

Dear Parents and Carers,

Education Sunday

Thank you to the many children, family and friends who joined us at the 9:30am Mass at St Augustine's on Sunday. We were celebrating Education Sunday and both the staff and congregation were very impressed with your support.

Mark Dennison, Chair of Governors, also wanted to pass on his thanks on behalf of the Governors, "It was marvellous to see the church so full with the children from St Augustine's, who represented the school admirably, proudly wearing their uniforms; leading the singing; reading the scriptures; helping with the offertory procession and collecting the outreach. A credit to the school. Many of the congregation commented how wonderful it was to see the children so involved in the Mass."

We are very proud of our children and Sunday was a wonderful opportunity for us all to demonstrate the strength of our school community to the wider community. Thank you also to Mr Ing who led the music on his guitar and helped make the service a very special occasion.

KidzFit

The week kicked off with a visit from Carl from Kidz Fit. Kidz Fit is a company that aims to educate every child about the importance of a healthy lifestyle, physical fitness and personal wellbeing. Carl delivered a series of interactive, engaging and fun workshops throughout the day. Classes took it in turns to gather in the hall for a session focused on healthy nutrition, physical exercise, effective hydration, the inner-workings of the human body and the importance of giving one hundred percent and being the best we can be! As the music was turned up high, the laughter started and the activities began!

Judo Fun

On Tuesday, there were Judo sessions for all our children in Years 1 to 4. Vic, who runs our Judo early Morning Club on a Tuesday, put the children through their paces. Judo is a multi-skills activity that assists a child's fitness and general movement whilst having fun. Vic's sessions aim to improve the children's balance, concentration and co-ordination through a series of lively and fun exercises, activities and games. Tom, 3/4 St Paul told me, "It was awesome! We were rolling around and wrestling, trying to beat our competitor!"

The children certainly enjoyed the lively and energetic morning. All the children brought home a flyer for Vic's Judo Club which takes place on a Tuesday morning from 8:00 to 8:45am in the school hall. He still has spaces so if your child has been inspired, please contact him directly. He is happy for children to just turn up for a taster session to see if they enjoy it. Why not give it a go next week?

Foundation Stage Workshop

On Wednesday evening our Foundation Stage Teachers, Mrs Southall (Foundation Stage Leader and joint teacher in St Rose), Mrs Culmer (St Helena teacher) and Mrs Palourti (joint teacher in

St Rose) led their Communication, Language and Literacy Workshop for the parents of our new Reception children. Parents were able to experience what the children will be doing in Write Dance, they also learned how we teach Phonics and Reading. Mrs Southall felt the evening was a great success and was delighted with the turn out, "Many thanks to everyone who was able to attend and to Alex Green, Chair of the PTA, who kindly served the refreshments".

Thank you to all the Foundation Stage Teachers, for a useful and informative event.

In a fortnight's time, Wednesday 28th September the Maths Workshop for the Foundation Stage parents will be held at 19:30, please come along.

PTA AGM

The PTA will be holding their AGM on Tuesday 27th September at 20:00 with drinks from 19:30. We welcome you all to come along and see what the PTA have been doing, find out what money has been raised and help plan future events and spending. You might be tempted to join the team; new members are always warmly welcomed. After several years of fun, several of the committee members are stepping down from their roles. The PTA need people to volunteer to take over the following roles or the PTA may not be able to continue: Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. Please do try and come along. We look forward to seeing you there - your support would be very gratefully received!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ms Charman, joint teacher in 3/4 St Paul, who got married at the weekend and became Mrs Tanner. The ceremony was at Port Lympne Zoo and was followed by champagne and ice cream served from an ice cream van. The guests were even treated to a safari around the grounds - what an exciting day! We wish Mr and Mrs Tanner every happiness for the future.

End of Day Arrangements and Data Collection Sheets

Thank you to all those who have returned your children's 'End of Day Arrangement Forms' and your data collection information. There are still a number outstanding. If you have not yet returned these very important forms, please complete and send into school via your child's class teacher or the secure black box in the front porch as soon as possible.

