



St Augustine's RC Primary School

SUMMER TERM Newsletter 6 24th June 2016

Statements to Live By

Week beg 27th June: I try to be accepting of others.

Week beg 4th July: We are all special.

First Holy Communion

We continue to pray for the children and their families who took part in this most important parish celebration last Saturday. Thank you to all those who helped in any way. Particular thanks to those Year 2 parents and PFA, who provided a lovely party meal for the children in the Parish Centre and served tea and coffee for the many, many visitors.

The children are expected at the 9.15 a.m. Mass this Sunday (26th June) to receive their Holy Communion Certificates. Some children will also be helping with minor ministries on that day.

Reception Class 2016-17

We met the Parents/Carers of our new Reception class on Monday evening. The children will join us for their first visit next Tuesday afternoon.

Halle Orchestra All of Y5 and pupils in Y4 & Y6 who play either the violin or cello had the privilege of playing with the world famous Halle Orchestra yesterday afternoon. On Monday they had a rehearsal at Hummersknott Academy and yesterday they took part in a workshop and concert at the Dolphin Centre. This concert was streamed live via YouTube to schools.

I'm sure the children will remember this event for a very long time and it was lovely to see proud parents/carers watching live coverage of the event.

Traffic Detectives The pupils involved in this initiative have been very busy working on a short film which was presented to parents/carers, staff and governors last week. The aim of the film was to highlight issues around our local area and the importance of parking safely outside school. Well done to all those who took part in the production of this film. We will be uploading this to our website.

Primary Maths Challenge Well done to the four Y5 pupils who took part in this event at Longfield School. This was a very enjoyable day and proved that we have some very talented mathematicians in our school.

Library Visit Y3 & Y4 enjoyed a trip to the Town Library to meet published author Andy Seed. Mr Seed entertained the children with lots of exciting true stories and facts and helped to re-engage children with reading. Thank you to the parents/carers who helped with this visit.

School Trips Children in Y6 have had a fantastic time at the Diocesan Summer Festival at the Emmaus Youth Village today. They joined other pupils from across the Diocese and took part in a range of events and activities.

England Football Match This was a very enjoyable afternoon and pupils were delighted to be joined by parents and carers and experience some friendly rivalry!

Macmillan Dress up and Dance The children looked fantastic in their Dance outfits last Friday. The whole school had learnt a dance routine during the day and they joined together to perform this routine on the Junior Playground. We also enjoyed the performance by the after-school dance club. Through your donations we raised £178.96 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Raising the Flag Y6 took part in this event on Monday. This is a very important ceremony which recognises the work of the armed forces, their families and veterans.

Tees Valley Athletics Well done to all the pupils who took part in this event. Imogen Y5 won Silver in the Chest Push, Nathaniel Y6 won Bronze in the 600m & Gold in the Relay, Olivia Y5 won 4th Place in the 600m & Bronze in the Relay, Matthew Y6 came 4th in the 55m Hurdles, Chelsea Y6 came 4th in the Relay, Darcey Y6 won Gold in the 80m Sprint and 4th in the Relay & Matias Y5 performed brilliantly in the Chest Push.

Sports Day It was lovely for parents/carers to join us in cheering on the children at this event. Thank you to the PFA who did a marvellous job at providing all the refreshments. Congratulations to St. Patricks House and to all our children for their excellent sporting attitude and teamwork.

Thank you so much for your generous donations to the Kumi Community Fund. £142.62 was raised on sports day which enables children at the Adesso primary school to hold their own sports day, buy kits and travel to tournaments.

PFA Family Picnic Unfortunately, it has been necessary to cancel the Family Picnic this Sunday due to the lack of help.

School has decided to hold a picnic on the last day of the year. All Families are welcome to bring their own picnic and use the school field from 3.25 p.m. I hope that this will provide a happy and gentle ending to the final day, particularly for our Year 6 pupils.

Sunday's picnic is the second event that has had to be cancelled, the first event being the 80's adults only disco which was cancelled due to disappointing ticket sales.

The 80's family disco on Friday 1st July is still going ahead even though there are low ticket sales. The PFA do a marvellous job at organising events, however it is only a small number of helpers currently doing the majority of the work. This has had a big impact on the number of events that we can provide for our School Community. The money raised from these events helps to subsidise School Visits and provides equipment for pupils which enhances their learning experience. Obviously a reduction in events will mean a reduction of benefits for our children. A few more volunteers would make a huge difference and mean that helpers can spend more time with their own children at these events. If you are going to the disco and could give a small amount of time to set up/ man a stall/clear up or if you are able to offer more general help to the PFA, then please contact the School Office for more details.

Water Bottles Please ensure that your child has a water bottle with them every day.

Please see the next page for information about the start of the school year.

Thank you for your help and support.

Mrs M McCollom
Head of School

INFORMATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

Teaching Staff

Class	Teacher
Reception	Miss Fairhurst
Year 1	Mrs Guy and Mrs Graham
Year 2	Mrs Doyle
Year 3	Miss McLean
Year 4	Miss Nathan
Year 5	Mrs Barr
Year 6	Mr. McGeeney (Assistant Head of School & SENCo)

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Sarah Barr and Mrs Vanessa Graham to our staff team and to welcome back Mrs Guy who will be job sharing with Mrs Graham.

It is proving very difficult to find a single date for a transition session but all classes will spend some dedicated time with their new teacher(s) before the end of term.

School Uniform

I know that at this time of year, parents/carers are beginning to put in orders for next year's uniform. This seems a good time to clarify what is required. School uniform remains the same: Grey (**Not black**) trousers/shorts/ skirt/pinafore

White polo shirt

Dark green round neck sweatshirt/jumper/cardigan

Suitable school shoes. **No trainers. No high heels. No strappy sandals or flip flops.**

In the summer term, girls may wear either green or white check or green and white striped school summer dresses.

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.**

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.

Reading Folders/school bags

Please ensure that your child has a standard reading folder for September 2016.

These are available from Elizabeth's embroidery.

Hessian bags, bags with shoulder straps and rucksacks are not suitable. Storage space is extremely limited. Very few bags fit into the trays and storage boxes. This means that oversized bags have to be left in the cloakroom which wastes teaching and learning time as well as reducing what is already a very tight space.

School Badge

Just a reminder that parents/carers may not take the school badge to other companies as it is under copyright. The only companies with permission to use our badge are those who supply official uniform (Elizabeth's Embroidery) or merchandise to school.