



### Extra Curriculum Activities

- In keeping with tradition, our Year 6 children are taking part in our school **Enterprise Scheme** run by Ms Churcher. The children are lent £2.00 each and are given the opportunity to 'make their money grow', however they choose. Two Enterprise Sales have been organised for next term. Please come along and support the year 6 children.
- Do not forget the deadline for returning permission slips and voluntary contributions for the Year 3 and 4 visit to **The Observatory Science Centre**, in Herstmonceux is **Monday 5 June**. Unfortunately, if we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions by that date the trip will be cancelled.
- We have been asked recently where parents can find information regarding the **Education in Human Love** curriculum. Please follow this address: <http://www.st-augustines.kent.sch.uk/curriculum/long-term-curriculum-map/>. For your information from Year 5 upwards, boys and girls are taught this subject separately.
- Vic Court who runs our Tuesday morning **Judo Club** has informed us that he has spaces for more children to join next term. If your child is interested in joining our Judo Club, they are welcome to take part in a trail session on Tuesday 6 June. Just send your child along in comfortable clothing at 8:00.

### Governors News

Message from Mark Dennison, Chair of Governors: Thank you to the parents and carers that came along to the **Academy Order Briefings** on Tuesday and Thursday this week. We hope you found the briefings informative and hopefully any concerns you may have had regarding our transfer to academy status have been settled. If you were unable to attend one of the briefings and you have an academy matter, which needs clarification, please contact me on my email [mark.dennison@st-augustines.kent.sch.uk] and I will come back to you.

### Our Community

- We have organised another family/friends/dog **Wellie Walk** in half term. Please meet Mr Wilson, our Family Liaison Officer at 10:00 outside the Dunorlan Café, Tunbridge Wells on Tuesday 30 May and bring a picnic.
- Tickets are still available for the James O'Donnell, **Organ Recital** at St Augustine's Church on Wednesday 21 June. Tickets can be purchased from Britten's Music Shop in Grove Hill Road or from St Augustine's Church Office.

### Staff News

- A letter from Mark Dennison, Chair of Governors, has been sent home yesterday via Parentmail regarding **Mrs Warren** and her decision to resign as Headteacher of St Augustine's Catholic Primary School at the end of December. Please read the full letter for more information.
- We are looking to appoint **two teachers for September**, one full time and one part time. Details of both vacancies can be found on the Kent Teach website: [www.kent-teach.com](http://www.kent-teach.com). The closing date for both posts in Thursday 8 June.
- We have two members of staff on maternity leave, **Mrs Mansfield**, Teacher in Phase 3/4 and **Mrs Torki**, Teaching Assistant in Phase 3/4. We wanted to inform parents and carers that both these members of staff have made the decision to focus on their families at present and not return to their posts in school. We wish both Mrs Mansfield and Mrs Torki, and their families all the best for the future.

### Spiritual, Moral, Social and Culture

- Thank you to all the families who supported our **Mini Vinnies** at their second pre-owned scarf and jewellery sale last Friday, they raised a further £45. All proceeds will go to St Vincent de Paul (SVP charity).
- On Wednesday this week children across the school took part in a special **Religious Education Outdoor Learning Day** focussing on Easter and Pentecost. The day was designed so that the children could bring their learning out of the classroom (and what fantastic weather too!) and encourage them to reflect on their faith in different ways. All the activities were art, music and reflection based. Thank you to Mrs Oubridge, our R.E. Leader, for organising.
- Our chosen charity for Term 6 will be **Water Aid**. The main aim of Water Aid is to get clean water, sanitation and hygiene to everyone, everywhere, by 2030. Water Aid works with local partners to reach the poorest and most marginalised people. Ending extreme poverty and building a healthier, more prosperous world for the poorest people cannot be done without clean water, sanitation and hygiene. **"Water Aid is a wonderful charity and well worth supporting. I only worked as a volunteer teacher in Africa for two years, but during that time I was able to see how many miles people, young and old, had to walk every single day for just a bucket of water!"** - Mrs Southall, our SMSC Leader. We plan to have small buckets in each classroom during Term 6, so that we can collect 'Buckets of Coins' for 'Buckets of Water'. We have scheduled a cake sale for Friday 16 June at 15:25.



