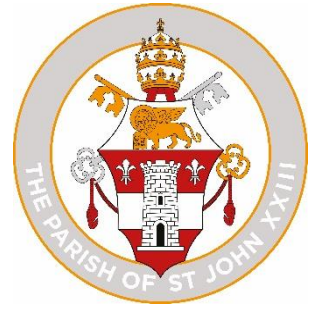




St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher: Mr John Entwistle

Friday Newsletter

Week Ending: 16th April 2021

Welcome to this week's newsletter

April's Value is **Thoughtfulness**

Please can you re-enforce this at home with your children throughout April



Message from Mr Entwistle

Dear Parents and Carers

It is lovely to see everyone back in school after a well-earned rest over the Easter Holidays. I do hope you are enjoying the sunshine and long may it last.

It is good to see that there is light at the end of the tunnel with Lockdown easing and hopefully we will soon be able to get back to normal. We have re-introduced hot, plated meals in the Dinner Hall for our Junior pupils and they are loving it! We are planning to introduce other measures as Lockdown eases further but please continue to observe the current guidelines and hope and pray that the Covid figures keep dropping.

Another good piece of news is that we have secured a substantial grant from the diocese to create a new, secure entrance at the front of school. It will be built onto the front of the current entrance and create a more welcoming and safe space for all our visitors; it will also create a new secure meeting room. The changes will also make it more safe and secure for our children as they will not need to pass through the reception area when moving between the Infant and Junior buildings. The changes have been planned for a few years but it is only now that we have been lucky enough to secure some of the required funding; we are also contributing a significant amount so that we can have the design that I feel our school community deserves.

Building work on the new entrance is due to start around mid-May and will continue until the end of term. A temporary school entrance will be created down the side of our Year 6 classroom and the school office will be relocated close to this. I will let you know the final plans nearer the time. Please accept my apologies for any disruption that this may cause.

I would like to wish our Muslim families Ramadan Mubarak. I hope you have a peaceful and spiritual month, full of joy, with your families.

Regards
Mr Entwistle



Our Shining Light and Values Awards for the 26th March 2021 go to:-



	Shining Light	Values Patience & Tolerance
Blossom	Arrick	Azhaan & Cairo
Willow	Adam	Mikaeel
Sycamore	Savvy & Eshal	Hannah
Beech	All class	All class
Year 3	Maariyah	Muhammad
Year 3/4	All class	All class
Year 4/5	Julian	All class
Year 5/6	Samara	Eiliyah
Year 6	Habibah	Hussein



School meals

Our Junior children now have the option of a hot, plated meal at lunchtime which they have really enjoyed with ‘seconds’ being available on some days! All COVID safety and social distancing guidelines have been followed to protect our pupils and staff members.

Our Infant children continue to receive a 'hot' packed lunch, however, we hope to be able to offer them a hot, plated meal later in the year.

Please see Dojo for the meal menus for next week. If your child would like to have an ‘ad hoc’ meal all they need to do is let their Teacher know on the day – no pre-ordering is required.



School shoes

Now that shops have re-opened pupils are no longer allowed to wear trainers during the day (except on their PE day). Please ensure that your child wears appropriate school shoes with effect from Monday, 19th April 2021.



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.



COVID-19

If your child has any of the three common COVID-19 symptoms (new, continuous cough, fever and/or change in taste and smell) please keep them at home and book a COVID (PCR) test. To protect our school community your child can only return once the test has been carried out with a negative result.

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



Ms Benson's Fundraising Challenge

Congratulations to Ms Benson who successfully completed her 5km a Day challenge to support Rock FMs Cash for Kids charity. She started on the 1st March 2021 and in total completed an impressive 150km finishing on the 30th March 2021. Sycamore class joined in the challenge and supported Ms Benson by walking around the playground; they completed an amazing 20km which also helped to improve their own mental and physical development.

Ms Benson has raised £550 for the charity which will help disabled and disadvantaged children in our area – she smashed her target by £350!!

Ms Benson would like to thank everyone who has sponsored her and supported her through the challenge. We are all very proud of her achievement.



We wish all our Muslim families a blessed Ramadan.

This Sunday, 18th April 2021, is the 3rd Sunday of Easter

This weekend's Gospel tells of Jesus' appearance to the Apostles after the Resurrection.

