



St. Austin's Catholic Primary School A Catholic Voluntary Academy Weekly Newsletter: Friday 11th May 2018 No: 29



The Feast of the Ascension

Yesterday, in school Fr Simon celebrated Mass with us all for the Feast of the Ascension. We saw an image of Jesus bathed in light and returning to the Father. Again, in the gospel reading this Sunday we here an account of Jesus praying to the Father asking him to care for his people after his death. This prayer of Jesus reminds us of the tremendous care that God has for each one of us. We can all experience God's care for us through the actions of other people around us and this is something Pope Francis asks of us, "Take care of God's creation. But above all take care of people in need. Let us care for one another."

As members of our school and Catholic community we are called to serve others, to be helped to see the needs of others as workers with loving and caring hearts.

Week beginning Monday 14th May

Monday 14th May

Y6 English Grammar, spelling and Punctuation Test
Netball Club—3.30pm with Miss. Balmond

Tuesday 15th May

Y6 English Reading Test
Computing Club cancelled due to staff meeting

Wednesday 16th May

Y6 Arithmetic Test and Mathematics Reasoning paper 1
Football Coaching—3.30pm with Elite Coaching

Thursday 17th May

Y6 Mathematics Reasoning Paper 2
KS2 Choir—3.30pm with Mr. Molyneux and Mrs. Willis

Friday 18th May

Dance Club—3.30pm with Elite Coaching

Royal Wedding and Ofsted Celebrations for our children!

As you will be aware, Prince Harry is soon to marry his fiancée, Meghan Markle. This is an exciting event and we would like the whole school to feel part of this special occasion.

Therefore, next **Friday 18th May in the afternoon**, we plan to have a whole school Royal Wedding Tea Party and we would like the children to dress in party clothes fit for a wedding celebration.

After the tea party, the children will play party games to celebrate.

Pupils do not need to bring any food or money with them and at the FOSAS (Friends of St Austin's) meeting this morning they offered their support in preparing for our fun afternoon.

Please note FOSAS meet on a Friday morning at 9am in the conference room in KS2. Please come along for a coffee and a chat!



Ramadan

As many of you will be well aware, Ramadan is likely to begin on 15 May this year.

At school we very much appreciate that Ramadan is an extremely important month for Muslims and we wish to work with parents to ensure that we support your children's experience during this time.

Local Authority guidance would suggest that, due to the increasing length of the day for fasting this year, parents are advised that primary aged students are not encouraged to fast. Fasting is not obligatory for those below the age of puberty, but we do understand that some families may intend for their younger children to take part in the fast for some or all of the daily period.

It is vital that parents inform us if their children intend to fast whilst at school. We are happy to support your decision and to make arrangements for the children to be supervised at the time when they would normally be having their lunch, but I trust that you understand it is very difficult for us to make a decision not to feed children without express guidance from a parent. Parents should note that if a child states that they wish to fast **without parental consent** we could not agree to that.

If you are participating in the observance of Ramadan, may I wish you **Ramadan Al-Mubarak**. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss any issues further.

Hot Chocolate with the Head

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

Friday 4th May. Congratulations to:

Class RW – Adam Snochowski

Class RK – Julia Szalanska

Class 1T– Gracie-Mai o'Malley

Class 1/2C– Rehan Hussain

Class 2V – Alicjia Malon

Class 3W – William Barr

Class 3/4AT- Billy Donnachie

Class 4N– Hasnain Chaudhry

Class 5B– Emilija Boguckaite

Class 5/6C– James Garfit

Class 6CD– Holly Snaith



Diary Dates for the Summer Term

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| 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 |

School Holidays 2018/2019

| Autumn Term 2018 | | |
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| School opens | Tuesday 4 th September | |
| School closes | Thursday 25 th October | Half term |
| School opens | Monday 5 th November | |
| School Closes | Friday 21 st December | Christmas Holidays |
| Spring Term 2019 | | |
| School opens | Monday 7 th January | |
| School closes | Friday 15 th February | Half term |
| School opens | Monday 25 th February | |
| School closes | Wednesday 17 th April | Easter |
| Summer Term 2019 | | |
| School opens | Monday 29 th April | |
| School closed | Monday 6 th May | May Day |
| School closes | Friday 24 th May | Spring Bank Holidays |
| School opens | Monday 10 th June | |
| School closes | Friday 19 th July | Summer break |

Inset Days

Monday 3rd September. Friday 26th October. Thursday 18th April.
Monday 22nd July. Tuesday 23rd July

Good Shepherd Fund Presentation

Thank you to Mrs Ward and the four representatives from our school who this morning attended the gathering in St Anne's Cathedral Leeds to meet the Bishop and to present to him on our behalf, a cheque for monies raised during Lent for the Good Shepherd Fund.

Well done to Basit Ali, James Garfit, Rebecca Selway and Alesha Hussain.

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.



SPORTS DAY This year we are hoping to make some further changes to our sports day including running it over a full day. We hope to have UFS and KS1 in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon with our family picnic separating the 2 events. You are welcome to join us for part or the whole day. It might help those parents with children in both UFS/KS1 and KS2.

Monday 2nd July with a reserve day on Monday 9th July 2018

Attendance

Congratulations to **1T** who are this week's UFS & KS1 attendance winners with **96%**
In KS2 the winners this week are **6CD** with an attendance of **99%**.



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.

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.

Mr K Flood
Headteacher

Wishing a lovely Weekend to everyone

Mr J Molyneux
Deputy Headteacher