



St. Austin's Catholic Primary School
A Catholic Voluntary Academy
Weekly Newsletter: Friday 24th November 2017
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Wednesday Word—Kindness



As often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me.

The Feast of Christ The King—final Sunday of the Church's Year

Jesus tells us about the kind of person who will be welcome in his kingdom. This group of people fed Jesus when he was hungry, gave him a drink when he was thirsty. They welcomed him when he was a stranger and lonely, they gave him clothes when he didn't have any. They visited him when he was sick and in prison.

They are very surprised and they ask Jesus when it was that they did all these things. He says, "when you did this to the least of my brothers or sisters, you did it to me." We are all God's children. And so Jesus is our brother. We are all brothers and sisters – members of one big global family. Jesus is saying that he is in each one of us. Every time we help someone else, every time we treat someone with kindness, welcome them or share with them, then we are doing this to Jesus.

*"How marvellous it would be if, at the end of the day, each one of us could say:
 "Today I have performed an act of charity"*

Christmas Productions

UFS	Years 1 and 2	Years 3 and 4	Years 5 and 6
Monday 11th December at 2.00pm	Tuesday 12th December at 9.30am	Wednesday 13th December at 6.00pm	Thursday 14th December at 6.00pm
Tuesday 12th December at 2.00pm	Wednesday 13th December at 2.00pm	Thursday 14th December at 2.00pm	Friday 15th December at 2.00pm

Week beginning Monday 27th November

Monday 27th November

3.30pm After School Club—Netball

Tuesday 28th November

11.00am Y5B Class Mass
 3.30pm After School Club—Lego/Construction Club
 3.30pm After School Club—Christmas Crafts Club
 3.30pm After School Club—Chatterbooks Club

Wednesday 29th November

Flu Vaccinations (UFS to Y4)
 3.30pm After School Club—Football Club
5.00pm KS1 SATs Information Meeting for Y2 Parents

Thursday 30th November

9.15am School Nurse visiting UFS
 M&M Pantomime—Aladdin
 3.30pm After School Club—Choir

Friday 1st December

Non-Uniform Day
 8.50am UFS Stay and Play until 9.30am
 3.30pm After School Club—Dance

Saturday 2nd December

10am onwards Christmas Fair at SS. Peter and Paul's

Christmas Fair at SS. Peter and Paul's Church

Saturday 2nd December
 Begins at 10.00am

Our own school choir will be singing in the church on the day. Father Christmas will be visiting in his newly sited grotto and the kids zone will be open throughout the day in the Upper Room. There will be freshly made sandwiches and cakes served throughout the day



Our School Christmas Fair
Friday 8th December



From 3.45-5:30pm

FOSAS are holding the St. Austin's Christmas Fair at the end of the school day on Friday 8th December.

They are working very hard to plan and organise a great event with the usual seasonal attractions.

Our school choir will be singing at regular intervals.

Father Christmas will make a special visit!

Raffle tickets will be on sale—£1 for 5 or 20p per ticket.
 Prizes include: A hamper, a large teddy bear, Prosecco and Chocolates

The non uniform day next Friday is to help us in preparation for the Christmas Fair. On that day children can bring: chocolate, a bottle or a £1 as a contribution and get to wear their own clothes.

Communication with School

We encourage and value open communication between home and school. **Please remember to speak with your child's class teacher in the first instance regarding all issues.** Should you wish to take a matter further please arrange to speak to the relevant Phase Leader (UFS—Mrs Kendrew, KS1—Mrs. Velayudhan, KS2—Mrs. Chernenko). If after speaking to the phase leader you feel that the matter or issue has not been resolved please arrange to speak to our Deputy Headteacher (Mr. Molyneux). After following this route you still have concerns please contact Mr. Flood. In most cases any problems, issues or concerns can be effectively dealt with by the class teacher—they know your child best.

Diary Dates

Monday 4 th December	Blessing of the Advent Wreaths
Wednesday 6 th December	Advent Class Mass – Year 4 all pupils – 9.30am (followed by Confessions for Yrs 4 – 6)
Friday 8 th December	Christmas Fair at St. Austin's School – 3.45pm—5.45pm
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Concert 'The Great Light' for Grandparents and Parishioners – 10am Blessing of Advent Cribs – UFS & KS1 – 2.30pm
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas Dinner Day followed by Party Afternoon—all Year Groups
Wednesday 20 th December	Whole School Mass – 9.30am in KS2 Hall Christingle Service led by children from Years 3 and 4—2.45pm in the KS2 Hall
Thursday 21 st December	'Christmas Peace Message' - Liturgy led by children from Years 5 and 6—2.45pm KS2 Hall
Friday 22 nd December	School Closes for Christmas Holiday



Hot Chocolate Friday

The following children have been rewarded with 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' for their super behaviour and excellent attitude towards all aspects of school.

Class RW - Aubrey Owens

Class RK –Ayaan Afzal

Class 1T-Risa Church

Class 1/2C-Megan Woulfe

Class 2V –Tanya Da Mata

Class 3W –Kyeran Hanmer-Gallivan

Class 3/4JT –Rayyan Hussain

Class 4N –Zaara Hussain

Class 5B-Oliver Cunniff

Class 5/6C-Alisha Afzal

Class 6CD-Wiktoria Szumny



KS1 Start and end of day procedures

Please can we ask that when children are brought into school on a morning and the bell sounds to line up that they are left to walk to class without the adult who brought them. We are wanting to encourage greater independence in our pupils and this would help greatly.

Equally, at the end of the day when children are preparing to leave the classroom can those collecting children ensure that they wait away from the classroom door so that teachers are able to see which parents are ready to receive their children and that access for the children beyond the classroom is clearer and safer.

Thank you

Groupcall Xpressions

Please can we remind you to download the app from the app store on your smartphone! Xpressions is a very easy to navigate information source to keep you up to date with any school events, messages, etc. If you have any technical issues installing the app contact the school office for support.

Attendance

Congratulations to 1/2C who are this week's KS1 attendance winners with 92% and also to 5/6C in KS2 with an attendance of 99%.

Just a reminder that the school doors open at 08:50 and the day begins at 08:55. If you can ensure your child arrives on time. Thank you.



Parenting Course

As mentioned last week we are hoping to run a course in the spring. This week's thought is 'Parents can only give advice to put children on the right track.'

E-Safety Advice:

Make online safety part of your everyday life.

Parish Mass times this weekend are:

St Austin's:

Saturday at 6.15pm, Sunday at 8.15am, 11am and 6pm

SS Peter & Paul's

Saturday at 5pm, Sunday at 9am and 10.45am

For further information please see the newsletters on the parish websites:

www.peterpaul.org.uk and smartinswakefield.org/index.



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