



# St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mr John Entwistle



## End of Year Newsletter: 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023

### End of Year message from Mr Entwistle...

Dear Parents

Wow – another school year over and what a year it has been! Over the last week or so we have been reflecting on everything we have achieved and we cannot believe how busy it has been.

I have to say that it was lovely for me personally to read all the reports and help to celebrate all the hard work that has taken place in classes, but there are numerous other things to celebrate as well. A monumental moment in our school history has been the conversion to an Academy in December. Although it does not seem a big change to most people, there has been a lot happening behind the scenes and a lot of good collaboration with the other six schools in the trust. The Multi Academy Trust is going to grow by another three schools next year – including Christ the King High School – so there will be even more opportunities for us.

Another great success has been our PE and Sports provision. We have never taken part in as many tournaments and events as we have done this year – sometimes we have had four or more groups out in a week competing. Not only did we win seven trophies, we won the Christ the King School League, we came second in our Preston league (resulting in a promotion to the league above next year) and we had a group of Year 6 pupils winning the county Dodgeball finals! These achievements were recognised as we were awarded the Silver School Games Mark, something we have never achieved before. A massive thank you has to go especially to Miss Brierley, Mr Haydock, Mr Whittle and Mr Evans for all the effort they put into providing all the sporting opportunities they do for our school community.

I want to take this opportunity to wish all our leavers the very best of luck for the future. We are very sad to have to say goodbye to a few members of staff this year. Miss Akubat from Y4/5, Mrs Patel from Willow Class and one of our Welfare Assistants Mrs Floodgate who have all been with us for the last year. We have already said goodbye to Mrs Cox who has been in all year supporting us with teaching German to the Junior classes. We are also sad to say goodbye to Lisa our cook. She has only been with us a few years but has made a massive difference to our school – not only is she a great cook but she has also been so amenable; adapting so well to our many needs!

We have to say a massive thank you and goodbye to Mrs Smithson-Shaw who has been at the school for 25 years and we are now allowing her to retire! Mrs Smithson-Shaw started as a parent helper when her two children attended St Augustine's and over the years has become an integral part of our team – she will be hard to replace but fully deserves to put her feet up (when she is not on one of her many planned holidays).

In September, we will be warmly welcoming a couple of new members of staff – Mrs Patel in Acorn Provision and Blossom Class and Mrs Kochanowska in Sycamore Class. I am sure you will welcome them into our school community.

Today we say farewell to our Years 6s – most of whom have been with us for seven years since Reception Class. We have seen them grow into confident, conscientious, caring students who we know are ready for the next step in their life's journey and the challenges of high school. We do hope that they will think of us fondly and make sure they visit us in the future – we always like to share in our former pupils successes (and take credit!).

I just want to end by thanking you, our parents. Education is very much a partnership between school and home and we pride ourselves on our positive relationships with you all. It has been lovely (especially over the last few days) to hear how appreciative you are of the staff at school – it does mean a lot to us. I also want to thank you on behalf of all the staff for your appreciation and kind gifts that they have received this week.

I do hope you all have a lovely Summer Holiday and get some precious family time together - see you all (apart from Year 6s) on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September. For those who are coming to our Holiday Club over the next few weeks – hope you enjoy it – I know the staff have lots of exciting things planned for you.

### Our End of Year Awards go to ....

	Attainment	Progress	Value
Blossom	Amaan	Zakariyah	Khadijah R
Willow	Alayna	Mokshith	Umaynah
Sycamore	Abdur-Rahmaan A	Aadhya	Aaminah P
Beech	Daniel	Parker	Andromeda
Year 3	Dawid	Muhammad A	Ayesha
Year 3/4	Harlee	Layton	Asiyah
Year 4/5	Aleena	Alisa	Alex
Year 5/6	Juana	Abram	Ziyaad
Year 6	Hannah	Jessica	Ifra



## SCHOOL Attendance

	All Year 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2022- 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
Blossom	93.33%
Willow	92.52%
Sycamore	92.02%
Beech	92.71%
Year 3	94.37%
Year 3/4	95.79%
Year 4/5	94.39%
Year 5/6	92.21%
Year 6	93.93%



### Summer Fair

A massive thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Fair. We raised a fantastic **£1,200.40** and the children had a great time. Thank you for your generosity.



