



Spiritual, Moral, Social and Culture

- Tickets went on sale today for the school **Easter Egg Raffle** (not to be confused with the PTA Easter Egg Bingo). The raffle takes place during the school day on Friday next week. Staff donate the eggs for this event and all next week children in Year 6 will be selling raffle tickets to those who wish to purchase. Tickets are 50p each, maximum of 2 per child can be purchased. If your child would like to buy raffle tickets, please send your child into school with a maximum of £1.00, in an envelope with their name on it and hand to their class teacher. All money raised will go to our Lenten charity CAFOD.
- This afternoon we will be welcoming parents and carers to our special Reception and KS1 **Mother's Day Service** at 14:15. Please join us if you are able.
- Next Friday there will be a special **Easter Production** led by children in Years 3 and 4. The assembly starts at 09:15, all are welcome to join us.

Sporting News

- The Year 5/6 **Football Team** played against St Matthew's on Monday night, they played brilliantly and won 3-1. Well done to all the players! Thank you to Mrs Berry, our PE and Sports Coordinator, for organising and Mr Scott, Year 1 Teacher, for accompanying the children.
- Our **Netball Team** were visited by Paddock Wood on Tuesday night for a match at home. It was a lively game and the children all played extremely well, beating Paddock Wood 4-1. Well done to all the players! Thank you to Mrs Colman for all her help and support with coaching and thank you to Mrs Berry for organising.
- Tuesday **Cricket Club** has proven to be extremely popular with children in Years 3 -6. Trevor Vousden runs the club on a voluntary basis so we are able to offer this club free of charge for families. Trevor has asked if there may be a parent (or perhaps a few on a rota basis) who may be able to assist him as 'an extra pair of eyes' so he can concentrate on coaching the children. You do not need to have any Cricket experience. If you are able to assist on a Tuesday afternoon from 15:30 - 16:30 please let the school office or Mrs Berry know.

- On Wednesday afternoon some of our Year 5 and 6 children were chosen to take part in a **Mini Hockey Tournament** at Tonbridge School. Sadly we did not qualify to the next round but the children all had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you to Mrs Berry for organising and all the parents and carers for getting the children to and from the event.



- The KS1 and KS1 **Gymnastics Club** taster sessions proved to be extremely popular this week so thank you to all those who attended. mSporti will be running the clubs next term, Tuesday after school for Years R - 2 and Thursday after school for Years 3 - 6. Please book and pay online at www.msporti.co.uk
- Good luck to all our Netball players taking part in the matches at Skinners' Kent Academy on Saturday.
- Next Wednesday our **Cross Country** runners are off to Hever Castle for the last of their league races. Children need to be collected from school at 14:45.

Extra Curriculum Activities



- On Monday our very excited Reception and KS1 children welcomed First Officer Ditty and Professor Poet from **CBeebies Rhyme Rocket**. Screams of laughter could be heard from the hall as the rhyming duo entertained the children with their poems and stories of silliness. Thank you to all the families who contributed £3.00 towards the cost of the visit and to the PTA for covering the rest of the cost, making visits like this possible. Thank you to Mrs Liddle, our PHSE Leader, for organising.
- Children in Year 6 have taken home information booklets about the **Bikeability** programme run by KCC. The Bikeability course starts on Friday 12th May and takes place from school. There are 24 spaces available so are being offered on a first come basis. Permissions slips should be returned no later than Friday 31st March with £10.00 cash or cheque made payable to St Augustine's Catholic Primary School.
- There are still some spaces available for the Year 1 and 2 French Club starting next term on Wednesday 19th April from 15:30 - 16:00. If your child is interested please collect a form from the letter rack in the school entrance and return to your child's class teacher.

Staffing News

- It is with sadness that we announce this week that **Mrs Southall**, teacher in St Rose and Foundation Stage Leader and **Mrs Culmer**, teacher in St Helena are leaving at the end of this academic year. Both teachers have been the caring, welcoming faces to our youngest children for many, many years and will be missed by families, children and staff. Please join us in wishing them all the very best and a well deserved change from class teaching.
- We are looking to recruit a part-time Reception teacher from September to work alongside Mrs Palourti. If you would like further information about the role and to apply, please visit www.kent-teach.com. Closing date is Friday 31st March.

