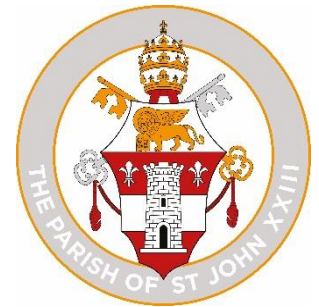




St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher: Mr John Entwistle

Friday Newsletter

Week Ending: 17th December 2021

Welcome to this week's newsletter

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 (17th December 2021) go to



	Shining Light	Value (Respect)	Dojo
Blossom	Umaynah A & Ih'saan	Ayesha & Atiyyah	Aaminah P & Bartlomiej
Willow	Cairo	Abu-Bakar	Sarah
Sycamore	Abdullah	Aleena	Liam H
Beech	All Beech Class	Saffa	Muhammad Zakariyya
Year 3	Maja	Yara	Alisa
Year 3/4	Uthmaan	Damian	Hussain
Year 4/5	Khadeja H	Aaminah	Lillie
Year 5/6	Rory	Mati	Hannah
Year 6	Anas	Muhammad Hayyaan	Uzair



School meals

Please see Dojo for our 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.

Please note that the cost of a school meal is now £2.35 per day

To check if your child is eligible for Free School Meals please contact LCC on 01772 532109 or apply online using the link below:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=3>

End of Term Message from Mr Entwistle

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to say a massive thank you for all your support and cooperation throughout this term. I know it has not been easy but thankfully we have managed to get through the term with a relatively small number of COVID cases in our school community. It has been amazing to complete a full term without a major disruption – I just hope that with the increased risks of Omicron that we do not have a repeat of last Christmas with multiple cases amongst the children and staff.

I am so happy that our children had the opportunity to celebrate Christmas in school. It was lovely to see so many Infant parents at the Nativities; how we survived 6 performances in 3 days I will never know! It was also great to see the children enjoying themselves at the Christmas Dinners, Parties and the Junior Carol Concerts.

The procedures that have been in place this term have worked well so when school re-opens on Wednesday, 5th January 2022 these will remain unless we have an announcement from the Government to the contrary.

If your child tests positive within the first 5 days of finishing school for the Christmas holidays please can you inform their classteacher so that they can inform the other parents to give them an opportunity to test regularly and reduce the risks to their families.

I wish you and your families a happy, healthy and holy Christmas and New Year



Gifts for the homeless

We have received a lovely message from St Wilfrid's to thank you for all your gifts for the homeless people in our area. These gifts will be a welcome and needed addition to the food parcels that they will receive and hopefully it will bring them a little comfort and joy at this festive time.

Academisation Update

Please remember that the Academisation consultation period has started and runs until 21st January 2022 at 3pm. All the information can be found on our website at <https://st-augustines-catholic-primary-school-preston.secure-primariesite.net/academisation/>

The Frequently Asked Questions document has just been updated in line with questions that have been received from all the schools involved.



School Admissions for September 2022

School admissions are now open for children who are due to start primary school in September 2022.

If you have a child who is due to start primary school next year the deadline date is the 15th January 2022. Applications can be made online via the link below.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-online-for-a-school-place/>



After School Clubs

After School Clubs re-start on Monday, 10th January 2022. If you would like your child to attend you must sign up by completing and returning your child's club letter.



Parents Evening

Parents Evenings are being held on the 17th & 18th January 2022. Full details to follow.



School re-opens on Wednesday, 5th January 2022 from 8:45am and lessons start at 8:55am. Please remember that late arrivals disrupt the class lesson and your child's learning.



Parent View

Ofsted have launched a website entitled 'Parent View' so that parents can place comments and give feedback on the performance of their child's school. If you wish to add your comments about our school to the Parents View section of Ofsted's site then please use the link below:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>



ADVENT



This Sunday, 19th December 2021, is the Fourth Sunday of Advent

In this Sunday's Gospel we hear how cousins Mary and Elizabeth rejoiced when they saw each other and how Elizabeth knew straight away that Mary's baby was very special.

Gospel: Luke 1: 39-45

Mary got up and went quickly to a town in the mountains of Judea. She went to Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the unborn baby inside Elizabeth jumped. Then Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She cried out in a loud voice, "God has blessed you more than any other woman. And God has blessed the baby which you will give birth to. You are the mother of my Lord, and you have come to me! Why has something so good happened to me? When I heard your voice, the baby inside me jumped with joy. You are blessed because you believed what the Lord said to you would really happen."