



# St. Austin's Catholic Primary School A Catholic Voluntary Academy Weekly Newsletter: Monday 26th March 2018 No: 24



## Lent—Holy Week

Yesterday in Church we remembered the events of Palm Sunday and the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. It marks the beginning of Holy Week and this week in school, over the next 3 days, we will be remembering the key events in the last week of Jesus' life.

For Christians the culmination of this week will be the events of next Sunday when Jesus rose from the dead and conquered death forever. We celebrate this wonderful feast with the giving of Easter Eggs as a symbol of new life that we are given through Jesus. The sweet taste of the chocolate reminds us of the sweetness of God's love for us all, even to allowing the death of his Son on Good Friday.

Tomorrow: Tuesday 27th March at 2.30pm is the KS1 Lenten Liturgy to which you are invited and on Wednesday 28th March also at 2.30pm KS2 pupils will be having their Lenten Liturgy again to which you are invited to join us.

## Week beginning Monday 26th March

Monday 26th March

No Clubs

Tuesday 27th March

Easter Craft Club with Mrs Ward

Computing Club with Miss Workman

Wednesday 28th March

No Clubs

## Summer Uniform

After Easter we invite pupils to wear the summer uniform. We understand that the unpredictability of the weather may mean that some parents may decide to remain in the winter uniform for a little longer.

Girls summer uniform

Green and white gingham chequered dress, yellow polo shirt and grey tailored shorts or a green skirt and white socks.

Boys summer uniform

Yellow polo shirt and grey shorts and grey socks.

## Illustrator and author visit

Today our year 5 and 6's had the final visit from illustrator and author Stephen Waterhouse. This was a follow up visit to his visit earlier this half term. This has been a really successful event that the children have enjoyed as well as learning lots about the skills of an illustrator. We hope that we have inspired a few of our pupils along the way.

## Easter Egg Bonanza

The towers of Easter eggs will disappear this week as we raffle off the eggs in each building. The raffles will take place on Wednesday morning this week. This means that tomorrow is the final day for buying raffle tickets. Raffle tickets will remain on sale until Tuesday 27th March and cost 20p per ticket. All monies raised this year will go to the Good Shepherd fund. Thank you for your continued support.

**GOOD LUCK to everyone with a ticket!!**

## Last Week in school

Last Wednesday Fr Simon joined pupils and staff in Miss Balmond's class for their special class Mass. Both Fr Simon and Fr David remained in school to allow all pupils in Y4-6 to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of our Lenten preparations for Easter.

## Interviews for teachers

On Thursday and Friday last week the Academy Council and Senior Leaders held interviews for new teaching staff joining us in September. We are delighted that we were able to make 2 appointments in Mrs Sophie Mills for KS2 and Mrs Amelia Gourmley for UFS. We hope to welcome them to school in the near future as part of their induction.

## 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. This is the final group before the Easter Break. Congratulations to the following children

Class RW –Amelia Burke

Class RK – Aridona Hajrullahu

Class 1T– Haleema Hussain

Class 1/2C– Evan Moran

Class 2V –Isaac Abhilash

Class 3W – Amelia Jennings

Class 3/4JT–Maria Sajan

Class 4N– Haleema Chouhan

Class 5B–Alfie Cunniff-McGuire

Class 5/6C– Alisha Afzal

Class 6CD– Tom Doherty

## Attendance

Congratulations to 1/2C who were last week's UFS & KS1 attendance winners with 95%  
In KS2 the winners last week were 3/4JT with an attendance of 99%.



## DOJO winners

Congratulations to:

Jasmine Mitchell, Piotr Matczak, Dawid Tomaszewski, Isobel Joseph, Sumaiya Akbar, Grasey Sata, Laura Raczycka, Klara Matczynszyn-Gilbert, Danielle Towo, Kamil Bieniek, Jessica Robinson, Angel Coelho, Sophie Baxter, Jeanes Makiessi, Kinga Bieniek, Taneesha Brear-Silveria, Eva Jordan, Artur Brela, Anya McCall, Lewis Wright, Anya Carandang, Saul atkins.

**These pupils will receive a personalised Easter Egg from Thornton's that are being delivered to school this week.**

### Parent Evenings

Many thanks to everyone who was able to attend parents evening last week. If for any reason you were unable to attend please see your child's teacher to make an appointment that is convenient to you both.

### Travelling Book fair

Following the Book Fair last week most children should now have received any books that they ordered. If anyone is still missing an order please contact the school office staff and they will be happy to chase this up for pupils.



### OFSTED

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.*

### Water bottles

New water bottles will be given to all pupils after Easter. Please ensure that your child brings it home each Friday so that it can be cleaned before use the during the next week. Thank you.

### Mrs Jackson Leaves us this week

**On Wednesday this week Mrs Jackson leaves our school after giving 18 years service to our school. In September 2000 Mrs Jackson joined our school team as a Newly Qualified Teacher and in that time she has taught in classes across KS2. Mrs Jackson will be greatly missed by pupils, staff, governors and the parent body. I taught alongside her and was lucky enough to have had two of my own children taught by her and know the great affection that is held for her by so many people connected with our school. Tomorrow we will be holding a special assembly for her in school when we will present cards and gifts on behalf of staff and pupils. We ask you to keep her in your thoughts and prayers as her life takes a little change in direction and we wish her continued success and happiness in the future.**

**After Easter we will be welcoming Mrs Adams who will be replacing Mrs Jackson for the summer term before the post is advertised. Mrs Adams comes recommended from her current headteacher and will work alongside Mrs Turner in Y3/4.**

### Sports Relief

Thank you to pupils in Miss Balmond's class who volunteered to decorate and sell buns at Sainsburys last week in support of the Sports Relief Charity.

### SATS week in KS2

SATs for Year 6 pupils will take place on week beginning Monday 14th May 2018

### School Holiday Dates—Spring and Summer Terms

School closes for Easter:  
Wednesday 28th March 3:30pm

School re-opens:  
Monday 9th April

School closed for May Day Bank Holiday:  
Monday 7th May

School closes for May Half Term  
Friday 25th May

School re-opens:  
Monday 11th June

### Internet and online safety: Did you know?

Ofcom statistics state:

53% of 3-4 year olds go online for an average of 7h 55m per week

79% of 5-7 year olds go online for an average of 9h 06m per week

94% of 8-11 year olds go online for an average of 13h 24m per week

We have many opportunities when we as teachers and parents can explore the online world to help them to understand how they can keep themselves safe on line.

Visit [net-aware.org.uk](http://net-aware.org.uk) if you want to find out more about suitable apps and websites.

### Parish Mass times this weekend are:

St Austin's: Holy week: Holy Thursday 7:30pm, Good Friday service 3pm, the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday will be at 8pm. Masses on Easter Sunday will be at 8.15am and 11am at St Austin's Church and 9.30am and 6pm at English Martyrs Church.

SS Peter & Paul's Holy week: Holy Thursday 7:30pm, Good Friday service 3pm, the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday will be at 8pm. Masses on Easter Sunday will be at the usual times of 9am and 10.45am.

For further information please see the newsletters on the parish websites: [www.peterpaul.org.uk](http://www.peterpaul.org.uk) and [smartinswakefield.org/index](http://smartinswakefield.org/index).

*On behalf of all staff at our school I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy and Holy Easter.*

*Mr K Flood*  
Headteacher

*Mr J Molyneux*  
Deputy Headteacher