



St. Austin's Catholic Primary School A Catholic Voluntary Academy Weekly Newsletter: Friday 27th April 2018 No: 27



Growing in goodness

The Church continues to celebrate the Easter Season and the Gospel Reading for this Sunday – the 5th Sunday of Eastertide—tells us that Jesus is the vine and he gives life to us, his branches. He uses this image as it is something that the people of his time will have been familiar with. Jesus is teaching his Disciples about himself. He calls himself the “true vine”. Jesus called us his branches because he supports us, like a tree supports its branches. He wants us to bear him fruit. He also wants us to follow his teachings, and love our neighbour. By doing this it will be like bearing fruit for his vine, because we will be sharing his love with others—growing into the people we were created to be.

‘Growth begins when we start to accept our own weaknesses.’ Jean Vanier



Week beginning Monday 30th April

Monday 30th April

Y4 Skipping Festival at St. Wilfrid's High School
Netball Club—3.30pm with Miss. Balmond

Tuesday 1st May

Computing Club—3.30pm with Miss Workman

Wednesday 2nd May

Football Coaching—3.30pm with Elite Coaching

Thursday 3rd May

Bun Sale for Muscular Dystrophy from 3pm in KS1 Hall
KS2 Choir—3.30pm with Mr. Molyneux and Mrs. Willis

Friday 4th May

Dance Club—3.30pm with Elite Coaching: -This club is cancelled due to the Tour De Yorkshire

Ofsted

As you are aware we had an Ofsted inspection last week. We had been expecting a visit for some time so as you can imagine it is a great relief to have had it early in the summer term. Ofsted's are always very intense and rigorous, but under this framework they are very quick and are conducted in an extremely focused, efficient and professional manner. During his time with us he interviewed pupils, staff at all levels, governors, LA Officers, Trust representatives and parents. I wish to thank everyone for the support and encouragement given to the staff by our governors, relatives, friends, colleagues, pupils, and parents. It always makes a difference! We look forward to sharing the letter from Ofsted with you in due course. Thank you to all parents and staff who completed the online questionnaire. A special thank you goes to our pupils who conducted themselves admirably during the inspection.

Bun Sale for Muscular Dystrophy

Thursday 3rd May from 3pm in our KS1 Hall

Some of our parents, along with a team of local bakers are taking on the challenge of walking the 'Yorkshire Three Peaks' at the end of May.

On Thursday 3rd May they will be selling cakes to raise money for their chosen charity—Muscular Dystrophy UK.

Muscular Dystrophy UK is the charity supporting 70,000 people living with muscle-wasting conditions. They make a difference by providing vital information and support to help people live independently. They are also accelerating progress in research and driving the campaign for access to emerging treatments. We invite children to bring £1 each and any bite-size cakes they are able to donate.

Cakes go on sale from 3pm onwards—£1 for 4 cakes!

The bakers will be selling slices of their cakes and tray-bakes for £1.50 to parents from 3.25pm. Vegan and gluten free cakes will also be available.

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.

	Friday 20th April	Friday 27th April
Class RW –	Amina Iqbal	Danika Mbazuigwe
Class RK –	Julia Szalanska	Daud Qasim
Class 1T–	Destiny Doherty	Zane Casserly—Fury
Class 1/2C–	Hope Owthoka	Valters Pakalns
Class 2V –	Isabella Taylor	Thomas SteeleMcKay
Class 3W –	Niya Vinu	Angel Coelho
Class 3/4AT-	Coby Jack Smith	Megan Van DerMerwe
Class 4N–	Borys Tuga	Taneesha BrearSilveria
Class 5B–	Alishba Komel	Lily Sykes
Class 5/6C–	Alesha Hussain	Ann Joji
Class 6CD–	Holly Snaith	Nick Riley

Diary Dates for the Summer Term

Monday 30th April	Y4 Skipping Festival at St. Wilfrid's—9am departure from school
Thursday 3rd May	Bun Sale for Muscular Dystrophy (to take place at the end of the school day)
Friday 4th May	No Swimming for Y4 due to Tour De Yorkshire
	School advises that pupils are collected early today. Collections from 1pm before road closures are actioned.
Monday 7th May	May Day Holiday—School closed today
Thursday 10th May	Whole School Mass—Feast of the Ascension
Friday 11th May	Good Shepherd Celebration—St. Anne's Cathedral, Leeds
Monday 14th-Friday 18th May	KS2 SATS Week—Y6 pupils—ALL PUPILS MUST BE IN SCHOOL ALL WEEK
Friday 18th May	BKCAT Football Tournament at Holy Family and St. Michael's Primary School
Tuesday 22nd May	Mass for all Y4 children—9.30am in school
Tues 22nd/Wed 23rd May	BKCAT Event—More Than Dance (selected Y6 pupils) - details to follow
Friday 25th May	School closes for half-term break (2 weeks)
Monday 11th June	School re-opens
Wed 20th—Fri 22nd June	Y6 Residential to Robinwood
Friday 29th June	Whole School Mass—Feast of SS. Peter and Paul
Tuesday 3rd July	Bun and Biscuit Sale for St. Catherine's Foodbank and CAP Wakefield
Tuesday 17th July	Whole School Celebration Evening
Thursday 19th July	Leavers Mass
Friday 20th July	School closes for Summer break

SATS—May 2018

Children in Years 2 and 6 will be completing their SATs during the month of May. It is crucial that they are in school every day this month. Thank you.

School Uniform

Please can you ensure all items of clothing (especially jumpers, cardigans, coats and sun hats) have your child's full name in them. During the summer term children often take these items off and it is much easier and quicker to reunite them with their owner if they have a name in.

Water bottles

New water bottles have been given to all pupils this week. 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.

Confirmation Programmes in our Parishes

SS. Peter and Paul's

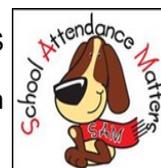
The confirmation programme is open to 11 year olds upwards and the first session will be held on **Sunday 24th June from 12noon to 5pm**. Parents are asked to attend the first hour of the session. Application forms can be collected from the trays in the Narthex at church and handed into the parish office once completed. Please direct any questions to Fr. Simon.

St. Austin's

Please contact Fr. David or Fr. Sean via email for further detail. priest@catholicchurchwakefield.co.uk

Attendance

Congratulations to 1T who are this week's UFS & KS1 attendance winners with 99%
In KS2 the winners this week are 4N with an attendance of 99%.



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.



Mr K Flood
Headteacher

Mr J Molyneux
Deputy Headteacher