



**St. Augustine's RC Primary School**  
**Summer 2 Newsletter 29<sup>th</sup> April 2016**  
**Statements to live by**

Week Beginning 2nd May 2016: I understand what trust means

Week Beginning 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016: I try to forgive people when they hurt me.

**First Holy Communion (Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30 a.m.)** Please pray especially for all the children and families who are preparing for First Holy Communion. Father Seamus has asked that parents and carers ensure that they bring their children to Mass each Sunday leading up to the First Communion Weekend.

**Learning to Lead at Mass.**

The parish is delighted that we continue to have children from Years 2 - 6 getting involved in reading, serving, collecting etc. at Sunday Mass. It is a great way for children to feel part of the Mass and St. Augustine's Parish community. There is always coffee in the Parish Centre after Mass. This gives families a chance to meet and make friends beyond school. I am sending home information about the last 3 dates for the current school year. Please return the slip to let us know when your child would be available to take part.

**Mini Vinnies Raffle - Our Mini Vinnies Group** would like to thank everyone who supported this raffle which was drawn last Friday (22<sup>nd</sup> April) and raised £150.00. Your generous donations mean that the SVP in India will now be able to support 10 children in education and buy them the resources needed for them to reach their full learning potential.

**National Tests**

Week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> May Y6 will undertake the new National Tests and Year 2 will begin their tests which are taken over a longer period of time.

Y6 seem to be enjoying their breakfast club and making the most of the additional opportunity.

Special thanks to Mr McGeeney for giving even more time and energy than usual to organising this!

It is important that all our children are on time for the start of the school day but **it is particularly important, over the next few weeks, that Year 2 and Year 6 children are not late/absent/taken out of school.** Any absence can affect the school's overall results.

**Sporting Achievements**

**Swimming** - Congratulations to Sofia, Y6, who represented our school and Darlington at the Tees Valley Swimming Competition last week and won 2 silver medals. Well done!

**Orienteering** - Congratulations to Edward, Alice M, Luca, Amber, Malachi, Evelyn, Oliver W & Sadie who represented our school at the recent Orienteering Competition in Darlington. The team performed brilliantly and resulted in Edward & Alice being awarded the Gold Medal, Luca & Amber being awarded the Silver Medal, with our school achieving 2<sup>nd</sup> Place overall. Well Done!

**Football** - Well done to our football team who won their most recent game against Polam School.

**Ballroom Dancing:** Due to unforeseen circumstances, it has been necessary to cancel the last two sessions of the Ballroom Dancing (18.5.16 & 25.5.16). Refunds will be issued to parents who have paid for this event.

**Sainsbury's Active Kids** - Thank you to everyone who has donated these vouchers to school. They will be exchanged for sports equipment/sports experiences and cooking utensils which will benefit all our pupils. This campaign ends on Tuesday 3rd May so please ensure you have handed in all your vouchers by then.

## Reminders:

- Please make sure your child has a labelled water bottle in school
- Although some days are warmer, we are still prone to heavy rain showers. Please can you ensure that your child has a waterproof jacket in school at all times.  
**Sun protection** - hats/glasses/sun lotion - sun lotion should be applied before children come to school.
- **PE Kits** - Please can you ensure that your child has his/her full P.E. kit in school (T-Shirt and Shorts) and that they have **correctly fitting** PE shoes. Shoes that are too small or too big make it unsafe for children to take part in P.E. Lessons.
- **Children should not wear any jewellery to school apart from wrist watches.** If earrings have to be kept in for a limited time after piercing then small plain studs may be worn for that limited period only. After that earrings should be removed for school.

**Head Lice** We currently have several classes affected by head lice. Please check your child's head regularly for any sign of nits or lice and treat accordingly if they are found. Further information and appropriate treatments are available from the pharmacy / chemists.

**Dinner Money** - Dinner money is £10.00 per week and payable on a Monday. Please send money in a sealed envelope with your child's name clearly marked on the front. Cheques need to be made payable to 'St Augustine's RC Primary School'.

**School Crossing Patrol** Please be aware that there is still no crossing Patrol Officers on duty for the Coniscliffe Road & Beechwood Avenue crossings. Please ensure that your child is aware of this matter, especially if they walk home independently.

**Change of Menu for Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016** Please be aware that the menu for this day has changed to the following:

<b>Main course</b>	<b>Vegetables</b>	<b>Pudding</b>
Pork Sausage or Neopolitan Pasta (v)	Creamed Potato Broccoli Carrots	Pineapple Upside Down Pudding Custard Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

## **PFA events**

### **Coffees After Mass**

Definitely the best bacon sandwiches this year! A HUGE THANK YOU to all the parents/carers who served, washed up, baked and supported the PFA during April. A lovely way to combine fundraising for the school and involvement in parish life.

### **Disco Cancelled.**

Sadly, the PFA have had to cancel the 80s disco due to lack of support. Please read the separate letter which I am sending home today.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May:** Feast of St. Augustine of Canterbury and the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Beechwood Avenue School. More information will be sent out next week.

We expect the noisiest and dustiest work on our school quad to begin during the half term break.

Wishing everyone a happy and relaxing bank holiday weekend.

Mrs M McCollom  
Head of School