



### Parent / Teacher Consultations

Parent / Teacher Consultations will be taking place next week on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** and **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February**. All bookings should now be made online using your Parentmail account.

### Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural

Last Friday we were joined by Joanna Waller from the **St Vincent de Paul Society** who presented a special assembly to the whole school about '**Mini Vinnies**'. Mini Vinnies is a **St Vincent de Paul** Group in a Primary School setting for children aged 7 and above. Joanna explained how the St Vincent de Paul Society started back in 1833 by a 19 year old French, Catholic student called Frederic Ozanam. Frederic wanted the Catholic Church to do more for the poor in France and so he and his friends began to meet and help local people in need. Frederic now realised that **Christianity was about actions, not just words**. They formed the world's first SVP group. Today there are about 0.75 million members in 145 countries throughout the world and around 9000 volunteers in England and Wales. We would like a selection of junior aged children of St Augustine's to be part of this family and launch their own Mini Vinnies group and continue the Mini Vinnies pledge of caring for themselves, others in their school and community, strengthening their friendship with Jesus, helping to make their family happy, showing respect, kindness and consideration, caring for God's world and treating others the way they would like to be treated. An invitation for your child to join Mini Vinnies will be sent out next week, all requests to join will be considered and we will inform the children chosen to form the first Mini Vinnies group at St Augustine's.

- Today was a **mathematical masterpiece** as we welcomed children into school dressed with numbers (and the odd calculator!) as we embraced **Number Day** in aid of the **NSPCC**. All throughout the day children across the school are taking part in mathematical games, encouraging children with their maths and numbers and showing them that maths can be fun! Thank you to all the children for taking part and their parents/carers for assisting with their dressing up. Thank you to Mrs Carew, our Maths Leader, for organising this special day and thank you also for all the donations received for the **NSPCC**. We will let you know how much we raised next week.
- Next Friday we will be hosting our last Cake Sale this term. Funds raised will be split between the chosen charities of our two Marathon runners, **Hospice in the Weald** and **UNICEF**. A reminder that the selling of cakes will now only **begin at 15:25** as children are dismissed from their classrooms and sold to **children** accompanied by their parents or carers. We need lots of delicious homemade and shop bought donations to make this cake sale a huge success and to avoid disappointed children at the end of the day. Please send in any donations on the day of the sale.
- We wanted to give you some advance notice of our fundraising intentions for Term 4. Our chosen charity for next term is **CAFOD**. Maureen Birkett from CAFOD will be presenting an assembly to children on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March to launch the Lenten appeal, "**Turn Little Fish into Big Fish**". We wanted to start this by creating the **BIGGEST FISH** we can out of coins on the playground so, start collecting your pennies now for our **Fish Sculpture On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February**.
- Please feel free to come and see our **SMSC board** in the school entrance which is continuously updated with all our spiritual, moral, social and cultural progress and achievements. We have just added a special section on our **Christmas Link to Hope shoebox appeal**. The Delivery Diary and photographs are available to see and a special thank you from Link to Hope to all of you for collectively sending **43,928 shoeboxes** to the poorest people in Romania, Moldova, Bulgaria and the Ukraine. Mrs Southall, our Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Leader, wanted to pass on her ongoing **thanks to all our children, parents and carers for their continuous support** with all our fundraising. Together, as a community we are all assisting in changing lives around the world.

### PTA News

The PTA held their second meeting this academic year on Tuesday evening. Thank you to all who were able to attend. We will inform you of all the upcoming PTA events when more details have been finalised. In the mean time, if you have any questions to put to the Chairs of the PTA please email: [ptaaugustines@gmail.com](mailto:ptaaugustines@gmail.com).

### Extra Curriculum Activities

If you would like your child (in Years 3 - 6) to take part in our St John Ambulance courses and you have not paid or given your permission already; please do so online through Parentmail. **The course costs £1.81 per child.**

### General and Reminders

- A reminder than **Van Cols** the **photographers** will be in on Thursday next week, 9<sup>th</sup> February to take pictures of individuals and their siblings (if applicable) so make sure your children are looking their usual, presentable best!
- If your child usually has a school meal please could you make note of a **swap in the menu choices** for the week beginning Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February (week 2 of Term 4). Due to not serving meat on Ash Wednesday we have swapped our 'meat free Monday' option for that week with our usual Wednesday Roast. See 'Coming Up' dates below.

