



St. Augustine's Newsletter

Date: **Friday 14th December 2018** Issue: **14**

Learning & General Information

END OF TERM

Parents are welcome to attend our end of term Mass in St Augustine's Parish Church on Friday 21st December at 9.30am.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

EYFS – Nursery and Reception

On Thursday 6th and Friday 7th December, the Nursery and Reception children performed their Nativity. The singing and acting were polished and unbelievable amazing. I was completely overwhelmed with pride and I am sure all the parents who attended will agree with me.

KS1 – Years 1 and 2

This week on Tuesday and Thursday, the Key Stage 1 children had their nativity production. What an accomplished performance. The singing and acting were fantastic and it was incredible the amount of lines the children had to learn. I was very proud of all the children.

Years 3 and 4

On Monday, the Year 3 and 4 pupils led the Advent Celebration and Reconciliation Service in Junior Hall. The celebration provided us with the opportunity to reflect on some of the key events before the second coming of Jesus. The children's reading, acting and singing was exemplary. What an excellent contribution they have made to this special season of Advent.

Years 5 and 6

On Tuesday 11th December, the Year 5 and 6 pupils presented their Carol Concert to Years 3 and 4 children and it was an incredible performance. The singing was pure and their acting was impeccable. An excellent contribution to our Advent season.

I would like to thank all the children and staff involved for their marvellous effort.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas dinner prepared by the Catering Team. Thank you to our Catering Staff, Midday Assistants and all the staff who helped in so many ways to ensure that it was a great success.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Class Christmas Parties will take place on the afternoon of **Thursday 20th December**. We would like the children to bring in their own plate of food and a carton of drink. Please ensure that this is on a paper plate that is labelled with your child's name. A reminder that we have a number of children with allergies, so please do not send in any items containing nuts or food that needs refrigerating. This is also a non-uniform day (no donation expected). The children will be going out to play as usual so please make sure they wear appropriate warm clothing and footwear.

PARENT GOVERNOR

Congratulations to Ms Yau who has been appointed as Parent Governor to serve on the school Governing Body for a period of four years. We thank Ms Yau for volunteering to undertake this important role in our school.

LAST DAY OF TERM:

A reminder that school will finish at 2pm on Friday 21st December.

Thank you and God Bless



FAITH JOURNEY

ADVENT REFLECTION

The second purple candle in the Advent Wreath was lit last Sunday. This marks the second Sunday of Advent; this candle symbolises **PEACE**. It is also referred to as the Angel's Candle because it reminds us of the message of the angels: *"Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."*

One of the most important thing we all seek in our lives is peace; and we know that Jesus will bring peace in his second coming. During this season of Advent, let us make sure we prepare ourselves to receive the peace of Christ with a peaceful heart. In order to receive peace, one must be peaceful within one's self. To be peaceful in one's self, one has to be peaceful towards everyone in one's life – be it families, friends, neighbours, colleagues or anyone we encounter in our daily lives. Let us take this opportunity to reach out to anyone we are at conflict with and share the peace of Christ.

Every morning, as week wake up, let us give thanks to the Lord for another day that we are able to experience his unconditional love for us, even when we stray from him. And before we go to bed at night, let us thank him for the lights from the Advent candles guiding and protecting us through another day, irrespective of all obstacles (*known or unknown*).



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

This Weeks's Prayer

Merciful Father,
As we light the second candle of Advent and continue to prepare for the coming of your son, fill our hearts and lives with your peace.
Inspire us to share this graceful peace with everyone we encounter in our lives.
For only when we share peace, we become peaceful in our thoughts, words and actions. We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Prayer



WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE - Week Ending Friday 14th December 2018

Year Groups	Class Name	Attendance	Class Name	Attendance
Rec.	Acorn	90.51	Chestnut	94.63
Year 1	Daisy	94.83	Poppy	98.89
Year 2	Buttercup	93.90	Sunflower	98.49
Year 3	Lavender	97.50	Lilac	97.13
Year 4	Fern	98.33	Heather	95.83
Year 5	Oak	97.70	Sycamore	97.22
Year 6	Ash	96.67	Willow	97.22

'BEST ATTENDANCE' FOR THIS WEEK

EYFS & KS1:
Poppy Class

KS2:
Fern Class

DIARY DATES – AUTUMN TERM 2018

20 th Dec	Non Uniform, Christmas Parties	
21 th Dec	End of Term Mass	9.30am
21 st Dec	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.