### Dinner Money and Breakfast Club Fees

Before we finish for the school holidays please check your child's ParentPay accounts and clear any outstanding balances they may have for school meals and Breakfast Club attendance. Many thanks.



### School Meal Price Increase from September 2023

Please note that the cost of a school meal is increasing to £2.50 per day from September 2023.

**Children moving into Year 3 in September 2023 will no longer be eligible for Universal Free School Meals. If you would like your child to continue having a school meal this will be chargeable at £2.50 per day (payable via ParentPay). For children who are registered for Free School Meals there will be no charge.**

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/>

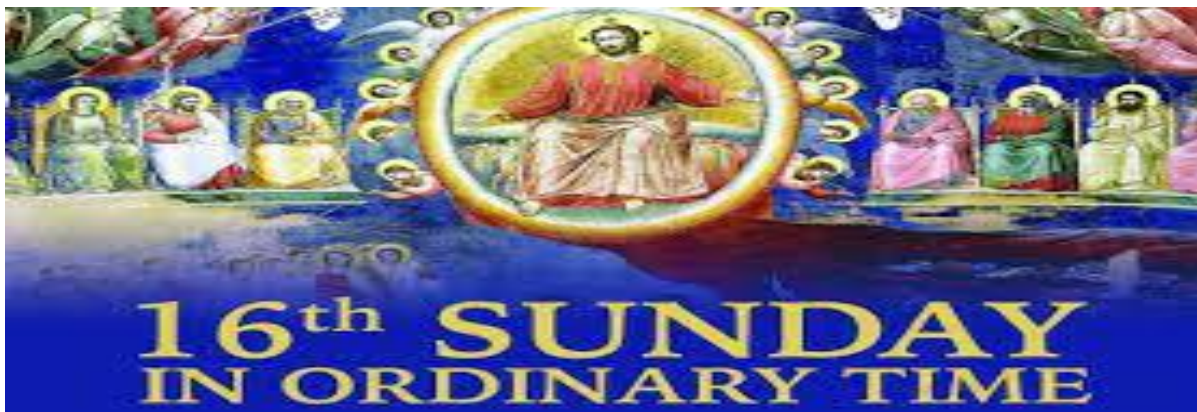


### Summer Holidays

We hope all our families have a relaxing and safe summer break.

Pupils will return back to school on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

# This Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023, is the Sixteenth Sunday in ordinary Time



This week Jesus uses story-telling to explain what the Kingdom of heaven is like.

## **Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43**

Jesus told them another parable: “The Kingdom of heaven is like this. A man takes a mustard seed and sows it in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it grows up, it is the biggest of all plants. It becomes a tree, so that birds come and make their nests in its branches.”

Jesus told them still another parable: “The Kingdom of heaven is like this. A woman takes some yeast and mixes it with forty litres of flour until the whole batch of dough rises.”

Jesus used parables to tell all these things to the crowds; he would not say a thing to them without using a parable. He did this to make what the prophet had said come true:

“I will use parables when I speak to them;  
I will tell them things unknown since the creation of the world.”

When Jesus had left the crowd and gone indoors, his disciples came to him and said, “Tell us what the parable about the weeds in the field means.”

Jesus answered, “The man who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world; the good seed is the people who belong to the Kingdom; the weeds are the people who belong to the Evil One; and the enemy who sowed the weeds is the Devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvest workers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered up and burnt in the fire, so the same thing will happen at the end of the age: the Son of Man will send out his angels to gather up out of his Kingdom all those who cause people to sin and all others who do evil things, and they will throw them into the fiery furnace, where they will cry and grind their teeth. Then God's people will shine like the sun in their Father's Kingdom. Listen, then, if you have ears!