## Sporting News

- Paddock Wood Primary School's Football Team visited us on Wednesday afternoon for a home match. Our team played brilliantly despite the muddy conditions on the field but sadly we lost this one 9-1. Our team should be extremely proud of their team spirit and there's always next time!
- Are there any parents or carers who would be able to assist Mrs Green with our lunchtime running club on a Friday 12:15 - 12:45? If you are able to, please see Mrs Green or Mrs Berry.

## Governor News

- We held our Governors' discussion of our **Education in Personal Relationships Policy** on Monday evening. Thank you to all the parents and carers who completed the Governors' questionnaire on how we teach this area of education. Your views and comments were all taken into consideration. A letter to parents and carers has been sent out already by Parentmail from Lisa Bonn, Foundation Governor, regarding this subject and how we plan to teach it.
- During the week commencing Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 the Governors will be asking all Parents and Carers to complete a **Governors' Questionnaire** in order to help us obtain your views. The questionnaire will be available:-
  - Online via a link sent by Parentmail next Monday;
  - In paper form from the school office;
  - At the Parent Consultations on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

The deadline for returning the questionnaire to the school office will be Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

The information from the questionnaire will be used to inform Governors as they make decisions for the school in the coming year - so please take the short time required to complete it. Thanking you in anticipation.

Mark Dennison

Chair of Governors

## Class Assemblies

- Children in 5/6 St Mark presented their assembly to parents and carers on Tuesday. The topic for their assembly was the **Chinese New Year**. The children explained that this year is the year of the Rooster, it began on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2017 and it is year 4715 on the Chinese calendar! New Year celebrations in China are similar to our celebrations, they say thank you for the last year and look forward to this year. Children are given little red envelopes with lucky money inside. Well done to all the children and thank you to Mrs Edwards, Class Teacher and Mrs Divall, Teaching Assistant for organising. Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to come along.
- It is the turn of children in **3/4 St Peter** to present their assembly to parents and carers next week, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Please come along if you are able to.

## Staffing News

- We are looking to appoint a part-time **Bursar and Personnel Administrator** to manage and develop the financial, administrative and business aspects of the school. 31 hours a week, worked over five days. Further details about this post including a job description and personal specification can be found on: [www.kent-teach.com](http://www.kent-teach.com). Applications should also be made online via Kent Teach. Closing date Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February, interviews take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.
- We are also looking for a **part-time Midday Supervisor** for Monday and Tuesday. Please pick up a paper application form from the school office.

## Coming Up...

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Years 3 and 4 First Aid Course.
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Years 5 and 6 First Aid Course.
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Parent/Teacher Consultations - 16:00 - 18:30. **Book via Parentmail.**
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February - 3/4 St Peter Class Assembly - 15:00.
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Van Cols - Individual and Sibling Photos.
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Parent/Teacher Consultations - 16:30 - 19:00. **Book via Parentmail.**
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Cake Sale - 15:25.
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Last Day of Term 3.
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Mr Wilson's Wellie Walk - 10:00am at Dunorlan Cafe.
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February - First Day of Term 4.
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Fish Sculpture for CAFOD.
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February - **Menu Change** - Roast Turkey (R), Shepherdess Pie (G) or Jacket Potato (Y)
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February - Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March - Ash Wednesday
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March - **Menu Change** - Quorn Sausages (R), Vegetable Pie (G) or Jacket Potato (Y)

## Congratulations to our Award Winners

- Attendance Ted: 1/2 St Lucy and 3/4 St Paul
- Punctuality Pete: R St Helena and 5/6 St Luke
- Tidy Classroom Award: 5/6 St Mark
- Lunchtime Award: Special award to Tom D (St Patrick) for helping a younger child at playtime and including him in fun games.
- WOW: 3/4 St Peter

## CAFOD prayer inspired by this week's Gospel:

### Matthew 5:13-16

God of joy, may we share your light with all our sisters and brothers around the world, so that as members of one global family we can work together to build a better, fairer future for all people. Amen.