



St Augustine's RC Primary School SUMMER TERM Newsletter 3 13th May 2016

Statements to Live By

Week beg 16th May: I try to accept forgiveness from others.

Week beg 23rd May: I know how to show I am sorry.

Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury-Friday 27th May

Learning to Lead at Mass. Once again our Key Stage 2 children have taken on minor ministries at the 9.15 Mass. This has become a regular monthly event and some children have now moved onto the normal Parish rota for the ministry of reading. It is wonderful to have children regularly taking an active part in the liturgical life of the parish and hopefully preparing to take on those roles when they are older. There have been many complimentary comments from parishioners. Thank you to everyone who has already replied to last week's letter. We will be sending out all the information about this programme again in September. Please consider enabling your child to take part (**Key Stage 2 pupils**). Special thanks to Mrs Webster, from the parish who has helped to prepare the children for this.

First Holy Communion (Saturday 18th June at 10.30 a.m.)

We are all looking forward to one of the most important Parish and School celebrations of the year. Please continue to pray especially for all the children and families in our Parish who are preparing for First Holy Communion.

Y6 SATs Our Year 6 pupils completed their last national test paper yesterday and enjoyed a more relaxed day in school. (Back to the hard work on Monday!) Thank you to parents and carers for making sure that the children were in school every day and arrived on time. All parents and carers can feel very proud of the children's exemplary behaviour and calm approach to the tests. Mr McGeeney and I were very impressed.

Y2 SATs Y2 are continuing with their SATs. Again the behaviour has been exemplary and parents and carers should be very proud of the way the children are working and trying their best.

Coffee Mornings & PFA Events Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended the coffee mornings on Thursday and Friday last week. This gave me an opportunity to discuss further the events and activities that would be well received. There were lots of very good ideas put forward and we also received more offers of help. We will be holding further coffee mornings in the near future so please look out for more details. If you are unable to attend but would like to help or have an idea that you think would be suitable, then please contact the School Office. A number of families have not yet replied to the letter sent out a couple of weeks ago.

PFA Football, Tattoos and Nail Painting, Friday 20th May, 3.30pm at School. Please come along and support this event if you can.

Y4 & Y5 Visit to South Park Pupils in Y4 & Y5 had a very enjoyable visit to South Park last week. They were able to increase their knowledge of their class topics 'Watercourse' and 'Rivers'. Thank you to our helpers who accompanied the children on this visit.

Primary School Games Well done to all of Y5 who have taken part in this competition today. The children have been practising a variety of events, including Mini Hockey, Tri-Golf and Rounders prior to the competition taking place.

The Big Walk This scheme, run by Local Motion, will take place over the whole of next week and is an incentive for you to leave the car at home, or a distance from school, so that you can walk the journey. Rewards will be given to each child who takes part.

Educational Visits Teachers have decided on visits for their classes this term and more details of these trips will be sent home shortly, however the dates of these visits are listed on the 'Dates for your Diary' overleaf.

Reminders

- Please make sure your child has a labelled water bottle in school **every day**. Thank you.
- Although the days are getting warmer, we are still prone to heavy rain showers so please ensure that your child has a waterproof jacket/coat in school at all times.
- Sun protection - Hats/glasses/sun lotion. Lotion should be applied before children come to school.
- P.E. kits - please ensure that your child has their full and correct PE kit in school (T-shirt and shorts) and they have correctly fitting P.E. shoes. Half term is a good time to check sizes!

Additional clothing e.g. tracksuits/leggings can be brought in for outdoor activities during the colder and possibly muddier weather but **no alternative kit is needed at present**.

Uniform

Please remember to check that all uniform and PE kit is clearly labelled.

Please ensure that children are wearing the correct uniform, including sensible shoes (**not trainers!**)

Earrings are not to be worn in school. Small plain gold or silver studs may be worn for a limited period of time immediately after ear piercing

Head lice

Please ensure that you check your child's hair at least once a week. Treatment is the first step to remove lice but continued combing and checking is the key to removing the infestation permanently.

In the interests of hygiene and to ensure that children can work comfortably, long hair should be tied back.

