forgiving, caring, generous, loving, tolerant, respectful, humble...*



*“God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good”*

## This Week's Prayer

Dear Lord, we thank you for the lives of the prophets who gave hope to the world, by foretelling the coming of Jesus Christ, our Messiah. And as we light this 'candle of hope', let it guide our thoughts, words and actions especially during this special season of Advent.

Almighty Father, as we wait for the birth of Jesus our Lord, give us hope to receive him in glory and fill us with joyful hope.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

## Prayer



## WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE - Week Ending Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Year Groups	Class Name	Attendance	Class Name	Attendance
Rec.	Acorn	94.12	Chestnut	92.81
Year 1	Daisy	95.98	Poppy	99.72
Year 2	Buttercup	96.06	Sunflower	96.68
Year 3	Lavender	99.44	Lilac	94.38
Year 4	Fern	98.61	Heather	98.04
Year 5	Oak	95.69	Sycamore	99.17
Year 6	Ash	97.87	Willow	99.44

**'BEST ATTENDANCE' FOR THIS WEEK**

**EYFS & KS1:**

**Poppy Class**

**KS2:**

**Lavender & Willow Classes**

### DIARY DATES – AUTUMN TERM 2018

11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Concert – Daisy and Buttercup Classes	2pm
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch – Children can wear a Christmas jumper or colourful T-shirt.	
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Concert – Poppy / Sunflower Classes	2pm
20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Non Uniform, Christmas Parties	
21 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of Term Mass	9.30am
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	<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

### **CHURCH CAR PARK**

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