



## St Augustine's RC Primary School

SUMMER TERM Newsletter 7 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016

### Statements to Live By.

We have completed all the Statements for this year. I was delighted that some of our Year 6 pupils asked if they could prepare and lead our worship for the last two Mondays of the year. They led us very well today, using the story of St. Paul's conversion to help us think about changing things in our own lives. It is wonderful that our children have the knowledge, understanding and confidence to take a lead in this way.

I would also like to thank the Year 5 pupils who have prepared and led our 'Statement to Live By' liturgies each Monday. They have also done a great job, showing their growing understanding of the key elements of collective worship.

**Mass for St Peter & St Paul** Thank you to all the parents/carers who joined us to celebrate the feast of St Peter & St Paul in church. It is a few years since the Holy Day of Obligation fell on a weekday. As always the children were complimented by Fr Seamus for their contributions in reading, prayer and song.

**Mini Vinnies** - please see the separate letter from our group.

### School Trips

**Y4** enjoyed a fantastic day at Hardwick Park where they explored the park and took part in various activities including Wild Adventure Storytelling and Scavenger Art.

**Y3** had a wonderful time at Durham Oriental Museum. They took part in a 'Life & Death in Ancient Egypt' workshop which linked in with their history topics.

**Y2** had a very informative visit to the Centre for Life where they explored the exhibits and gained a greater understanding of science which links in with the topics studied this year.

**Y1** visited Preston Park Museum and Grounds where they explored the Victorian Street. This visit linked in with their history topics in School.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those parents who have given up their time to help in school and accompany the children on all their visits.

**New Starters** It was lovely to welcome into school our new starters who will be joining us in September. The children had a very busy morning and they were joined at the end of the visit by their parents/carers who were also invited to stay for lunch.

### Sports News

**Y5 Mixed Cricket** Christopher, Bartosz, Hannah, Lily, Elise, Matias, Imogen and Kieran W represented our School at this competition. They played brilliantly and showed great sportsmanship against tough competition.

**MAT Sports Day at Carmel College** Well done to all the pupils in Y5/Y6 who represented our school at this Sports Day. They faced strong competition from the other primary schools in the Multi Academy Trust. Each child was awarded a pin badge for taking part.

**Boys Football Tournament** Well done to the boys who represented our school at this match which took place at Longfield School. They played brilliantly.

**Darlington Community Games** Pupils in Y4 represented our school at this event which was attended by other Primary Schools from across the Borough of Darlington. As always, the children performed brilliantly and were fantastic ambassadors for our School. Well Done!

The **pupils v adults football match** was a very enjoyable event. It was really lovely to have past pupils participating. Another event to add to the annual calendar!

**The PFA Picnic** will take place on Thursday 21st July, weather permitting, from 3.30pm - 5pm. Parents/Carers are invited to bring their own picnic, chairs, picnic blankets and join us in celebrating the end of another school year. There will be Nail Painting, Tuck Shop, Football and a Bouncy Castle to keep the children entertained. As always, offers of help to run these stalls would be gratefully received. If you can help in any way then please return the slip on the bottom of the letter sent home or contact the School Office.

**Sun Cream** - Please ensure that your child has sun cream applied before they come to School each day. They are allowed to bring Sun Cream, clearly labelled with their name, into School ONLY if they can apply it themselves. Children are not allowed to use other children's Sun Cream.

**Water Bottles** Please can you ensure that your child has a water bottle in School at the start of each week. As the days are getting warmer it is important that children have plenty of water to drink during the day.

**Hats** Please ensure that your child has a sun hat in School every day but also a waterproof coat just in case!

**Jewellery**

Children must not wear jewellery to school (apart from wrist watches)

Also please ensure that nail varnish is removed ready for the start of the school week.

**Change to P.E. Kit**

From September 2016 our P.E. kit will be:

Gold t-shirt/polo shirt

Bottle green shorts - **No SKORTS**

Plimsolls - **not trainers**.

A small number of parents have asked about availability of these colours. Elizabeth's Embroidery can supply the kit. I am assured by staff and colleagues, whose children wear similar colours in their schools, that they are available from Boyes in Darlington and from a number of online suppliers at very reasonable prices (e.g.

<http://www.schooluniform247.co.uk/>)

There may be occasions when pupils are asked to bring some alternative clothing/trainers for particular outdoor activities but for all other P.E. sessions uniform P.E. kit should be worn.

**Reminder** We have been advised that due to staffing shortages, there may not be a Crossing Patrol Officer available to cover the Coniscliffe Road/Stanhope Road crossing. If your child walks home independently and uses this crossing, then please inform them that it may be unattended.

**SATs and other tests.**

Well done to all our children in all their national tests and assessments. Parents will have received information about their own child's results. We are pleased with the initial data although there will not be an official release until the autumn term.

This is of course due to the hard work by children and staff and to your continuing help and support.

Best wishes

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Head of School