



St. Augustine's Newsletter

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Learning & General Information

WELCOME BACK: Happy New Year to you all and I hope your Christmas was full of our Lord's blessings. A new year for new beginnings, a time to reflect on the events of the past, explore the present and look forward to the future. It was great seeing most of the children return; we also welcomed some new children to our school community. I pray that the Lord will continue to guide and inspire us, in living and sharing his Gospel values. I am already looking forward with great anticipation to the great blessings this year will bring and our continuing collaboration with all members of our school community. I would like to thank you all for your kind generosity towards myself and my staff over the years especially for the Christmas gifts.

START OF NEW TERM/YEAR MASS: I would like to thank Rev. Canon Paul Bruxby for celebrating Mass to mark the start of a new term and a new year. A special thank you to the parents who were able to join us.

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**.

APPLICATION FOR NURSERY PLACES 2019: Application forms are now available for admission to our Nursery Class in September 2019 for children born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016. Closing date for applications is Friday 8th March 2019. Children are entitled to 15 hours of funded provision per week. An additional 15 hours can be paid for by a Government extended 30 hour voucher code, childcare vouchers or by monthly payment. For further details, please contact the Infant Office on 020 8554 1919. Rev Canon Paul Bruxby will be available to sign the Catholic Certificate of Practice form on Saturday 23rd February from 12noon to 1pm in the meeting room at the back of the church, on a first come, first served basis.

YEAR 6 SATs MEETING: A meeting for Year 6 Parents/Carers will take place on **Wednesday 16th 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.

CHINESE NEW YEAR – YEAR OF THE PIG

Chinese New Year officially begins on 5th February, continuing for two weeks until celebrations end on 19th February. More than one billion people in nine countries across the globe celebrate Chinese New Year every year. On **Tuesday 5th February**, children are invited to come to school wearing something coloured red. Please note we are not asking parents to make a voluntary contribution for this event.

If you are able to contribute to our Chinese New Year celebrations on Tuesday 5th February, please contact Mrs Ranjan or Mrs Watkins as soon as possible. You could show Chinese artefacts, demonstrate some Chinese cooking, read a short story, speak, sing dance or show some of the beautiful clothes.

Thank you and God Bless.



FAITH JOURNEY

GOSPEL REFLECTION: **Matthew 2:1-12**

The Magi's visit shows the light of Christ for all the nations

Last Sunday was the Feast of the Epiphany. The word epiphany means a moment of sudden and great revelation or realization. When we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus as the newborn king and our messiah.

Whenever I reflect on this Gospel, I always seem to identify three major events – *the revelation of Christ by a rising star, the journey of faith by the magi and the paying of homage to the newborn king/messiah.*

As members of this school community, we all will identify with these events. At some point in time, we embark on a metaphorical journey and the paths can sometimes be challenging. However, we know with our faith, the light of Christ will always guide us in the right direction. There will be times when we might not be happy with the outcome we physically experience, but Christ's light will always guide us to what is best for us, spiritually. In addition, we too, can experience our very personal epiphany.

We ask the Lord to guide us in receiving our epiphany, so that we can praise, glorify and pay homage to his mercies and blessings.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

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



The three wise men came to pay homage to Jesus, the new born king and messiah.

This Weeks's Prayer

Dear Lord,

As we start this new year and embark on a new spiritual and academic journey, we ask you to send us your light to brighten our path; enrich our faith so that we can be resilient no matter what challenges we encounter. Quench our thirst with your water of life, so that we can praise you, every day of our lives.

We thank you for the blessings of the past year and look forward to a new year of your glory. We pray for our beloved ones who are not here with us to experience this new year, knowing that they are seated at your table of eternal grace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer



WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE - Week Ending Friday 11th January 2019

Year Groups	Class Name	Attendance	Class Name	Attendance
Rec.	Acorn	98.21	Chestnut	95.98
Year 1	Daisy	96.55	Poppy	92.67
Year 2	Buttercup	95.40	Sunflower	92.08
Year 3	Lavender	96.23	Lilac	95.83
Year 4	Fern	99.17	Heather	99.17
Year 5	Oak	90.83	Sycamore	95.42
Year 6	Ash	97.48	Willow	94.58

'BEST ATTENDANCE' FOR THIS WEEK

EYFS & KS1:

Acorn Class

KS2:

Fern & Heather Classes

SPRING TERM

15 th January	Nursery Open Day – Please ring to book an appointment	
16 th January	Year 6 SATs' Meeting, Junior Hall	3.30pm
25 th January	PSA Infant Disco	4 – 5.00pm
1 st February	PSA Junior Disco	7 – 8.30pm
5 th February	Chinese New Year Celebrations – Children can wear something coloured red to school	
12 th February	Safer Internet Activities	
14 th February	PSA Break the Rules Day	
15 th February	Parent / Teacher Consultation Day (school closed to children)	8am – 1pm

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.