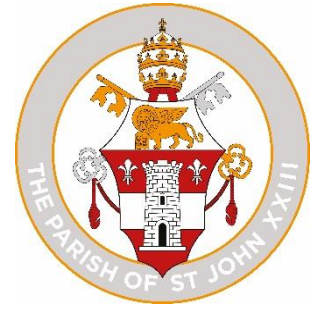




St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher: Mr John Entwistle

Friday Newsletter

Week Ending: 12th March 2021

Welcome to this week's newsletter



Message from Mr Entwistle

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to say a massive thank you to all our parents. I know it can't have been easy supporting your children's learning whilst balancing your family and work life – especially if you had a few children at home. Your work has certainly paid off! The teachers are very impressed with the progress made by the children that did engage with the work set; they are currently in the process of assessing the children and identifying what additional support they require to help them catch up on any missed learning.

If you have not done so already please can you sign up for a Parents' Evening appointment via the link that has been sent to you on Class Dojo. We are trialling a new online system which hopefully will make it easier to book appointments and set up meetings. I would appreciate any feedback you have as I need to make a decision regarding whether we use this system going forward. If you are struggling to book an appointment please contact the school office.

Hopefully in the next month or so work will commence on our new school entrance. We have secured funding to build a new entrance in front of our current entrance doors; this will provide improved security and safety for our pupils as well as an additional room for meetings with parents. Unfortunately the building work will cause some disruption and I will let you know nearer the time what arrangements will be put in place to minimise this.

Once again thank you for your continued support.

Mr John Entwistle



Ms Benson's Fundraising Challenge

Ms Benson, our Sycamore class teacher, is raising money as part of Radio Rock FM's 5km a Day challenge to support Cash for Kids across Lancashire to help make a difference to the lives of local children and young people. She started the challenge on the 1st March 2021 and is doing 5km every day for 30 days! Children in our Sycamore class have been helping out by running 5km around the playground with her!!

All the money raised by Ms Benson will stay in our area, with a focus on alleviating poverty, supporting disability and improving the quality of life for children in our area. If you are able to support her any amount you can give will be very much appreciated; if you click on the link below it will take you to Ms Benson's donation page on the Rock FM website - don't forget to leave me a message.

<https://www.cashforkidsgive.co.uk/campaign/lancashire---5k-a-day-challenge/fundraisers/lorna-benson/>



Appointments

Wherever possible please can you book Doctor, Dentist, Optician appointments etc. outside of school hours as appointments during the school day disrupt your child's and the class' lesson.



Sickness absence

When leaving a message to report your child's absence please provide the following information:-

Child's name

Child's class

Reason for absence eg headache, tummy ache, sore throat etc.



Parents' Evening

For information this is the schedule for our upcoming Parents' Evening meetings; the deadline for booking an appointment is 9am on Monday, 15th March 2021.

Date	Classes
Mon, 15 th March 2021	Sycamore, Year 3
Tue, 16 th March 2021	Blossom, Sycamore, Year 3
Wed, 17 th March 2021	Blossom, Beech
Thu, 18 th March 2021	Willow, Beech
Fri, 19 th March 2021	Willow
Mon, 22 nd March 2021	Year 4/5, Year 6
Tue, 23 rd March 2021	Year 4/5, Year 5/6
Wed, 24 th March 2021	Year 3/4, Year 5/6
Thu, 25 th March 2021	Year 3/4, Year 6

The link to book an appointment is:

<https://parents-booking.co.uk/staugustinespreston>



COVID-19

Please remember to follow the Government's guidelines regarding self-isolation if you, your child or a household member has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Tests (Lateral Flow Tests) can now be carried out at home with results being available in 30 minutes. In the Preston area these test kits are now available to all households who have school aged children and can be collected from hubs based on UCLAN car park and Walton-Le-Dale Park and Ride. The sites are open Monday-Sunday from 1.30pm - 7.00pm and no appointment is needed. Full details are available via the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff#how-to-get-a-rapid-lateral-flow-test>