



St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher: Mr John Entwistle

Friday Newsletter Week Ending: 16th December 2022



*We wish all our families a
very Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year.
From all the staff at St
Augustine's*

Welcome to this week's newsletter

Christmas message from Mr Entwistle

Dear Parents

Our term is drawing to an end and what a term it has been! I can see that everyone (including the staff) is ready for the much needed break over the Christmas Holidays.

Reflecting back over the term so much has happened. We have had a number of new children and staff join us (although it feels like they have been here for ages); we have had some amazing trips out (including the theatre, cinema and museums); we have taken part in a number of inter-school competitions (coming in the top 3 for quite a few); we have dealt with weather extremes (I have to say thank you for bearing with the end of day changes over the last few icy days) as well as all the Christmas events - I think the children have really enjoyed themselves. On top of all this we have had a great deal of teaching and learning going on as well!!

The most momentous event for the history of the school was converting to an academy and joining the Mater Ecclesiae Multi Academy Trust (though it has been great to see that on a day to day basis nothing much has changed). The Headteachers of the seven schools cannot wait to get going properly after Christmas - we have lots of plans for collaborative work.

I do hope that over this Christmas holiday period you get the chance to relax and have some family time. For those of you who will be celebrating Christmas I hope that you have a happy and holy Christmas and that Santa is kind to you.

December's Value is Respect

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

Our Shining Light and Values Awards for today 16th December 2022 go to



| | Shining Light | Value (Respect) | Dojo |
|----------|---------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Blossom | Yahya | Antonia & Adam Yousef | Yahya |
| Willow | Purity | Ali | Khadijah |
| Sycamore | Daniel | Aurora | Ih'Saan & Atiyah |
| Beech | Daniel | Molly | Daniel |
| Year 3 | Zain | Dawid | Jax & Mustafa |
| Year 3/4 | Layton | Yara | Chisom |
| Year 4/5 | Maleeha | Henry | Aiden |
| Year 5/6 | Mariam | Adyan | Muhammad-Zayyaan |
| Year 6 | Lilianna | Lukas | Kayla |

Artist of the Month – November 2022

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| Blossom | Saarah & Abdullah | Year 3 | Kira |
| Willow | Christy-Noel | Year 3/4 | Aishah |
| Sycamore | Aadhya | Year 4/5 | Hafsah |
| Beech | Maariyah | Year 5/6 | Khadeejah |
| | | Year 6 | Ifra |



SCHOOL Attendance

| | 31 st Oct – 4 th Nov | 7 th – 11 th Nov | 14 th – 18 th Nov | 21 st – 25 th Nov | 28 th Nov – 1 st Dec | 5 th – 9 th Dec | 12 th -16 th Dec |
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| Blossom | 97.24% | 92.76% | 86.55% | 92.41% | 89.66% | 86.21% | 91.43% |
| Willow | 95.36% | 94.29% | 92.14% | 92.41% | 90.00% | 90.67% | 87.33% |
| Sycamore | 88.46% | 87.41% | 87.04% | 87.04% | 94.91% | 91.85% | 88.15% |
| Beech | 97.33% | 96.33% | 90.00% | 78.67% | 94.58% | 98.67% | 93.33% |
| Year 3 | 92.50% | 96.56% | 96.56% | 91.56% | 94.53% | 96.56% | 93.13% |
| Year 3/4 | 95.21% | 97.00% | 97.74% | 96.25% | 98.05% | 89.69% | 90.63% |
| Year 4/5 | 94.69% | 96.56% | 91.56% | 90.31% | 92.19% | 95.31% | 97.19% |
| Year 5/6 | 91.25% | 97.81% | 91.88% | 90.00% | 90.23% | 85.63% | 92.50% |
| Year 6 | 90.67% | 89.67% | 97.00% | 93.67% | 96.67% | 97.33% | 94.33% |



After School Clubs

Our After School Clubs start on Monday, 9th January 2023. Full details regarding the clubs that are available along with booking details can be found in the letter that was sent out last week. If you have any queries please contact the school office on 01772 253851.



Road Safety

This term our Reception children have taken part in Lancashire County Council's Stage 1 Right Start Child Pedestrian Training Programme. This Programme teaches children how to keep themselves safe when out and about in the traffic environment and to apply the rules of the Green Cross Code every time they cross a road. They have been taught how important it is that they:

- Think – is this the safest place to cross the road?
- Stop - with their feet back from the kerb, which gives them time to Look and Listen.
- Look - for any vehicles that might be coming on the road – remember, children of this age are unable to judge speed and distance.
- Listen - for vehicles. They may hear something before they can see it – remember though, electric cars make very little noise.
- Think again – have they followed the rules, and will they keep Looking and Listening the whole time they are crossing the road

They have also been reminded to play in a safe place away from traffic and to wear something bright so they can be seen at the roadside by other road users.

Please can you continue to reinforce these messages when out and about with your children.



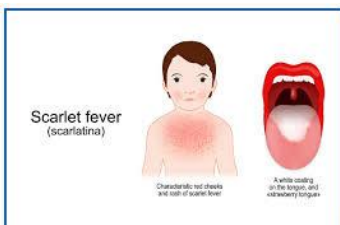
Good condition, pre loved board games

We are seeking donations of good condition, pre loved children's board games that your child no longer plays with. These will be used at break and dinner times when our children are unable to play outside because of bad weather.



Help for the Homeless

We are collecting gifts for the homeless people in Preston and any support you can offer will be greatly appreciated. We are looking for donations of hats, scarf, gloves, sweets, chocolate, toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, body wash, face cloth, socks, brush, etc. All the items that we collect will be sent to St Wilfrid's next week and they will distribute them close to Christmas.



Scarlet Fever and Strep A

Please see the letter from the UK Health Security Agency that has been posted on Class DoJo for details on the signs and symptoms of Scarlet Fever and Strep A.



Head Lice

As we are seeing an increased number of cases of children with head lice please can you check your child's hair on a regular basis and treat them if required.

Please note that if your child does have head lice they are not allowed to attend school until they have been treated and their hair is clear.



Monday, 19th December 2022

Our Junior children will be holding a Carol Service starting at 9:30am – **please note that this is a change of date.** Each class will lead the service in readings about Christmastime and carols will be sung. Parents are welcome to attend.

Christmas Party Day! Pupils can wear their party clothes. Please remember that they will be playing out during the day. See the party day letter for full details.

Tuesday, 20th December 2022

School closes at 1:30pm for the Christmas Holidays

Wednesday, 4th January 2023

School re-opens

This Sunday, 18th December 2022, is the Fourth Sunday of Advent



In this week's Gospel we hear how an angel appeared to Joseph to tell him that everything will be alright and that Jesus is no ordinary baby. He is the Son of God.

Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-24

The mother of Jesus Christ was Mary. And this is how the birth of Jesus came about. Mary was engaged to marry Joseph. But before they married, she learned that she was going to have a baby. She was pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit. Mary's husband, Joseph, was a good man. He did not want to disgrace her in public, so he planned to divorce her secretly.

While Joseph thought about this, an angel of the Lord came to him in a dream. The angel said, "Joseph, descendant of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife. The baby in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son. You will name the son Jesus. Give him that name because he will save his people from their sins."

All this happened to make clear the full meaning of what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be pregnant. She will have a son, and they will name him Immanuel." This name means "God is with us."

When Joseph woke up, he did what the Lord's angel had told him to do. Joseph married Mary.