



St Augustine's RC Primary School

SPRING TERM Newsletter 4: 26th February 2016

Statements to live by:

Week Beg 29th Feb: I try to appreciate the beauty and the wonder in the world around me

Week Beg 7th March: I know that it is ok for me to make mistakes

Welcome back to another busy half term!

Lent at St. Augustine's School

As always we will focus in school on 3 key things during this time of preparation for the Church's most important celebration: Easter. We will be encouraging the children to do a little more of each of the following:

Praying Our school day is punctuated by prayer and we encourage the children to pray a little more at school and at home during this season.

Fasting - For children this usually means giving up something during Lent. Please talk to your child about what they might give up - even for a few days - during Lent.

Giving

It was lovely to welcome parents and carers into school this afternoon for the CAFOD Lent Fast Day Liturgy. Y3 pupils led the liturgy, with readings from the gospel linking in with this year's theme of 'Make a Splash' - providing accessible water points, making it easier for girls and women to collect the water that they need daily.

If you would like to find out more about CAFOD and its work go to www.cafod.org.uk

This year we are following a different theme for each week of Lent in School.

You might like to use these themes at home.

W.B 22nd Feb Smile Week

W.B. 29th Feb Listen to Jesus Week

W.B. 7th Mar Tidy up Week

W.B. 14th Mar Say Sorry Week

W.B. 21st Mar Hug Week.

Mass in School - Everyone is welcome to join us.

Thu 3rd March- Year 6; Thu 10th March -Year 4; Thu 17th March; Y5 and Y3.

Stations of the Cross

Some of the children will lead the Parish Stations of the Cross on Friday 11th March at 12.15 p.m. It would be lovely if parents/carers could join us at church that day.

Girls Football - Congratulations to all the girls who represented our school at Longfield Academy. They played brilliantly and came SECOND in their group. The team were accompanied by two of our Playmaker representatives, Elise and Hannah from Y5. I was informed that the organisers of the Football Match had been very impressed with the coaching skills displayed by these two pupils and their helpfulness and organisation during the day. All the pupils who took part in this event are fantastic ambassadors for our school - Well done!

Pedestrian Training Y1 & Y2 Y1 & Y2 have started their Pedestrian Training this week. This training delivers a programme of traffic education including crossing the road safely and sensible pedestrian behaviour. The training will take place in small groups over a period of three weeks.

World Book Day-Thursdays 3rd March

We are looking forward to next Thursday when children (and staff!) can dress as a favourite character **from a book** to celebrate this annual event. Children are encouraged to bring that book into school and share it with the class.

Money and Work Week - 14th-18th March - please see separate letter

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS Don't forget to bring in your Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. There is a box for these at the School Office.

P.E. KIT A number of children seem to have grown out of their kit since half term. Please can you check that your child has the proper PE kit (as described in the School Prospectus) including plimsolls. We need to make sure that they are safe and comfortable in P.E. lessons.

MISSING RUCKSACK A 'Cath Kidston' rucksack went missing from the KS2 cloakroom on the last day of the half term. The contents of the rucksack were left on a bench but the bag itself had disappeared. Please check at home in case someone has taken it in error.

<u>After School Clubs This Half Term (Upto 24.3.16)</u>			
<u>Club</u>	<u>Day /Time</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	
Dance Club	Monday 3.30 - 4.30pm	Y3 & Y4	Ends 14/3/16
Sporting Futures Hockey	Tuesday 3.30-4.30pm	Y5 & Y6	Ends 22/3/16
Boys and Girls Football	Wednesday 3.30-4.30pm	Y5 & Y6	TBC
Ballroom Dancing	Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30pm	Y1 & Y2	Ends 16/3/16
Sculpture Club	Thursday 3.30 - 4.30pm	Y5 & Y6	Ends 10/03/16
Drama Club	Thursday 3.30-4.30pm	Y3, Y4 & Y5	Ends 17/3/16

Dates and Events

22 nd & 29 th Feb & 7 th	Pedestrian Training: Y1 & Y2
Mon 29 th Feb	Y3 Tennis Competition
Tues 1 st March	St David's House Celebration
Thu 3 rd March	World Book Day:
Tues 8 th March	Y5 & Y6 Swimming Gala
Thu 10 th March	Mass in School
Thu 10 th March	Y6 Safety Carousel
Fri 11 th March 12.15pm	Parish Stations of the Cross in Church led by School
Mon 14 th - Fri 18 th Mar	Money and Work Week
Fri 18 th March	Sport Relief
14 th , 15 th , 16 th & 18 th March 9am	Reception Stay & Play Sessions
Mon 21 st March 10am	Recp & KS1 Stations of the Cross in School. All welcome
Wed 23 rd March	Tees Valley Cross Country Competition
Thu 24 th March	MAUNDY THURSDAY End of Term 3.25 finish
Fri 25 th March	GOOD FRIDAY
Sun 27 th March	EASTER SUNDAY
Tues 12 th April	School reopens for pupils

Helpers in School. We need some parent helpers in school to support reading in different classes. Parents who have recent experience of early reading (word boxes and first books) would be particularly welcome.

With only 3 weeks and 4 days left we are having to overlap events this half term and appreciate you keeping an eye on the list of dates and times and I look forward to seeing you at liturgies in school/church this half term.

Mrs M McCollom
Head of School