



St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mr John Entwistle



Friday Newsletter Week Ending: 8th December 2023

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 8th December 2023 go to ...

	Shining Light	Value (Respect)	Dojo
	Acorn	Everyone	
	Blossom	Tochukwu	Fatimah C Hafsa & Yahya A
	Willow	Pranav	Abdullah A Olly
	Sycamore	Roman	Aaliyah Kelly
	Beech	Muhammed Ibrahim & Aaminah Bapu	Yahya Ih'Saan, Lienna, Zayd & Umaymah D
	Year 3	Aurora	Umair Alexander
	Year 3/4	Ethan	Yumna Maariyah
	Year 4/5	Aisha H	Aishah B Ebrahim, Leon & Sarah
	Year 5/6	Layton	Areebah Holly
	Year 6	Orion	Mariam -



	16 th – 19 th Oct	30 th Oct – 3 rd Nov	6 th – 10 th Nov	13 th -17 th Nov	20 th -24 th Nov	27 th Nov – 1 st Dec	4 th – 8 th Dec
Blossom	90.68%	97.33%	97.67%	97.00%	90.00%	87.33%	96.00%
Willow	95.24%	98.18%	98.57%	97.86%	94.29%	94.29%	93.21%
Sycamore	91.25%	97.67%	99.67%	97.99%	96.33%	98.00%	92.28%
Beech	91.67%	95.67%	97.67%	93.67%	89.33%	92.00%	97.67%
Year 3	93.55%	93.16%	94.84%	94.19%	97.08%	94.52%	94.81%
Year 3/4	87.88%	94.85%	95.67%	95.76%	91.52%	90.61%	94.55%
Year 4/5	92.77%	96.13%	95.16%	98.71%	95.48%	93.87%	96.45%
Year 5/6	94.53%	95.31%	95.94%	98.44%	99.38%	97.81%	99.06%
Year 6	97.18%	91.61%	84.36%	95.48%	96.25%	93.75%	95.31%

SCHOOL
Attendance

CAKE SALE



Cake Sale

A **MASSIVE** thank you to everyone who donated and bought cakes at last week's cake sale. We raised **£344** for CAFOD and this has been donated to them to assist the work that they are doing in the Holy Land.

THANK FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



Yoga Day

On **Monday, 11th December 2023**, all the children will have the opportunity to take part in a 30 minute yoga session to promote stillness, reflection and mindfulness.

Please arrange for your child to wear their PE kit.

<https://yogabeez.com/how-yoga-benefits-children/>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/cosmickidsyoga>



ClassDojo

ClassDojo – Message from Mr Entwistle

We are really pleased at how well ClassDojo is being used for communications between school and home.

I am aware that some parents message their child's teacher late on at night when it is convenient for them which I understand, however, to ensure that our staff have an appropriate work/life balance I have asked them to put 'Quiet Hours' onto their account between the hours of 5pm and 8am. This means that, although your message will be delivered to them, they will only respond to your message between 8am and 5pm.

I do hope you understand why I have introduced this.
Mr J Entwistle



Help for the Homeless

During Advent we are collecting items to support a local homeless charity, the Metanoia Project (<http://metanoiaproject.co.uk/>) which is based at St Wilfrid's Church and provides a warm and safe space for the homeless people of Preston as well as a meal and things that they need to keep warm and clean.

The items that are needed have been divided between the classes:

Blossom & Yr 3/4 = shower gel and soap

Willow & 4/5 = baby wipes

Sycamore & Acorn = toothbrush and toothpaste

Beech = deodorant

Y3 = socks

Y3/4 = gloves

Y5/6 = scarves

Y6 = warm hats.

All items are for adults and any donation that you can make will be much appreciated.



Father Christmas visit

We are very lucky as Father Christmas has decided to visit our school again this year on **Friday, 15th December 2023**.

He wants to meet and talk to as many children as possible so we have arranged for all pupils from Reception to Year 4 to visit him and he will also have time to meet any pupils from Years 5 and 6 who want to see him. He is being very generous and giving every child a small gift.

If you do not want your child to see Fr Christmas please let their classteacher know before the 14th December 2023 (they will still receive the small gift)



Packed Lunch reminders

If your child has a packed lunch for their dinner please ensure that it contains healthy & nutritious items and

- avoid or minimize the amount of chocolate items in your child's lunch box. Note: Lollipops and sweets are not allowed as they can be a safety hazard.
- remember that we are a nut free school so no items containing nuts are allowed - this includes Nutella sandwiches.
- whole grapes are a choking hazard. If your child has grapes in their packed lunch or for a break time snack, please ensure they are cut up.

CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN



Class/Pupils	Event	Day	Date	Time
Infant pupils	Nativity	Tuesday	12 th December 2023	9:30 – 10:30
All pupils	Reconciliation Service	Wednesday	13 th December 2023	9:30 – 10:30
Infant pupils	Nativity	Wednesday	13 th December 2023	2:00pm – 3:00 pm
Choir Club Pupils	Choir After School Club Ends	Wednesday	13 th December 2023	4:00pm
All pupils	Father Christmas visit	Friday	15 th December 2023	Morning
All pupils	Christmas Parties	Monday	18 th December 2023	All Day
All pupils	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day	Tuesday	19 th December 2023	11:30 - 13:00
Junior pupils	Carol Service	Wednesday	20 th December 2023	9:30 – 11:00
All pupils	Celebration Assembly	Thursday	21 st December 2023	9:30 – 11:00
All pupils	School finishes for the Christmas holiday	Thursday	21 st December 2023	1:30pm

This Sunday, 10th December 2023, is the Second Sunday of Advent



This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent – a special time when we get ready for the coming of Jesus, when we remember his birth at Christmas and when he comes again in glory.

In this week’s Gospel we hear about how John the Baptist prepared people for the coming of Jesus by baptizing them.

Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

This is the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It began as the prophet Isaiah had written:

“God said, ‘I will send my messenger ahead of you to clear the way for you.’

Someone is shouting in the desert, ‘Get the road ready for the Lord; make a straight path for him to travel!’”

So John appeared in the desert, baptizing and preaching. “Turn away from your sins and be baptized,” he told the people, “and God will forgive your sins.” Many people from the province of Judea and the city of Jerusalem went out to hear John. They confessed their sins, and he baptized them in the River Jordan.

John wore clothes made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. He announced to the people, “The man who will come after me is much greater than I am. I am not good enough even to bend down and untie his sandals. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”