## Sporting News

- Please can we have **all borrowed School Kit** returned - we are missing an enormous amount. Please return, washed to Mrs Berry. Particularly important due to the Sports Teams photos (see General Reminders below).
- Children in Year 4 and 5 were invited to take part in the St Gregory's **Primary School Football Tournament** on Wednesday. The children were split into a Boys A Team and B Team and a Girls Team. Mr Scott accompanied the children in the afternoon and told us how they got on, "The girls played incredibly well, they represented the school in the Girls final and came runners up! The Boys B Team were entered into the FA Cup. They showed great resilience and went on to win their final three games, including the final! The Boys A Team played really well in their group and were entered in to the Champions League final, they battled hard but were unlucky and suffered two defeats, finishing fourth in their final. All the children taking part showed great sportsmanship. Mrs Berry said, "I am so proud of ALL the children for showing such maturity during the tournament. Well done". Thank you to Mrs Berry, our PE and Sports Leader, for organising, and to Mrs Archer and Mrs Hampson, teaching assistants in year 3/4 and Mr Scott, teacher in Year 1, for their coaching and mentoring.
- We have set the date for **Sports Day** this year as Friday 7 July. Infants (EY and KS1) will take part in the morning and Juniors (Year 3 - 6) in the afternoon. Timings for these events will be given nearer the time, for now just make a note of the date.

## PTA

- We have organised a meeting on Tuesday 6 June 19:00 - 21:00 at school to discuss preparations for the Summer Fayre. The PTA would like as many parents and carers to come along as possible, you do not need to be a member. Friendly faces always welcome and parental input is always appreciated.
- **Year 6 Parents:** If you are interested in ordering a Year 6 St Augustine's Leavers' Hoodie please do so today via our online shop <https://www.leavershoodies.com/shop/staugustines2017> by **Monday 5 June**. Michelle (Ben from Class 5/6 St Patrick's mum) is coordinating the hoodie ordering this year. Please get in touch with her on [ma.doyle194@btinternet.com](mailto:ma.doyle194@btinternet.com) with details of how your child's name should be given on the back of the hoodie and if you have any queries.
- Thank you everyone who supported **Year 6 Leavers' Book** request. The work on the book is progressing well. We would like to extend the deadline for the donations to **Wednesday 7 June** in case you have not been able to contribute yet. You can do so after the mid-term break while we are finalising the design of the cover and do final bits of editing, Many thanks, Anna Fernandez.

## General and Reminders

- **New School Uniform Afternoon:** Helen from School Trends will be spending the afternoon in school on **Tuesday 6 June from 14:00 - 18:00** with samples of our new uniform.
- May we take this opportunity to remind you that, as per our Starter Pack (which some of you received a long time ago) our school policy on **JEWELLERY/HAIR: "Pupils with pierced ears should wear plain studs only**, which will need to be removed by the children themselves for PE. Children are not allowed to do PE/Sports/Swimming wearing earrings. New piercings should be left until the six week summer holiday to allow for healing. Hair must be tied back if shoulder-length or below. All hair bands/clips etc. should be green or grey."
- Van Cols, the school photographers will be in school to take **Class photos** and **Sports Teams photos** on Friday 9 June so please make sure your children are looking their usual best on that day.

## Class Assemblies

We have scheduled some class worship assemblies for next term. These assemblies usually take place on a Tuesday but due to the busy schedule for the final summer term some of the assemblies will take place on a Thursday, see 'Coming Up' dates below for the full list. The next class assembly booked is **5/6 St Mark** on Thursday 8 June at 15:00. Family and friends are welcome to come along.

## Coming Up...

- Tuesday 30 May - Family Wellie Walk 10:00
- Monday 5 June - First Day of Summer Term 6
- Monday 5 June - Deadline for Year 3 and 4 Visit to The Science Observatory Centre
- Tuesday 6 June - New School Uniform Afternoon 14:00 - 18:00
- Thursday 8 June - St Mark Class Assembly 15:00
- Friday 9 June - Van Cols to Photograph Sports Teams and Classes
- Friday 9 June - Year 5 Cake Sale for PGL 2017 15:25
- Monday 12 June - 1<sup>st</sup> Year 6 Enterprise Sale 15:25
- Tuesday 13 June - St John Class Assembly 15:00
- Wednesday 14 June - Year 3 and 4 visiting The Science Observatory Centre, Herstmonceux
- Saturday 8 July - PTA Summer Fayre (Provisional Date)
- Monday 17 July - Year 6 Residential Meeting to Parents and Children 16:00 - 17:00
- Tuesday 18 July - Leavers Celebration 18:45
- Thursday 20 July - End of Year Mass 09:30
- Friday 21 July - INSET Day (No School)

## Congratulations to our Award Winners

- **Attendance Ted:** 1/2 St Lucy and 5/6 St Patrick (100%)
- **Punctuality Pete:** 2 St Bernadette and 5/6 St Luke
- **Walk on Wednesday:** St Bernadette
- **Lunchtime Award:** Kadie and Kuba (5/6 St Patrick) and George C (3/4 St Paul)

## CAFOD prayer inspired by this week's Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

God of mercy and truth, shine through each and every one of us – helping us to see that all people are made in your image and to know that your Son Jesus is with us always. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.