School Crossing Patrol Please be aware that there is no Crossing Patrol Officer patrolling the Coniscliffe Road/Beechwood Avenue and Stanhope Road sites. Please ensure your child is aware of this especially if they walk home independently.

Car Park Please **do not** let children play or run around the car park. This is not only very dangerous but it is also to prevent any damage to parked cars. Also they must not play on the steps and ramp outside the kitchen door, this is an access route and must be kept clear at **ALL TIMES**.

I met recently with **St. Augustine's Traffic Detectives** from Year 6. They have been very busy, making a video about parking issues. This will be shown in school after half term and we will arrange for parents and governors to see the film at another time and for the group to present other information about travel, transport and parking.

St. Augustine of Canterbury - Feast Day & School's 30th Birthday Celebrations

This year we are celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the opening of the Beechwood Avenue School.

Fr. Seamus will be celebrating Mass for the Children, Staff and Governors on Friday 27th May.

(St. Augustine's Feast Day.)

During the last week of the half term we will be celebrating in school with:

- an 80s day (Wed 25th May)
- an open afternoon for parishioners (Thu 26th May)
- a whole school photograph. (Fri 27th May)

The children have been invited to create a presentation about the story of St. Augustine of Canterbury.

We will select one presentation to be part of our School Website.

Children will also be trying to find out about the history of the school. If you are a former pupil you may be able to tell your child about some of the changes made to the school in the past 30 years. Perhaps you have some old school photos you could share!

Best wishes

Mrs M McCollom

Head of School

Dates For Your Diary

Mon 16 th May	Darlington Quadkids Event - Eastbourne Sports Complex
Wed 18 th May	Boys Football match at Longfield School
Wed 18 th May	Boys Football match at Heighington Primary School 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Fri 20 th May	Darlington Quadkids Event for Y2 - Eastbourne Sports Complex
Fri 20 th May	PFA Football, Tattoos and Nail Painting event at School 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Tue 24 th May	Y6 Cricket at Darlington RA Club
Fri 27 th May	St Augustine of Canterbury Feast Day and 30 th Anniversary of our Beechwood Ave Site.
Fri 27th May	School closes for half term 3.25pm
Mon 6th June	School re-opens for teaching
Tue 7 th June	Y5 Visit to Hardwick Park
Wed 8 th June	Y6 Visit to Rock Antics and Roseberry Topping
Thu 9 th June	Y5 & Y6 Darlington Primary Athletics Competition - Eastbourne Sports Complex
Thu 9 th June	Reception Visit to Beamish Museum
Mon 13 th June	Darlington Primary Maths Challenge - Longfield Academy
Mon 13 th June	1st Holy Communion Practice 3.15pm - 4.30pm. Pupils to be collected from Church.
Fri 17 th June	Macmillan Dress Up and Dance Event
Sat 18 th June	First Holy Communion Mass in Church 10.30am
Mon 20 th June	First Holy Communion Photographs IN CHURCH 9.00 a.m.
Wed 22 nd June	Sports Day 9.30am (Weather Permitting)
Wed 22 nd June	Y3 & Y4 Visiting Library, Crown Street.
Mon 27 th June	Y4 Visit to Hardwick Park
Tue 28 th June	Y3 Visit to Durham Oriental Museum
Tue 28 th June	Darlington Primary Cricket Festival - Darlington RA Club
Wed 29 th June	Y5 Visit to Centre for Life
Thu 30 th June	Y1 Visit to Preston Park
Thu 30 th June	Primary - Secondary Transition Days (Y6)
Fri 1 st July	Primary -Secondary Transition Day (Y6)
Thu 7 th July	Darlington Community Games (Y4)
Fri 8 th July	End of Year Reports go home
Fri 8 th July	PFA 80's theme Family Disco - Parish Centre 6.30pm - 9pm
Mon 11 th July	Open Evening (No Appointment Necessary) 3.30pm - 5pm
Tue 12 th July	Y6 Leavers Bike Ride
Tue 12 th July	Change for Life Celebration Event - Eastbourne Sports Complex
Thu 21 st July	End of the school year (School finishes at 3.25 p.m.)