



St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Autumn 5 Newsletter (7/11/14)

This month's Value is 'Care and Compassion'
Please can you re-enforce this with the children at home throughout November

Message from the Head

I informed you a few weeks ago that we are now part of the central Preston parish of St John XXIII along with St Joseph's, St Theresa's, English Martyr's and St Ignatius' primary schools and parishes and Christ the King High School.

As part of this restructure I am sad to say that after Sunday 23rd November we will no longer be celebrating Sunday Mass in the Junior School hall. Below is an extract from a letter from our priests; Frs Tony Walsh, Frank Osman and Peter Groody regarding this:

'Blessed Paul VI ... said that parishes which are too small should be united as conditions and circumstances demand. The news which you have been given about the reduction of Masses and places of worship in the Parish of St John XXIII, which is to a great extent due to the changes Preston as a town has seen over the last 50 years or so, is part of that process. It is sad for us, as it will be for you, that places of worship that have served Preston for almost two centuries will no longer exist. The future of St Ignatius' Church has yet to be decided...

The Mission of Christ and His Body, which is the Church, must and will continue in Preston. The practical part of that Mission, carried out in our five primary schools and in the high school, in the foodbank and feeding the poor at St Augustine's Presbytery, by those who visit the sick, the housebound and bereaved, will hopefully go from strength to strength. The spiritual part, the celebration of Sunday Mass ... may be happening in fewer places, but it is still a central act of the Parish.

There is no indication that will affect us as a school on a day to day basis other than losing the close link we have with the parishioners of St Augustine's who have celebrated Mass in the school for over 30 years.

Proposed Sunday Mass times for the parish are 9:30am at English Martyrs Church and 11:15am at St Joseph's Church from the 30th November.

Could I please ask you to keep our parishioners in your prayers over the next few weeks as they are going through this major change.

The final Mass at St Augustine's on the 23rd of November at 9:30am - it would be great if some parents and children could attend.

Many thanks, *Mr John Entwistle*

A huge thanks goes out to all the families, governors and staff who came to help out during the Environmental Day. It was such a great success that we plan to repeat it in Spring/Summer (hopefully with a BBQ and bouncy castle!)

Reminders for the next fortnight

Mon 10th Nov	Parent Group Meeting 9:00 Y4 swimming Book Sale Week begins
Thurs 13th Nov	Restorative Thinking Parent training Govs Curriculum and Community Committee
Fri 14th Nov	Non-uniform day - Christmas Gifts
Mon 17th Nov	Start of Pastoral Week (Anti-bullying) Y6 at Preston indoor Games Y4 swimming Restorative Thinking Parent Group 1 update
Tues 18th Nov	Y6 height, weight and vision testing
Thurs 20th Nov	Non-uniform day - Restorative Thinking Parent training
Fri 21st Nov	INSET Day - children not at school Parent Group Table Top Sale
Sun 23rd Nov	Last Sunday Mass in school

Pupil Premium

Every year we get around an extra £1,300 in our budget for every child who is entitled to the Pupil Premium Grant. Most of this goes on providing extra support for them in school, but also subsidising certain activities we do. We have indicated in more detail how we use the money to support the children on our website.

Any child who has been registered for free school meals while they have been at school is entitled this grant. We have noticed this year that due to all children receiving free school meals in the Infants that the number registered has dropped - this will affect the funding available to support your child.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following: Income Support, Income-based Jobseekers Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit, Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190), Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit, Universal Credit

If you are not sure how to apply please ask at the school office and they will advise you what to do.

In order to support our Pupil Premium children, this year we have decided to fully fund their first trip of the year. So I urge you to check if your child is eligible for free school meals - even if they don't have them at school.

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Feedback from Mission Statement Parent Questionnaire

Thank you for everyone who filled in the questionnaire about the new Mission Statement and Motto. We had a great response:

- 92% agreed that they reflected well what we stand for as a Catholic school (only 1% disagreed)
- 92% thought that they were easy to understand (only 1% disagreed)
- 86% thought the statements included all children in school (only 1% disagreed)
- 89% thought the Motto summed up the Mission Statement Well (none disagreed)
- 85% agreed that they are inspirational (none disagreed)

There were a lot of positive comments from parents about what they liked about the statements. Because of this, and with the positive feedback from the children, I will propose to the school Governors that we adopt them immediately.



ST AUGUSTINE'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Following the work we have carried out on the new school Mission Statement and Motto we have had the school's logo updated - see above (it will be in red). We will be getting feedback from the children about this over the next few weeks. If you have any views on it could you please let your child/ren know so they can feed it back to the School Council.

This half term's diary

Fortnightly Winners

Infant Stars of the Week

- FC: Marcel Bajerski, Aleksander Klosowski, Raihan Saleh. **Hasina Hansrot, Fiza Motola, Unaysah Patel.**
- Y1: Alicia Barnes. **Scarlett Gonzales.**
- Y1/2: Klaudia Majewska. **Bobby Pritchard.**
- Y2: Julia Pawlak. **Kaitlin Richardson.**

Junior Model Pupils

- Y3: Jacob Anderton, **Malaika Malik**
- Y3/4: Dominik Balint, **Rummanah Laly**
- Y4/5: Akai Anderson-Goulbourne,
- Y5/6: Maryam Piperdi, **Zuzanna Czwordon**
- Y6: Liam Fives, **Stephen Holden, Beau Smith**

Value Pupils of the Week- Showing Responsibility

- FC: Samra Bukhari, Aisha Patel. Unaysah Patel **Mohammed Alqatamin, Habibah Islam, Mikko Santos,**
- Y1: Naadiya Ahmed. **Umar Vaid.**
- Y1/2: Violet Darbyshire. **Hala Alqatamin.**
- Y2: Zaina Nakhuda. **Julia Wujtowicz.**
- Y3: Raihan Bux, **Saadiyah Desai**
- Y3/4: Muhammad-Ameen Saleh, **Michelle Morys**
- Y4/5: Maja Szenderwicz, **Kulthoom Atcha**
- Y5/6: Faatimah Hafeji, **Erin Cookson**
- Y6: Abbi Kenyon, **Haani Patel**

Names in bold are winners of the monthly awards presented at the monthly Celebration Assembly.

Anything in bold you are welcome to attend, anything in larger font is a new event:

10th-14th Nov

14th Nov

17th-20th Nov

17th Nov

21st Nov

23rd Nov

24th - 28th Nov

28th Nov

1st - 5th Dec

4th Dec

5th Dec

8th Dec

10th Dec

11th Dec

16th Dec

17th Dec

18th Dec

19th Dec

5th Jan

Book Fair in Monday to Thursday

Non-uniform day - Gifts for the Christmas Fair

Pastoral Week (focussing on Anti-bullying)

Y6 at Preston Indoor Games

INSET Day - children not at school

Parent Group Table Top Sale

Last Sunday Mass at school

Assessment Week in school

Non-uniform day - Infant =bottles,

Junior = chocolate

Y1/2 pet shop open afternoon

After school clubs all finished by today

Christmas Art and Design Technology Week

Christmas Fayre with Fr Christmas

Deadline for Homework Grids

Autumn term reports out

Christmas Production for Infant parents

Christmas Production for Junior parents

Talent Show Auditions

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Party Day

Talent Showcase 9:30 am & Finish for Christmas at 1:30pm

Start back at school

During the next INSET day (Friday 21st November) the school's Parent Group will be holding a **Table Top Sale** in the Infant Hall.

More information to follow shortly.