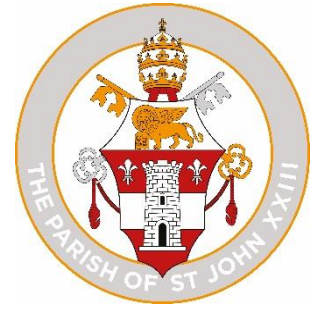




St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher: Mr John Entwistle

Friday Newsletter

Week Ending: 28th May 2021

May's Value is **Thoughtfulness**

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

Welcome to this week's newsletter

Message from Mr Entwistle

Dear Parents and Carers

Wow – another half term comes to an end with only one more until the Summer holidays!

I think we are all feeling a little better now that the COVID restrictions are starting to ease and normality seems closer and closer, however, it is important that we do not get too complacent especially with the new COVID variant.

I have started to plan our 'roadmap' out of school restrictions, however, with the number of COVID cases starting to rise once again our plans need to be more cautious. After the half term holidays our systems will be relaxed slightly with desks being in groups rather than rows as this is more conducive to teaching and allows collaborative work; however, most of our systems will remain unchanged ie the start and end of day routines, keeping classes in 'bubbles', dinner time routines etc. Our Junior classes are trialling joint outdoor assemblies and this will help me decide whether it is safe to invite parents to attend a small number of events towards the end of the school year.

I believe that a cautious approach is required to minimise the risk of the infection spreading and also to minimise the number of children that have to isolate if we have a positive COVID case reported in any of the classes. This term our Beech class have had to isolate for 10 days as a pupil tested positive. Please adhere to the current Government guidelines regarding 'Hands, Face, Space and Fresh Air' and continue to wear face masks when on the school grounds.

The building work on our new school entrance starts next week. During this time the main entrance will not be accessible and part of the Junior playground (near the hut) will be cordoned off. I hope that the start and end of day procedures will work the same, however, there will be one slight change as our Blossom Class children will enter around the side of school like the rest of the Infant classes. The door used for Breakfast Club (down the side of Year 6 class) will be the temporary entrance door, this will be signposted for you. I do apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but it is only for the few weeks before the Summer holiday as the work should be finished by the time we return to school in September!!

As you know, Mrs Archibald will be leaving us at the end of term to take up a Head Teacher post at a local school; I know she is very humbled by the amazing messages that she has received from parents. The Governors and I have been working hard since we heard that she was leaving and we have appointed Mrs Walsh as an Assistant Head Teacher to work alongside myself and Mrs Goulding. Mrs Walsh is currently working with our Junior pupils delivering interventions; she has a vast amount of experience as a Deputy Head Teacher and we are looking forward to inviting her onto our Leadership team.

In September, there will also be some Teaching Assistant changes. Sadly, Mrs Kazee will be leaving us to go on to teacher training; she has been working towards this for a few years and everyone at school wishes her the best of luck. I am looking to appoint a total of three new TAs for various classes across school.

At the start of every school year everyone looks forward to the last half term before the Summer holidays as it is normally full of amazing activities and events. This year will be slightly different, but we have plans and I will update you as soon as these have been finalised. Everyone in schools deserves a good final half term and a treat for everything they have been through over the last couple of years.

I do hope you have an amazing half term and that the weather is kind to us.

Regards



Mr J Entwistle

Our Shining Light and Values Awards for today (28th May 2021) go to:-



	Shining Light	Value Thoughtfulness	Dojo
Blossom	Hasan	Matthew	Aman
Willow	Ahmad	Aleena & Aleeza	Bilal & Yusuf
Sycamore	All class	Zayd	Safa
Year 3	Henry	Laaibah	Bethany
Year 3/4	Julia	Talha	Romeo
Year 4/5	M-Isa	Fortune	Hannah
Year 5/6	Wiktor	Wiktoria	Erica
Year 6	Hussein	Husna	Husna



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.



COVID-19 – positive COVID cases during the half term holiday

If your child tests positive for COVID and their symptoms start between their last day in school and Monday, 31st May 2021, please inform Mr Entwistle via Class Dojo as we need to notify the parents of your child's close contacts. Thank you for your co-operation and support.



Mr Evan's Three Peaks Challenge

This weekend, Saturday, 29th and Sunday, 30th May 2021, Mr Evans, one of our Teaching Assistants, will be taking on the National Three Peaks Challenge, in aid of Kidz4Kidz.

The challenge involves climbing the highest mountain in Scotland, England and Wales (Ben Nevis, Scafell and Snowdon) within 24 hours!!! Mrs Thompson, our Blossom Teacher, will be driving to and from each mountain to assist too. We wish them the best of luck!

For more information, or to sponsor them, please visit

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/kidz4kidz3peakchallenge

This Sunday, 30th May 2021, is Trinity Sunday

As Catholics we believe in **one God** who exists in **three parts** or 'persons'. These are the **Father**, the **Son** and the **Holy Spirit**, known collectively as the Trinity.

In this weekend's gospel Jesus tells his followers to baptize in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

