



# St. Augustine's Newsletter

Date: **Friday 21st December 2018** Issue: **15**

## Learning & General Information

### **BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**

Thank you to everyone who supported the collections taken at the end of our Christmas Concerts in aid of Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. A total of £227.47 has been forward to the charity.

### **SCIENCE**

Over Christmas, why not visit the Science page on our school website and click on the links for Science themed experiments for the whole family to enjoy.

### **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**.

### **YEAR 6 SATs MEETING**

A meeting for Year 6 Parents/Carers will take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 3.30pm in the KS2 Hall. During the meeting, we will explain the SATs process, booster classes and the revision programme. The meeting should last no longer than 45 minutes. If you are unable to attend, please make sure you collect a copy of the PowerPoint presentation from the Year 6 teachers.

### **END OF TERM**

A reminder that school closes today at 2pm. Children return to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

*I would like to this opportunity to wish you all and all your families a blessed Christmas and wonderful New Year; I pray that Almighty God will continue to bless and guide us safely into 2019, so that we can testify to all the wonders He's done for us, even for the ones we were unaware of.  
Thank you and God bless*





# FAITH JOURNEY

## ADVENT REFLECTION

Last Sunday was Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday, which marks the beginning of the third week of Advent. We light the Pink candle; this candle represents our Christian joy, as well as the mission of John the Baptist.

The theologian Henri Nouwen described the difference between joy and happiness. He described happiness being dependent on external factors; while, joy as the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing – *sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death* - can take that love away. Therefore, joy can be present even in the midst of sadness. What a profound description of joy.

In preparing for the coming of our saviour Jesus Christ, who will fill our hearts with joy, we know and are grateful to him because no one or anything can take that joy away from us. For this reason, let us always give thanks to our Lord and praise his mighty name, with every breath that we take; every night, that we must and for every second of the day.



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

## This Week's Prayer

*Dear Lord, give us the resilience and strength to proclaim the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ, especially when we are spiritually weak. During this week of Advent, help us to be gracious in waiting and humble in preparing. Make us worthy of the glory that will come with the arrival of your beloved son. We ask that, the candle of Bethlehem that guided Mary and Joseph on their journey, shine brightly on our paths.*

*Amen.*

Prayer



## WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE - Week Ending Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018

Year Groups	Class Name	Attendance	Class Name	Attendance
Rec.	Acorn	83.59	Chestnut	89.29
Year 1	Daisy	90.80	Poppy	94.97
Year 2	Buttercup	87.99	Sunflower	96.66
Year 3	Lavender	95.83	Lilac	91.67
Year 4	Fern	98.33	Heather	96.94
Year 5	Oak	92.24	Sycamore	92.77
Year 6	Ash	95.00	Willow	94.26

**'BEST ATTENDANCE' FOR THIS WEEK**

**EYFS & KS1:**  
**Sunflower**

**KS2:**  
**Fern**

SPRING TERM		
7 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring Term Commences	
15 <sup>th</sup> January	New Nursery Parents Open Day - Nursery 2019	By Appointment
16 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 SATs' Meeting, Junior Hall	3.30pm
25 <sup>th</sup> January	PSA Infant Disco	4 – 5.00pm
1 <sup>st</sup> February	PSA Junior Disco	7 – 8.30pm
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day	
14 <sup>th</sup> February	PSA Break the Rules Day	
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent / Teacher Consultation Day (school closed to children)	8am – 1pm



### **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.