Our Community

- Wednesday was a musical day for the children at St Augustine's. Our choir have been busy rehearsing for the **Tunbridge Wells Music Festival** for weeks and the day of the performance finally came! The choir put in one final practice in the morning, walking down to the Assembly Hall and taking centre stage. Unfortunately all were drenched walking to and from town but despite the rain, their spirits were not dampened! The evening show followed a Space theme as they and the other local schools performed songs such as **Star Man, Space Oddity, Footprints on the Moon** and our solo: **Don't Stop me Now**. They raised the roof during the evening performance; their singing was confident and beautiful and their behaviour was impeccable. Well done to all the children in the Choir, you should be very proud of yourselves. Thank you to Mrs Palourti, our Music Leader and to Mrs Hope, Teaching Assistant and Pianist, for all their hard work and organisation.
- Children in Years 1 and 2 were also involved in the **Tunbridge Wells Music Festival**. They travelled by coach down to the Assembly Halls in the afternoon and took part in singing with other local schools. Thank you to all the families who contributed £1.00 towards the cost of the coach. Again, thank you to Mrs Palourti and all the members of staff who organised and accompanied the children.
- **Easter Workshop:** St Anselm's Church in Pembury will be running an Easter Workshop from 10:00 - 11:30 on Saturday 15th April. Craft activities are free but children are asked to bring a pot plant for the Easter Garden. Contact Hayley Tomlinson for more information: hayley_woodhouse@hotmail.com
- **Easter Holiday Courses with mSporti:** We are running an exciting **4 day FUN Football Course** in the Easter Holidays in conjunction with Langton Green Football Club and Pembury Athletic Football Club. MFA players, mSPORTi after school club players as well as NEW players are more than welcome to attend the course for more information see www.msportico.uk
- **mSporti Multi Sports Course including Swimming: Mania at Tunbridge Wells Sports Centre.** We are running two courses during the Easter Holidays at Tunbridge Wells Leisure Centre. You are more than welcome to attend all week or individual days. For more information and to book please visit our website: www.msportico.uk

Class Assemblies

- **5/6 St Luke** presented their class assembly to parents and carers on Tuesday. Their assembly theme was **Mother's Day**. The children explained how Mother's Day had started. The children read out poems about their mums and sang an amusing Mother's Day song. Well done to all the children in St Luke for their lovely performance. Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to attend and to Mrs Carew, Mrs Berry and Mrs Churcher for their help with the preparation.

More upcoming class assemblies will be announced next term.

General and Reminders

- The new Caterlink **Summer Menu** has been sent out this week via Parentmail. Please note there is a change to the scheduled meal on the day we return to school after the Easter break, please can you make your children aware. On Tuesday 18th April we will be using the meal option for **Monday Week 1** (Pasta Day).

PTA News

- Thank you to all the children who donated Easter Eggs for the **PTA Easter Egg Bingo** in exchange for wearing trainers to school on Wednesday.
- The **PTA Easter Egg Bingo** is on tonight 18:00 - 20:00. Entry is free of charge and Bingo cards can be purchased on the door.

Coming Up...

- Friday 24th March - Reception and KS1 Mother's Day Service at 14:15
- Friday 24th March - PTA Easter Egg Bingo - 18:00 - 20:00
- Saturday 25th March - Netball Tournament at Skinners' Kent Academy
- Friday 31st March - EY and KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade 09:00
- Friday 31st March - Year 3/4 Easter Production 09:15
- Friday 31st March - School Easter Egg Raffle
- Friday 31st March - Last Day of Term 4
- Friday 14th April - Good Friday
- Sunday 16th April - Easter Sunday
- Monday 17th April - Easter Monday - Bank Holiday (No School for Children)
- Tuesday 18th April - First Day of Term 5
- Tuesday 18th April - Menu Change (Using **Monday Week 1** Choices)
- Tuesday 18th April - National Offer Day (Reception)
- Friday 28th April - PTA Children's Disco (more details to follow)

Congratulations to our Award Winners

- **Attendance Ted:** R St Rose and 3/4 St Peter
- **Punctuality Pete:** R St Helena and 3/4 St John
- **Lunchtime Award:** Eddie G (1/2 St Lucy) and Matthew B (St Patrick)
- **Tidy Classroom Award:** St Paul

CAFOD prayer inspired by this week's Gospel:

John 9:1-41

God of hope, inspire us to look out into the world, praising and thanking you for all that is good, and seeking your help as we try to change what is not fair or right. Amen.