Assessment and Reporting Parent's Meeting

You will remember some months ago we held two parent information meetings to tell you about the new National Curriculum and to explain how we will be assessing and reporting attainment, results and levels. When end of year reports were sent out last term we received some questions from parents about the new levels and what they mean. As a result we thought it would be useful to organise another Parent Information Meeting this term. This has been scheduled for 18.30 on 21st September. We hope you can come along.

School Meal Money

A reminder that Caterlink insist that meals all are paid for in advance, on the Monday of that week regardless of the day of the week your child has a lunch. Lunches are £2.10 per day. Please be aware that should lunch accounts fall behind by more than two days, Caterlink will contact you to seek reimbursement before another meal will be served to your child.

At present, Caterlink can only accept cash as payment for school meals. Please send this in via your child's class teacher (or in the black secure deposit box in the front entrance porch) in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name.

All Infants (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) are entitled to a free school meal every day, courtesy of the Government's 'Infant Universal Free School Meals' scheme.

Children in Year 3 upwards have to pay for their meals unless they are entitled to 'Free School Meals'. If your circumstances have changed and you think you might be entitled to, 'Free School Meals' please apply online at: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Harvest Mass

This year Family Fast Day falls on Friday 7th October. We have arranged for our Harvest Mass to take place on this same day. The Mass will start at 09:30. We hope that you will be able to join us! Please put the date in your diaries.

Consultations

Parent/Teacher consultations have now been scheduled. They will take place on Tuesday 18th October from 16.00 to 18.30 and Thursday 20th October from 16.30 to 19.00. Sign up sheets will be available in the hall from Monday 10th October, for now just make a note of the dates in your diary.

Sportsman's Mass

Father Ed from St Anselm's Church, Pembury has asked to inform you of a new mass that they have introduced to their list of services on a Sunday morning. The mass is especially aimed at families whose children participate in sports on Sunday morning. The service starts at 8.00am and all are welcome.

20 mph Consultation by KCC

We have been asked us to pass on to you the following information:

KCC are asking those living in St John's and the wider area whether they support local residential roads to be 20 mph zones. In theory, this creates a virtuous circle, where more children can walk or cycle to school, because traffic will be moving more slowly. That in turn reduces the rat running and congestion in the area, reduces pollution and makes life generally more pleasant for everyone. If you support this, PLEASE email the consultation address

http://consultations.kent.gov.uk/consult.ti/20mph_TunWells/consultationHome to register your support. KCC need to know, by 30th September, that people actively want this to happen. More information is available at <http://www.20splentyfortunbridgewells.moonfruit.com>

Cricket Club

Apologies, in last week's newsletter it was printed that Cricket Club, after school on a Tuesday, is a school club. This is in fact a club run by mSPORTi. If your child is interested in joining this club, or any mSPORTi club, please register and pay directly via their website.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 21 st September	Assessment and Reporting Parent's Meeting - 18.30
Tuesday 27 th September	PTA AGM - drinks at 19:30 for 20:00 start
Wednesday 28 th September	Numeracy Workshop for New Reception Parents - 19:30
Friday 7 th October	Family Fast Day and Harvest Mass - 09:30
Tuesday 13 th October	Kent Selection Test Results after 16:00
Monday 17 th October	Inset Day - no school for children
Tuesday 18 th October	Parent Teacher Consultations 16:00 - 18:30

Thursday 20th October

Parent Teacher Consultation 16:30 - 19:00

Friday 21st October

End of Term 1

Monday 31st October

Start of Term 2

CAFOD prayer inspired by this week's Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

God of plenty, in you we have everything yet we do not always remember this. Help us to be generous with your love and our resources in every action, both great and small. Amen.

Congratulations to our award winners:

Attendance Ted: 1 St Theresa

3/4 St Peter

Punctuality Pete: 1/2 St Lucy

5/6 St Patrick

Lunchtime Award: Nimah (5/6 St Mark)

Kenny (3/4 St Paul)

Tidy Classroom Award 1 St Teresa

Mrs Warren