



### PTA News

- This morning children came into school wearing their trainers in exchange for a bottle for the bottle stall at tomorrow's Christmas Festival. Thank you for your donations.
- **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Festival 14:00 - 16:00.** Entry £1 adults, children free. Stalls include tombola, crafts, face and nail painting, fun photo booth, Santa's grotto, cakes, lucky dip and much more! Please do join us – it promises to be a fun-packed afternoon!

**Raffle** tickets will also be on sale at the door for £1 per ticket. The list of exciting prizes includes: 2 tickets for The Shard, 2 movie tickets for Odeon Cinema, Family of 4 Bowling at Bowlplex, Family ticket to Snow White at the Assembly Halls, Tickets for the Historic Dockyard in Chatham, Gourmet Burger and Beer voucher for two at St John's Yard, 2 Golden Tickets for 'Jump In' Trampoline Park in Tonbridge, Insanity Fitness Passes at The Camden Centre, Impressions Hairdressers £10 off a £25 treatment etc...

If you are able to donate **cakes** for the Festival's cake stall, please either drop them into school on Saturday morning (the school will be open from 10:30) or bring them along with you when you arrive.

If you are able to help with the Christmas Festival or would like to contact the new joint Chairs of the PTA (Anna Ellis, Monika Buchta and Anna Fernandez) please email them: [ptaAugustines@gmail.com](mailto:ptaAugustines@gmail.com).

### Staffing News

At the end of this term we say goodbye to Mrs Martin. Mrs Martin has been with us for 16 years! During this time Mrs Martin helped and supported so many children, staff and parents while she was a teaching assistant and during her time in the office. She has also watched all three of her children go through the school. Now that they are all grown up she feels it is time for her next adventure which will not involve putting her feet up as she is running a marathon in April! We wish her all the best for the future.

From January Miss Leveridge will be joining the office team. We welcome her to St Augustine's.

We are looking to recruit a **full-time Midday Supervisor**, starting in January 2017. The post is for 5 days a week, 1.5 hours a day (11:50am - 13:20pm) term time only. To apply please visit [www.kent-teach.com](http://www.kent-teach.com) or collect a paper application from the office. Closing date for applications is next Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

### Spiritual, Moral, Social and Culture

- In April, Mrs Martin will be running the 2017 London Marathon in aid of Unicef. If you would like to sponsor her, and support this very worthy cause, please visit her JustGiving page at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Melanie-Martin3](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Melanie-Martin3). Thank you.
- **Nourish News:** The staff soup lunch, that was held the Friday before last, raised a total of £25.60. These funds will help to buy food for our local Nourish Food Bank. Some classes in the school have created a **Reverse Advent Calendar** to help people in crisis this Christmas. Each day one essential food bag item is put into an Advent Box. The proceeds will go to our local community Nourish Food Bank.
- Each year we try to support the **Tunbridge Wells Winter Shelter**. Over the last few years 11 local churches, including St Augustine's, have offered their halls and premises to the Shelter. If you would like to contribute new (adult size) winter hats, scarves, gloves or socks, we have a collection in the front entrance area.
- Around this time of year we also remember our twin parish in Cambodia, and send them religious Christmas cards which are always received with great pleasure. If you and your family would like to send a card, please address them to:

Father Bong-Bong  
Catholic Church  
PO Box 601  
Kompong Thom  
Cambodia

Thank you to Mrs Southall, our Spiritual, Moral, Social and Culture Leader, for co-ordinating the above.

### Our Community

- On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December, St Augustine's School will be participating in an **Advent Service** at St Augustine's Church at 16:00. It is part of a series of Advent Services being run by the Evangelisation Team. Thank you to those children who have returned their permissions slips and are able to attend. If you have not yet returned your slip but your family is able to attend, you are most welcome.

**St Gregory's Golden Jubilee Christmas Fair** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December from 12:00-15:00. Why not pop along before you join us at our Christmas Festival between 14:00 and 16:00.

