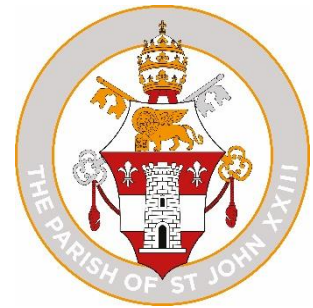




St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher: Mr John Entwistle

End of Term Newsletter

Week Ending: 16th July 2021

Welcome to the final newsletter so this school year

Our End of Year Awards go to



	Attainment	Values	Progress
Blossom	Bartosz	Faizah	Liam
Willow	Khadijah	Matthew	Mikaeel
Sycamore	Asiyah	Zain	Spencer
Beech	Arpitha	Alisa	Neron
Year 3	Juana	Laaibah	Adam
Year 3/4	Natalia	Zakariyya	Jessica
Year 4/5	Muhammad H	Mikolaj	Aadil
Year 5/6	Oliwia	Afeefah	Alan
Year 6	Fiza	Unaysah	Raihan

End of term message from Mr Entwistle

Dear Parents and Carers

What a year!!! I'm so glad that we've made it through to the end of term relatively unscathed. We have had a great end of year in school; it has been a great pleasure seeing the children enjoying themselves so much. We have had bouncy castles, ice cream, water fights, games galore, Year 6 doing lots of exciting activities at Waddecar and lots of great weather.

Over the summer holidays the vast majority of restrictions that the Government put in place during the pandemic come to an end. I appreciate that some of you will be a little concerned as I am. The Governors and I understand that a lot can change over the next 6 weeks and we are going to take a more cautious approach to lifting the systems that we have in place to protect everyone; we have decided to retain most of our current arrangements for at least the first 4 weeks in September and we will review it again.

Children will remain in 'bubbles'; however, some things will be relaxed a little such as staff will not be expected to wear face coverings, children will be allowed to sit in groups and share equipment etc.

We will follow the Government guidelines with regards to isolating and only ask children and staff who have tested positive to isolate at home; anyone who has been in close contact with a positive case will be asked to have a test. If there are multiple positive COVID cases in a class I will seek advice and I may be advised that the whole bubble has to isolate.

I am also looking to restart after school clubs because I know that you and the children have really missed these. I will introduce as many clubs as I can; to prevent the mixing of bubbles these will be run by staff members that normally work with the children.

The bubble system will remain for school dinners, however, for an initial trial period, our Infant children will have a hot plated meal in the Junior Hall as they used to do pre-pandemic. Our Junior children will have the same menu and this will be served in a takeaway style insulated box which they will eat in their classroom. I will review this at the October half term.

The new menu will be sent out in mid-August so please check Class Dojo and email for this. The current ordering system will remain unchanged.

The following protocols remain unchanged:-

- 8:45am-9:00am start with children being left at the gate
- 3:05pm-3:15pm staggered finish using both school gates
- Children to wear their PE kits on their PE days; some classes will be having PE over two days and the children can wear their kits on both days
- Hand hygiene - children will be expected to keep up with regular washing and sanitising.

I hope you understand why I am taking this measured approach. I feel that this is a good balance between getting back to some resemblance of normality whilst keeping safe.

I also hope that over the summer our new entrance is completed; if the builders over run the temporary entrance and systems will remain in place. Please keep your fingers crossed!

I want to finish my last message of the school year by thanking you all once again for all the support you have given to the children during this difficult time, for your understanding regarding all the changes we have had to put in place, for your patience as we struggled with new technology and virtual lessons and for your kindness and gratitude for everything that we have done. It has been an incredibly difficult year but we have got through it together. I hope and pray that next year will be easier on all of us and we get back to normal life without the worry and fear this pandemic has brought.

I do hope that you all have a lovely summer with plenty of sunshine – it always makes us feel better.

Yours sincerely



Mr J Entwistle
Headteacher

Message from Mrs Archibald

I would just like to say a huge thank you for all your generous gifts and well wishes. I am leaving St Augustine's with a heavy heart, as it has been a big part of my life for so many years. I will miss everyone so much, but have many fond memories, which I will take with me. St Augustine's is a truly unique family and the love and support it has given me will never be forgotten.

Thanks to all the children, families and staff that I have met and worked with over the past 19 years - you are all amazing!!!!

Love and best wishes

Luena Archibald