



Extra Curriculum Activities

- The **Year 6 Bikeability** course started today for children in Group One and Two. Information regarding your child's Bikeability group has been sent home this week on paper and via Parentmail. Please read this information and make sure your child has their bike and safety helmet in school on the required day.
- To celebrate the launch of their 'Forces and Magnets' Science topic, children in Year 3 and 4 will be visiting **The Observatory Science Centre**, in Herstmonceux on Wednesday 14th June. The PTA have kindly offered to cover 80% of the cost of the coach to and from the Science Centre making this visit more affordable to our families so thank you to the PTA. A payment item for this trip has been set up in your Parentmail account, if you have not paid or given your permission yet, please look for the 'to pay' or 'shop' item in your payment area. The deadline for payments and permissions is **Monday 5th June**. If we do not receive enough voluntary contributions by that date the trip will be cancelled.
- Mr Bradbury and children from St Gregory's visited us on Wednesday afternoon to deliver a fun **Maths 'Roadshow'** to children in Years 4 and 5. The Fun Maths Roadshow was a collection of mathematical activities which aim to provide a brief experience of some elements of what practising mathematicians do in real-life. These included: problem solving, ideas exploration, discussion with colleagues, insight development, solution achievement and outcome interpretation. Our children had to work with a partner to beat the challenges set for them by the St Gregory's children. The activities were differentiated, ensuring that all pupils were stretched and challenged but most importantly, had fun! Thank you to Mr Bradbury and the St Gregory's students for visiting and to Mrs Carew, our Maths Leader, for organising.

PTA

- One of our kind parents has agreed to launch a **School Tea Towel fund raiser** for all the children to take part in. Every child in school will draw a picture of themselves and all the pictures will be collated together to form a whole school tea towel as a memento for this academic year (the drawings will take place in school). The tea towels will be £3.00 each. Parents and carers should not feel obliged to buy the Tea Towels and any profits will go directly to the PTA. Flyers and order forms slips have gone home to children this week. There is a strict deadline for placing orders of **Tuesday 23rd May**. Please return all order forms in an envelope with the correct money to your child's teacher clearly marked 'PTA Tea Towel Request'.
- The PTA are hoping to host our **Summer Fayre** on Saturday 8th July. This is a provisional date and more details will follow but for now please make a note of the date in your diary.
- Is anyone available to help serve refreshments during our **Reception 2017 Children's Story Sessions** on Tuesday 20th June and Tuesday 11th July, from 14:45 to 15:15? If you are able to assist please let the Chairs of the PTA know by email: ptaAugustines@gmail.com

General and Reminders

- **New School Uniform Afternoon:** Helen from School Trends will be spending the afternoon in school on **Tuesday 6th June from 14:00 - 18:00** with samples of our new uniform. Helen will be on hand to assist with sizing and ordering queries. This is the only date Helen is available to be in school to spend time with parents so please come along if you are able to, alternatively the uniform can be purchased online from this date.
- If you would like to apply for your current Year 5 child (due to start secondary school in September 2018) to sit the **Kent Test** (formerly the 11+) in September this year, you must register your child's details between 1st June - 3rd July 2017 online at www.kent.gov.uk/ola
- We look forward to welcoming our new **Reception 2017** parents and carers to St Augustine's on Wednesday evening, 17th May. The PTA will be on hand to serve refreshments and welcome our new families to our school community. Arrival is from 18:45.
- For parents and carers with children in Year 6: Please help the PTA and the organisers of the **Year 6 Leavers Yearbook** by providing photos of your child from Reception onwards (even if they started in another school). The PTA are asking for a voluntary contribution of £5 per child towards the printing costs. Please send donations (cash or cheques made payable to St Augustine's PTA) and photos to Fiona Carolan (Bryn's mum) by **Thursday 25th May** at the latest.

Sporting News

- Our Football A and B Team took part in the **TWPSSA Football Tournament** on Saturday at Hawkenbury Astro Turf. It was an early start at 08:30. As the morning progressed, both teams were getting better and better. The A's got through to the finals and won - fantastic! The B's also managed to get to the finals, but sadly lost 3-1. It was their best match ever! The A team finished off the tournament with a playoff for the League against Langton School, as we were joint top with them. Again another fantastic match, but sadly lost 1-0. The boys who took part were: Harry, Joseph, Sam and Joe G, Dan C, Matthew D, Lucas, Roscoe, Max and Luke for the B's and for the A's: Oliver, Sammy, Ben, Matthew B, Bryn, Reilly, Tom and Sasha. A big thank you to Mr Scott for coaching the B's and for Mr Davis and Jamie Wildman (older brother to Ben) for coaching the A's. Also to all the parents who also assisted with the coaching, encouraging, general shouting and cheering and for getting the children to and from the match. Well done to ALL the boys who played, you were fantastic and showed all the other schools what talented players you are. Thank you to Mrs Berry, our PE and Sports Coordinator, for organising.
- Children aged 5 - 8 (boys and girls) have been invited to join the **All Stars Cricket** Club on Saturday mornings from 20th May at the Borderers Cricket Club, Frant Road, Tunbridge Wells. To register your child please visit allstarscricket.co.uk
- Please can we have **all borrowed School Kit** returned - we are missing an enormous amount. Please return, washed to Mrs Berry.