### Congratulations to our Award Winners

- **Attendance Ted:** 1 St Theresa, 3/4 St John
- **Punctuality Pete:** 2 St Bernadette, 3/4 St Paul
- **Walk on Wednesday:** St Patrick
- **Tidy Classroom:** St Peter

## Past Pupil News



**Tommy West**, who is currently in Year 9 at St Gregory's recently travelled to Carrara, Italy, to represent the International Combat Organisation (ICO) **Team England** in the Unified World Championships. The event is a multi-disciplined and includes competition in Kick-boxing and Karate. Tommy came home

with a gold (**World Champion!**) and a silver in two of the categories. Well done Tommy!

Another of our past pupils, **Will Edwards** (who is currently studying at Loughborough University), has just returned from Dubai, having been selected to play for the **England** academy team at the World Rugby Sevens Series. The team battled hard and came home with the winner's trophy, beating the South Africa Academy in the final of the international invitational tournament. Congratulations Will!

## Sporting News

- On Wednesday after school our Year 5/6 boys' football team played against St James' school for a 'home' match. We knew they were a tough team from previous matches but never the less our boys tried their absolute best throughout the whole match. They played some superb football but unfortunately St James' got the better of them this time, beating them 4-0. We are very proud of you boys!
- The **Association of Physical Education** has recently been commissioned by Sport England to produce resources highlighting the difference that physical education can make to school pupils and to emphasise the importance of children and young people being active. The association recognises how important children's physical health and emotional well-being are and the relationship between these and academic achievement. To download copies of these resources, please go to the AFPE website at [www.afpe.org.uk](http://www.afpe.org.uk) under the 'Publications and Resources' section.
- Message from Mrs Berry - **Please can all borrowed kit be returned before the Christmas break**, including socks! (clean please!)

## Children's Voices

On Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon, Parents and Carers of children in KS1 were treated to an afternoon of entertainment as the children performed their Nativity to parents and carers:

"It was so much fun performing our Nativity to mums and dads but I felt quite shy. I will remember the songs forever but I'm glad we don't need to practise them anymore!" Jess B, 1 St Theresa.

The KS1 teachers wanted to pass on to parents how extremely proud they are of all the children, they all worked so hard remembering their lines and words to the songs and their performances on the day were marvellous! Thank you to all the children and all the staff in KS1 for their patience and persistence in putting the Nativity together.

## General and Reminders

- The deadline for ordering your child's **Christmas Dinner** is next **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. Please complete the order form and return it to school, via your child's class teacher, by this date. Even if your child usually has a school dinner, please complete and return the form. **Any orders received after this date will not be accepted.** If your child does not want a school dinner, they are welcome to bring a packed lunch as normal.

We informed you last week of a touring pantomime company who will be visiting the school after Christmas, on the first day of Term 3. The first day of term is **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January** (not Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January as stated in last week's newsletter). **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January is an INSET day.** The PTA have kindly agreed to cover the majority of the cost (£1299!) but are asking if families would be willing to donate £1.00 per child towards this. We would be grateful if you would make this contribution via Parentmail.

**If you are having difficulties in finding this (or any other items) in your Parentmail account, please check the payments area and look in the 'shop'.**

## Coming Up...

- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December - **Flu Vaccines** for Years 1, 2 and 3
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - **Deadline** for ordering your child's **Christmas Dinner**
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December - **EY Christmas Production** to Parents **09:30**
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December - **KS2** (Years 3-6) Christmas Lunch/**KS1** Class Parties
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - **KS1** and **EY** (Reception -Year 2) Christmas Lunch/**KS2** Class Parties
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December - **KS2 Christmas Celebration 09:15**
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 - INSET Day – **School Closed**
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017 - **Term 3 Starts** - M&M Productions show Sleeping Beauty

CAFOD prayer inspired by this week's Gospel:

### Matthew 11:2-11

Generous God, we thank you for all the good things that you have given us. Help us to follow the example of Jesus, to care for others and to bring good news to people who are poor. Amen.