



St. Austin's Catholic Primary School
A Catholic Voluntary Academy
Weekly Newsletter: Friday 19th January 2018
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A reflection on this Sunday's Gospel—3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time



Simon and his brother Andrew are fishing by a lake when Jesus asks them to follow him. At once, they leave their fishing nets behind and go with Jesus. James and John do the same when they are asked. They leave their father behind as well as their boat and their fishing nets. They follow Jesus and become his disciples.

Jesus asks us all to follow him. But unlike Simon, Andrew, James and John in this reading. This reading makes us reflect on what Jesus wants us to do? How can we follow Jesus?

We can follow Jesus by living our lives as he would want us to. By being kind to others, sharing all that we have, and caring for all people, especially those who are poor or sick, so that the world becomes a fairer place for everyone to live in.

Preparation for First Sacraments

First Holy Communion

As you are aware following the Bishop's review of First Sacraments there will this year be no pupils making their First Holy Communion. So current Y3 pupils will make their First Holy Communion when they are in year 4.

First Sacraments Programme at St. Austins

Please contact Monsignor David or Fr Sean Crawley at the presbytery on 01924 372080 for further information on the Sacrament of Reconciliation for year 3 pupils at St Austin's.

First Sacraments Programme at SS. Peter and Paul's

The 2018 First Sacraments programme for SS. Peter and Paul's Parish will begin at the end of February. The parish would like to invite children in Year 3 who attend SS. Peter and Paul's Church to join them as they take the next step in their faith journey of faith. For an application form and more details please contact Katie Flood on 07807 935066 or at katie-flood@live.co.uk

Week beginning Monday 22nd January 2018

Monday 22nd January

Lunchtime Rosary Group from 12.45pm in Sacred Space
After School Club: Netball with Miss Balmond

Tuesday 23rd January

After School Club: Lego/Construction with Lorraine

Wednesday 17th January

After School Club: Football with Elite Coaching

Thursday 18th January

10.00am Ukulele Concert for Y3 parents (KS2 Hall)
After School Club: Choir with Mr. Molyneux and Mrs. Willis

Friday 19th January

Y2 Skipping Festival at St. Wilfrids
After School Club: Dance with Elite Coaching

Peace Week

Across our Catholic Academy (BKCAT) all schools have taken part in a 'Peace Week' over the past five days.

Our various Liturgies and assemblies have reflected this theme and the children have produced some thought-provoking written work and art work on this theme. We hope to be able to showcase examples of our work both on display around school and on our website.

Our KS2 children will gather together on Monday of next week for a celebration liturgy.

Peace Prayer

Dear God,

We thank you for giving us your peace.

Help us to spread peace at home and at school
by loving and caring for one another.

Help us to spread peace by listening to one another,
even when we don't agree.

Help us to spread peace by sharing our time
with those who are lonely and who need a friend.

Help us to spread peace by thinking and praying
for children who have no food or
who are frightened and live in fear.

Let us pray every day for peace
for our families, for our friends
and for ourselves.

Amen

Wednesday Word is: Community

"Whatever gifts and talents we are given by God
are to be shared with the entire community."

St. Baldwin of Canterbury

Reading Information Evenings

Thank you to the parents that braved the wintery weather on either Monday or Wednesday night this week to attend our Reading Information Evenings—we hope you found it useful. The PowerPoint Presentations from both evenings will be on our website early next week.

School Holiday Dates—Spring and Summer Terms

School closes for February half term: Friday 16th February
School re-opens: Monday 26th February
School closes for Easter: Wednesday 28th March
School re-opens: Monday 9th April
School closed for May Bank Holiday: Monday 7th May
School closes for May half term: Friday 25th May
School re-opens: Monday 11th June
School closes for Summer Holiday: Friday 20th July

Staff Training Days

Thursday 29th March
Monday 23rd July
Tuesday 24th July

St. Wilfrid's Catholic High School is proud to present...

Sister Act—a divine musical comedy!

Monday 12th to Thursday 15th February 2018

Tickets from St. Wilfrid's Finance Office

Adults £7,
Concessions £5
Family Ticket (2 adults and 2 children) £22

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 - Hugo Akhirebhu
Class RK – Agne Pukstyte
Class 1T– Ishika Patel
Class 1/2C– Abdul Ali
Class 2V – Tia Fretwell
Class 3W – Jessica Robinson
Class 3/4JT – Piotr Luczynski
Class 4N – Jacob Mathew
Class 5B– Anna Umoh
Class 5/6C– Isobel Slater
Class 6CD– Daniyal Chouhan



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Our school is now in the window for inspection and when it happens school will be notified the day before the inspection begins. We don't know when this will be.

Parent Voice is a website that can be used by parents to share their views about our school. You can access it at:
<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results>

We hope that any worries you have had will have been shared with us previously. It is important for those happy with what we offer your children at St Austin's that you contribute to this web page too. Thank you.

Adverse Weather Conditions

It is always worth pointing out at this time of year that we aim to keep the school open at all times but at no point will we ever compromise anyone's safety – staff, parents or pupils. Should it be necessary to close the school we will let you know by text and on our website. If we need to close school early due to bad weather we will notify by our texting service.



Don't forget to download our Groupcall Xpressions App! Thank you to all parents who have already done so.

Milk

If you wish your child to have milk each day at school the cost of this is £6.00 for this half term. .

School Meals (KS2 children only)

The cost of a school dinner is £2.20 per day or £11 per week.

Attendance

Congratulations to RW who are this week's KS1 attendance winners with 99% and also to 3W in KS2 with an attendance of 97%.

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.



Key Diary dates for this half-term

Thursday 25th January	Ukulele Concert for Y3 Parents—10.00am in our KS2 Hall
Friday 26th January	Y2 Skipping Festival at St. Wilfrid's—during the school day
Wednesday 31st January	School nurse working with Y4 children—Healthy Lifestyles Workshop
Friday 16th February	School closes for half-term
Monday 26th February	School re-opens after half-term break

Masses

Once we have agreed dates and times for our class or school masses with both priests we will publish details on future weekly newsletters.

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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