Governor News

The latest edition of the **Governors' Newsletter** (Spring 2017) has been home via Parentmail this week. Paper copies are available from the letter rack in the entrance porch and the newsletter is on display in the Governors' notice board by the entrance to the playground.

Our Community

- St Anselm's in Pembury (Lower Green Road, Pembury) are holding a **Spring Fair** on Saturday 20th May from 11:00 - 14:00. There will be face painting, craft, cakes, raffle-games, jewellery and much, much more! Please come along if you are able.
- St Gregory's are holding their popular **Multi-Sports Camp** during the May half term. Booking flyers have been sent home this week via Parentmail.
- **James O'Donnell**, Organist and Master of the Choristers of Westminster Abbey are hosting an **Organ Recital** at St Augustine's Church on Wednesday 21st June at 20:00. Tickets (by programme) are £10 in advance or £12 at the door. These can be purchased from Britten's Music Shop in Grove Hill Road or from St Augustine's Church Office.
- Kent County Council have produced a **SmarterPlay** app for families with nursery/preschool aged children which offers ideas, activities, places to visit and lots of helpful information to support your child's learning and development. The SmarterPlay app is free and is available for iOS and Android. For more information please visit your app store and search for SmarterPlay.

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Culture

- Do not forget that after school today our Year 5 children are holding a **cake sale**, in the playground if the weather is fine or in the hall if it is not, to raise funds to put towards their Year 6 trip to PGL Liddington in September. Cakes will be sold from 15:25 to children accompanied by adults.
- Our **Mini Vinnies** held their pre-owned scarf and jewellery sale last week in the playground after school. It was a great success, they raised **£37**. The Mini Vinnies will be holding another pre-owned scarf and jewellery sale next Friday 19th May at 15:25. If you have any scarves or jewellery you would like to donate to the Mini Vinnies for their sale, they would be extremely grateful. All proceeds will go to St Vincent de Paul (SVP charity).
- We will be holding a special Mass on the last day of this term, Thursday 25th May at 09:15 to celebrate **St Augustine's and St Dunstan's Feast Days**. Refreshments will be served afterwards and the proceeds will go towards the Year 6 residential trip in September. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Coming Up...

- Friday 12th May - Year 6 Bikeability Starts
- Friday 12th May - Year 5 Cake Sale 15:25
- Wednesday 17th May - New Reception Parent's Welcome Evening
- Friday 19th May - Minnie Vinnies Pre Owned Scarf and Jewellery Sale
- Tuesday 23rd May - 5/6 St Luke Class Assembly 15:00 - **Cancelled**
- Tuesday 23rd May - PTA School Tea Towel **Order Deadline**
- Thursday 25th May - St Augustine's and St Dunstan's Feast Days - Family Mass at 09:15
- Friday 26th May - INSET Day (No School)
- Monday 5th June - First Day of Summer Term 6
- Monday 5th June - Deadline for Year 3 and 4 Visit to The Science Observatory Centre
- Tuesday 6th June - New School Uniform Afternoon 14:00 - 18:00
- Friday 9th June - Van Cols to Photograph Sports Teams and Classes
- Saturday 8th July - PTA Summer Fayre (Provisional Date)
- Tuesday 11th July - Year 6 Production to Parents 18:45
- Wednesday 12th July - Year 6 Production to Parents 18:45
- Monday 17th July - Year 6 Residential Meeting to Parents and Children 16:00 - 17:00
- Tuesday 18th July - Leavers Celebration 18:45
- Thursday 20th July - End of Year Mass 09:30
- Friday 21st July - INSET Day (No School)

Congratulations to our Award Winners

- **Attendance Ted:** 1/2 St Lucy and 3/4 St Paul
- **Punctuality Pete:** 2 St Bernadette and 5/6 St Luke
- **Walk on Wednesday:** 5/6 St Patrick
- **Lunchtime Award:** Olivia W (St Patrick) and Jessica H (St Rose)
- **Tidy Classroom Award:** 3/4 St Peter

CAFOD prayer inspired by this week's Gospel: John 10: 1-10

God of life in all its fullness, be with us as we try to be the best people we can be and inspire us to help others have the chance to use their gifts and talents too, so that the world may be a better place, reflecting the glory of your Kingdom. Amen.