



St Augustine's RC Primary School

SUMMER TERM Newsletter 5 10th June 2016

Statements to Live By

Week beg 13th June: I know what human dignity means and I show that I respect others.

Week beg 20th June: I stand up for people who are being treated unfairly.

First Holy Communion

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.

There is a practice in Church with School Staff and Catechists on Monday 13th June.

School will take the children to Church just before the end of the school day. Parents/Carers should collect from Church at 4.30 p.m. Please let after-school care providers know about the arrangements.

Thank you to all those Y2 parents who have replied to the letter asking for help with the provision and serving of the party food at the celebration being held in the Parish Centre. If you haven't yet replied then please contact the School Office.

30th Anniversary Celebrations.

We thoroughly enjoyed our celebration events in the week before half term. The children (and staff) looked fantastic on the 80s Day. Our special guests were very complimentary about the children and the way that they sang and joined in with our Anniversary Mass.

We are continuing our Anniversary celebrations. We have not yet been able to take our '30' photograph and are looking for a day when all classes are in school and the weather is fine. (Not that easy to arrange!) Thanks to Charlie in Year 1, for coming up with the great idea of having a time capsule. We will be gathering ideas from the children about what should go inside.

Tempest Photography

Order forms have been sent home today for the whole school photograph that was taken at the end of last half term. This was a very special way for us to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of our Beechwood Avenue School and the feast day of our Patron, St Augustine of Canterbury.

The photograph is on display outside the reception area. If you would like to order a copy please complete the order form and return it to school with your payment as soon as possible.

School Trips Children in Y5 had a fantastic day at Hardwick Park on Tuesday, where they gained a deeper understanding of their topic on Rivers.

Reception Class enjoyed their visit to Beamish Museum yesterday where they explored this working museum and took part in 'Transport through Time' workshops.

Sports News

Athletics Competition. Congratulations to all our Y5 & Y6 children who represented the school so well yesterday. Chelsea, Olivia, Nathaniel, Imogen, Matias, Matthew, Darcey and the Y6 Girls Relay team who won gold medals. Christopher, Olivia, Alice, Lily, Samuel, Y5 Girls Relay & Y6 Boys Relay who won Silver. Christopher, Alice, Caitlin & Kieran W who won bronze medals. We were awarded 2nd place overall at this competition and won 'Most Improved School Award'. Well Done! Thank you to all our parent/carer helpers who have given up their time to help with these visits.

Traffic Detectives Presentation & Coffee Morning Parents/Carers are invited to join me for coffee on Monday 13th June 9am to 10am. This will be an opportunity for you to see the film our Traffic Detectives have made with help from Kevin Kilcullen (Local Motion). There will be another opportunity for parents to see the film at the end of this day at 3pm.

Macmillan Dress up and Dance Friday 17th June.

For a small donation the children can come into school wearing 'dance' outfits. We will use the Macmillan website to learn a few moves during the week and try to get a whole school routine going on Friday. Parents are invited to school at the start of the day to see a performance by the After-School Dance Club.

PFA Picnic - Sunday 26th June 12p.m to 3p.m This is a lovely social event for our school family. Please see the letter from the PFA which will be sent home shortly.

It is thanks to the tremendous work of this group, and everyone who supports PFA events, that we are able to have special events in school. PFA funds have helped to keep down the costs of Class trips and school has also been able to purchase items to enhance the children's learning.

Sports Day Refreshments - please could you help?

It can often happen that the preparation and serving of refreshments at events can fall on a small number of parents/carers.

A few more volunteers could make a huge difference and might mean that all parents get to spend at least some time watching their children.

If you could give just 15- 20 minutes to help serve teas on 22nd June please give your name in at the school office/speak to Julie Watson or any PFA Committee member.

Sun Safety Talk Pupils in Reception, Y1 & Y2 were given a talk on staying safe in the sun by School Nurse, Angela Willis, Please remember to apply sun cream to your child(ren) before they come to school. Pupils can only have sun cream in School if they can apply it themselves. They are not allowed to use sun cream belonging to another child. Please ensure that the Sun Cream bottle is clearly labelled with your child's name.

England V Wales Football Match 2 p.m.

Key Stage 2 pupils will be able to watch the England v Wales Match in the school hall on Thursday afternoon. Parents/Carers are welcome to join us.

School Quad update

A huge amount of work took place over the half term break. Special thanks to Miss Browne who gave up a great deal of time to ensure builders had access to school.

The new paving is complete and we are waiting for safety handrails and to get appropriate furniture for the space. We would not have been able to undertake this project without the support of money raised by the PFA and the Governors' Fund. Please continue to support both as much as possible so that school can continue to improve provision for all our children.

Best wishes

Mrs M McCollom
Head of School

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Mon 13 th June	Darlington Primary Maths Challenge
Mon 13 th June	First Holy Communion Practice
Mon 13 th June	Coffee Morning & Traffic Detectives Presentation
Thurs 16 th June	England V Wales Football Match - More details to follow
Fri 17 th June	Macmillan Dress up & Dance Event - More details to follow
Sat 18 th June	First Holy Communion
Mon 20 th June	First Holy Communion Photographs
Mon 20 th June	Halle Orchestra Workshop
Wed 22 nd June	Sports Day 9.30am, weather permitting.
Wed 22 nd June	Y3 & Y4 Visiting Darlington Library, Crown Street
Thurs 23 rd June	Halle Orchestra rehearsal and Concert
Fri 24 th June	Y6 Youth Ministry Trust Summer Festival
Sun 26 th June	PFA Family Picnic
Mon 27 th June	Y4 Visit to Hardwick Park
Tues 28 th June	Y3 Visit to Durham Oriental Museum
Tues 28 th June	Y5 Mixed Cricket Festival
Wed 29 th June	Y2 Visit to Centre for Life
Thurs 30 th June	Y1 Visit to Preston Park
Thurs 30 th June	Y6 Transition to Carmel
Mon 1 st July	Y6 Transition to Carmel
Fri 8 th July	End of Year Reports sent home
Mon 11 th July	Open Evening
Tues 12 th July	Y6 Leavers Bike Ride
Tues 12 th July	Change 4 Life Celebration Event
Thur 21 st July	End of the School Year - <u>School Closes at 3.25pm</u>
Mon 5th Sept	Staff Training Day
Tues 6th Sept	School opens to pupils for the start of the new academic year.