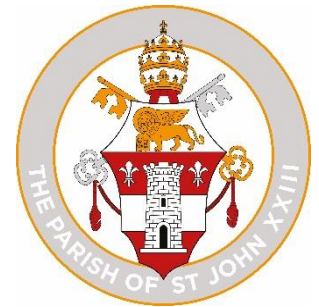




St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher: Mr John Entwistle

Friday Newsletter

Week Ending: 7th January 2022



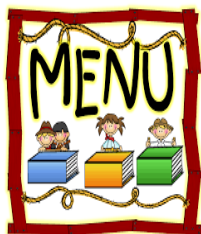
Welcome to this week's newsletter

January's Value is **Honesty & Truth**
Please can you re-enforce this at home with your children throughout January

Our Shining Light and Values Awards for today (7th January 2022) go to



	Shining Light	Value (Honesty & Truth)	Dojo
Blossom	Aaminah S & Daniella	Aaminah P	Abdur-Rahmaan A
Willow	Davian	Erin	Andromeda
Sycamore	Noel	Aleena	Umair
Beech	Ahmad K	Adam	Muhammad-Zayd
Year 3	Aleena	Bilal	Jesse
Year 3/4	Ethan	Muhammad P	Uthmaan
Year 4/5	Juana	All class	Muhammad-Zayyaan
Year 5/6	Muhammad H	Jessica	Shakur
Year 6	Muhammad-Faiz	Mohammed-Ayaan	-



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>

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year and welcome back to the start of a new term. I hope you all had a great Christmas break and managed to stay safe and well.

Good news – finally our new school entrance is finished!! This is now being used although the official opening will not be until the 27th January 2022 when the Bishop is coming to bless it.

I am concerned to see the recent rise in COVID cases across the country and the speed at which this new variant is spreading. We have a number of parents, family members, staff members and pupils who have tested positive for COVID, however, at the moment, I do not plan on making any significant changes to our school procedures. Please follow the Government guidance on carrying out LFD tests so that we can keep our school community as safe as possible.

I appreciate that some parents are struggling to get hold of LFD test kits; please keep trying pharmacists or place an order via this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Current regulations state that if a close contact tests positive for COVID (especially family members living in the same household) then the child can attend school if they LFD test daily for seven days after the close contact tests positive - unless they themselves have a positive test result or develop symptoms.

There have been slight changes to the self-isolation period for those who have tested positive for COVID. From the 22nd December 2021, the isolation period has been reduced from 10 days to 7 days with LFD testing. This means that a person can take an LFD test on day 6 of their isolation period and day 7 and if both of these are negative they can end their isolation period.

Thank you for your cooperation at this difficult time. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

I wish you all a happy and healthy 2022.

Mr J Entwistle

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. **PLEASE NOTE THAT FOR SAFEGUARDING REASONS ALL CLUBS WILL FINISH AT 4PM.**

The collection points are:-

Infant pupils - main reception area

Junior pupils - Junior playground.



Parents Evening

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



SCHOOL START TIME

Please remember that school is open from 8:45am and lessons start at 8:55am – 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/>

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



Sunday, 9th January 2022, is the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord

In this Sunday's Gospel we hear about Jesus' Baptism and how he was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

People's hopes began to rise, and they began to wonder whether John perhaps might be the Messiah. So John said to all of them, "I baptize you with water, but someone is coming who is much greater than I am. I am not good enough even to untie his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

After all the people had been baptized, Jesus also was baptized. While he was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit came down upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my own dear Son. I am pleased with you."

Gospel passage taken from Good News Translation