



**St. Augustine's RC Primary School**  
**Summer 2 Newsletter 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018**  
**Statements to live by**

Week Beginning 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018: I understand what trust means

Week Beginning 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018: I try to forgive people when they hurt me.

**Catholic life at St. Augustine's**

**Learning to Lead at Mass.**

Thank you to all the parents/carers who replied to the letter I sent home to all of KS2. This letter invites pupils to take part in minor ministries during Sunday Mass. Special thanks are due to the children who took part, at short notice, on the first Sunday of the term. Many people in the parish commented on their excellent reading and the way that they all conducted themselves in their various roles. The parish is delighted that we continue to have children from Key Stage 2 getting involved in reading, serving, collecting etc. at Sunday Mass. It is a great way for children to feel part of the Mass and part of their Parish community. There is always coffee in the Parish Centre after Mass. This gives families a chance to meet and make friends beyond school. If you have not sent back a reply slip, it is not too late for your child to get involved. We have two more Sundays 'Learning to Lead' before the end of the year.

**Ascension Day Mass - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

Ascension is the celebration of Jesus Ascending to Heaven after the Resurrection. We will be going to Church for Mass at 10.00 a.m. The children will be taking part in the ministries - reading, singing etc. It would be lovely if parents/carers could join us for Mass. We also appreciate extra help to walk to and from church.

**Marian Liturgy**

May is traditionally a month of special devotion to Our Lady.

The children will be preparing a special liturgy and we would like to invite parents and carers to join us on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30 p.m. The Gardening Club have been planning and planting a 'Mary Garden' in the quad and we hope to link this to the liturgy.

**St. Augustine of Canterbury (Patron of our School)**

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May is the closest we can get the St. Augustine's feast day. We will, as always, be having a small celebration. This year Fr. Ryan will celebrate Mass in school.

**SATs!**

Year 6 National Tests begin on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May

Year 2 national tests start next week and continue over several weeks. A letter has been sent home TO all Year 2 and Year 6 parents today.

Even if your child is not involved in national tests, Please try to make sure that any appointments (e.g. dental/medical) fall outside of the school day and remember that holidays should not be taken during term time.

**Sports News**

**Football** - Well done to our Boys football team who won 3 - 1 against Abbey.

Boys Football training will finish on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June, with their last match being played on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Girls Football has now finished for the season.

**Big Bike Breakfast** About 100 children and parents joined us for a free breakfast provided to all those who were able to cycle or scoot to school as part of the Big Pedal countrywide initiative. The breakfast raised £20.06 in donations which has been given to our Mini-Vinnies group. Please remember that you can still bike or scoot to school and in doing so you are promoting healthy living as well as reducing the levels of traffic around our school.

**Easter Egg Raffle** Thank you to everyone who supported this event by buying Raffle Tickets. The total amount raised was £187.05 which has helped to raise School funds.

**POLISH HERITAGE DAY - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018** This will take place at Hummersknott Academy, Darlington this Saturday, 12.00p.m. - 4.00p.m. There will be a variety of workshops, live music, cake sale, Polish vendors, crafts, demonstrations & food. **EVERYONE WELCOME!**

**SUMMER PLAYS** St. Teresa's Parish Drama group (STEPPS) is performing 2 Summer plays. Please see the attached poster, and /or the copy on the junior playground notice board.

**Reminders:**

- Please make sure your child has a labelled water bottle in school
- Although some days are warmer, we are still prone to heavy rain showers. Please can you ensure that your child has a waterproof jacket in school at all times. **Sun protection** - hats/glasses/sun lotion - sun lotion should be applied before children come to school.
- **PE Kits** - Please can you ensure that your child has his/her full P.E. kit in school (T-Shirt and Shorts) and that they have **correctly fitting** PE shoes. Shoes that are too small or too big make it unsafe for children to take part in P.E. Lessons.
- **No jewellery at school apart from wrist watches.**
- Please ensure nail polish is removed before children come to school.
- Children should use a school reading folder (without shoulder straps) to bring homework, reading books etc. Large rucksacks and other bags should not be brought into school. (unless children have to bring additional sports kit). They are cluttering the limited storage space in school and causing safety issues in our very small cloakroom.

**Head Lice** Please check your child's head regularly for any sign of nits or lice and treat accordingly if they are found. Further information and appropriate treatments are available from the pharmacy / chemists.

**Dinner Money** - KS2 Dinner money is £10.00 per week and payable on a Monday. Please send money in a sealed envelope with your **child's name clearly marked on the front**. Cheques need to be made payable to 'St Augustine's RC Primary School'. Meals are free of charge to pupils entitled to Pupils Premium (Free School Meals). KS1 and Reception pupils are entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

**Change of Menu for Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018** Due to the Bank Holiday the menu has changed for this day only, as per the following:

<b>Main course</b>	<b>Vegetable</b>	<b>Pudding</b>
Sausage & Mash or Chilli Nachos	Carrots Peas	Eves Pudding & Custard or Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

**Attendance** Results below show attendance from 23.4.18 to 3.5.18

**Reception: 93.89%    Year 1: 96.83%    Year2: 96.11%    Year 3: 97.04%**

**Year 4: 93.70%    Year 5: 97.59%    Year 6: 98.75%**

School is closed on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May and re-opens to pupils on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

Enjoy the long weekend!  
Mrs M McCollom  
Headteacher