



## Spiritual, Moral, Social and Culture

- Paul Green (father of Oliver, William and Eddie) would like to say thank you very much to everyone who contributed to the **Hospice in the Weald** on his Just Giving page on behalf of his London Marathon run last Sunday. **"I thoroughly enjoyed running the London Marathon on Sunday. The weather was lovely. The crowds were truly amazing too! The first 18 miles flew by, but the final part was a real struggle! I managed to get over the finish line on the Mall in just over 4 hours. It was a real privilege to run on behalf of Hospice in the Weald."** If you would still like to donate, here is the link to Paul's Just Giving page:  
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/GreenPaul>
- Marilly, our Mini Vinnies President would like to invite you to the **Mini Vinnies pre-owned scarf and jewellery stall** on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 15:20 in the playground (or hall if it is raining) being overseen by their Co-ordinator, Nushi. Items will start at 50p. All proceeds go to St Vincent de Paul (SVP charity). Please come along and support this worthwhile charity.
- We wanted to invite you to take part in a special appeal, if you wish, to **'Send a Special Gift to Mothers and daughters in Malawi'**. Corpus Christi Church in Tonbridge is appealing for 'gently used' or 'brand new' bras and knickers as well as sanitary supplies to be distributed to women and girls in Malawi. Underwear and sanitary products are scarce commodities in rural Malawi. Without these essentials, girls stop attending school and women can suffer a number of problems. You can help by:
  - Gathering up all those pieces of underwear including nursing, maternity and training bras: or,
  - Make a donation towards the purchase of reusable sanitary products;
  - Bars of soap and reusable nappies are also welcome.

There will be two collection sessions: **18:30 - 20:00 Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April** and **15:00 - 20:00 Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April**, Fisher Hall, opposite Corpus Christi R.C. Church, Lyons Crescent, Tonbridge.

If you would like to get involved or would like to make your donations at another time before 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017, please contact: Alexandra Lopez, [alexandralopez1@yahoo.com](mailto:alexandralopez1@yahoo.com), 07565 462020. Maria Neves, [mj.damaso@gmail.com](mailto:mj.damaso@gmail.com), 07503 663734. Jacqueline Nunes, [jacqui.nunes@gmail.com](mailto:jacqui.nunes@gmail.com), 07914 771357.

## PTA News

- The PTA Junior (Years 3-6) Disco is on tonight from 17:00 - 18:30. Refreshments are available for parents who wish to stay and help. If there are any parents or carers that could be available to assist the PTA with the supervising of children and a small amount of clearing away afterwards your help would be really appreciated. If you are able to help please email the Chairs of the PTA on: [ptaAugustines@gmail.com](mailto:ptaAugustines@gmail.com)

## Our Community

- St Dunstan's Church is holding a **Bric-a-Brac and Jumble Sale** on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April from 11:30 - 14:00. Entrance fee is 50p in aid of S.V.P and improving facilities.

## General and Reminders

- Don't forget that it's a bank holiday this Monday so there is no school. See you all on Tuesday.
- Important: Year 6 SATs week starts on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May. **All Early Morning/Breakfast Clubs and Music Lessons** from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May have been **cancelled**. Clubs and Music Lessons resume on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

## Extra Curriculum Activities

- Children in Reception are visiting **Bore Place** in Edenbridge today, we hope the children have a lovely day and we look forward to hearing all about their visit. Thank you again to our generous PTA for contributing 80% of the cost of the transport, making this visit more affordable to our families.
- We have 3 spaces available for the **Year 6 Bikeability** course running from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May. If you would like your child to take part, please collect the sign up forms from the letter rack in the school entrance.

## Staff News

- Today we say a sad **goodbye to Mrs Sarjeant** as our school Bursar as she retires from this role. Mrs Sarjeant has been at our school for over 20 years and in that time her role was combined to include managing the school office, HR duties as well as carrying out the financial role. After the Bursar and Secretary roles were split Mrs Sarjeant gained her own office and she was seen by fewer parents on a daily basis. Her Bursar role still demanded just as much from her; as she worked quietly behind the scenes. Mrs Sarjeant has worked alongside four Headteachers at this school and has always had the needs of the children and their education at the heart of her role. She has dedicated so much energy and commitment behind the scenes to make our school the special place that it is. Mrs Sarjeant will not be leaving us entirely as she has agreed to assist our Inclusion Leader Mrs Taylor with administration one day a week until July. We would like to say thank you to Mrs Sarjeant for all her hard work and devotion to our school.
- We are delighted to announce that **Mrs Streeter** has joined our staff as our new Bursar and HR Manager. We welcome you to the St Augustine's team.

## Governor News

Message from Mark Dennison, "I write further to my letter of 15<sup>th</sup> March about our application for an Academy Order.

I am delighted to announce that the Secretary of State for Education has **granted an Academy Order for St Augustine's Catholic Primary School** to convert to academy status and to join the Kent Catholic Schools Partnership (KCSP) in July 2017.

As I said in my earlier letter, there will be briefings for parents/carers and staff on the implications of becoming an academy. There is also a 30-day consultation period with staff.

These briefings are being organised by KCSP because others are involved, for example staff unions and Kent County Council. As soon as these have been arranged, I will let you know.

Again, I recommend that you look at the helpful Frequently Asked Questions section on the Kent Catholic Schools Partnership website: [kcsp.org.uk/FAQs](http://kcsp.org.uk/FAQs). These cover various aspects of what becoming an academy means.

I will write to you again when I know the dates of the briefings. I hope that you will be able to attend a briefing, because it is important that all parents/carers and staff are kept well informed on what becoming an academy means for the school."

## Coming Up...

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May - Bank Holiday - **No School**
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May - Mini Vinnie Scarf and Jewellery Stall
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 SATs Week (**All Early Morning/Breakfast Clubs and Music Lessons cancelled**)
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May - 3/4 St Peter's Class Assembly - 15:00
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 Bikeability Starts
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May - New Reception Parent's Welcome Evening - From 18:45 to Discuss Uniform
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - 5/6 St Luke Class Assembly 15:00
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May - St Augustine's Mass Day
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May - INSET Day (No School)
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June - First Day of Summer Term 6
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June - Van Cols to Photograph Sports Teams and Classes

## Congratulations to our Award Winners

- **Attendance Ted:** 2 St Bernadette and 3/4 St John (100%)
- **Punctuality Pete:** 1/2 St Lucy and 5/6 St Mark
- **Walk on Wednesday:** 3/4 St Paul
- **Lunchtime Award:** Kadie and Benji (5/6 St Patrick) for being so helpful
- **Tidy Classroom Award:** 1 St Teresa

## CAFOD prayer inspired by this week's Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Living God, we look for you in all people. May we be inspired to treat each other with respect, sharing generously and reaching out to help those who are in need. Amen.