



St. Austin's Catholic Primary School A Catholic Voluntary Academy Weekly Newsletter: Friday 15th June 2018 No: 31



The Kingdom Builders

The Kingdom of God can be seen all around us in the everyday acts of kindness that people do for each other. In our Catholic schools we are called to play our part in 'growing' God's Kingdom from which we can receive so many rewards. In this week's gospel we are reminded that Jesus came to establish God's Kingdom— a Kingdom where love reigns. In school we often use assembly and prayer time to remind everyone of their duty to 'act' in ways that promote God's love in our world. Our own group of Mini-Vinnies continue to take a lead on promoting good works.

We pray that We will be helped to build God's Kingdom in our hearts and in our world.

Monday 18th June

Netball Club

Tuesday 19th June

No Computing Club

Wednesday 20th June

Football Coaching—3.30pm with Elite Coaching

Thursday 21st June

KS2 Choir

Friday 22nd June

Dance Club—3.30pm with Elite Coaching

Hot Chocolate with the Head

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

Congratulations to:

Class RW – Loyiso Bhebhe

Class RK – Leo Jaczuk

Class 1T– Deona Jimmy & Jonaton Leowski

Class 1/2C– Aodhan Batch—McGinty

Class 2V – Kamil Bieniek

Class 3W – Ava Jones

Class 3/4AT- Kitty Bradshaw

Class 4N– Zack Jennings

Class 5B– Leon Dunin– Mikulski

Class 5/6C– Adrian Tyrowicz

Class 6CD– Maksymilian Klosowski



Attendance in Schools in England and Wales

Department for Education (DfE) analysis (2016) indicates a significant negative link between overall absence and attainment, with every day missed associated with lower attainment outcomes. In particular, pupils at KS2 and KS4 with no absence were believed to be 1.6 times more likely to achieve level 4 or above, and 4.7 times more likely to achieve level 5 or above, than pupils that missed 15-20% of all sessions (DfE, 2015). It is therefore evident that increasing learning time is integral to enabling children to fulfil their potential. However, pupils in English schools are potentially losing up to an hour of learning each day because of disruptive behaviour in the classroom (Ofsted, 2014), highlighting the need for schools to further improve their culture of learning. Whilst, state school attendance rates have remained consistent in recent years, unauthorised and persistent absence remains a big issue. In 2015/16 persistent absence (less than 90% attendance), accounted for more than half of all unauthorised absences. A FOI request by BBC found that 33,262 children recorded as missing education in 2014/15. However, research by the National Children's Bureau (March 2017) suggests that the narrow statutory definition of children missing school (Education Act 1996) may be resulting in a significant underestimation of these figures. Successive governments have introduced a number of measures to tackle unauthorised absences and disruptive behaviour, including parenting contracts and penalty notices. However, the number of parents prosecuted for term-time absence remains on the rise. In 2015 19,920 parents were prosecuted in England, the equivalent of roughly 105 cases for each day of the school year.

Running Challenges:

During the half term break we have had a running track installed on the grass area between the 2 KS2 playgrounds. This will help us to further develop our commitment to healthy activities for our pupils with 6 laps amounting to the 1 kilometre a day challenge.

Robinwood 2018:

Y6 will be heading off to Robinwood for 3 days next week. During this time they will be participating in a number of adventurous activities on land, water and in the air!

Please can I ask that medication for our Y6 children be brought into school on Monday or Tuesday next week. This can be given to the school office staff but will need to be labelled.

Welcome:

This week we welcomed Mrs Susan Scott to our school office team. Mrs Scott has replaced the vacancy left by Mrs Williams recently.

Parish Mass times this weekend are:

St Austin's:

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

SS Peter & Paul's

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

Diary Dates for the Summer Term

Monday 18th June	New Reception class (September 2018) Welcome Morning
Wed 20th—Fri 22nd June	Y6 Residential to Robinwood
Monday 25th June	Y6 Transition day to St Thomas a Becket
Tuesday 26th June	Y6 Transition day to St Thomas a Becket & Outwood
Friday 29th June	Whole School Mass—Feast of SS. Peter and Paul
Monday 2nd July	UFS & KS1 Sports day MORNING family picnic for all pupils and families and KS2 Sports Day AFTERNOON
Tuesday 3rd July	Bun and Biscuit Sale for St. Catherine's Foodbank and CAP Wakefield BKCAT Singing Festival
Thursday 5th July	St Austin's Got Talent Final at St Austin's Theatre
Monday 9th July	Reserve Sports Day am and pm and picnic
Wednesday 11th July	Y6 Transition day to City Academy
Monday 16th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly Y6 Leavers Party
Tuesday 17th July	School Choir Concert Whole School Celebration Evening
Thursday 19th July	Leavers Mass
Friday 20th July	School closes for Summer break

School Holidays 2018/2019

Autumn Term 2018		
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 2019 & Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Attendance

In KS1 & UFS the winners this week were **1/2C** with an attendance of **95%**.

In KS2 the winners this week are **5B** with an attendance of **96%**.



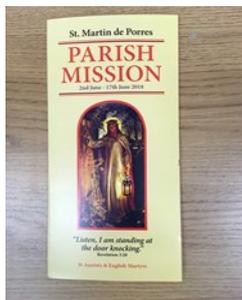
Confirmation Programmes in our Parishes

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

Parish Mission

Earlier this week your child will have brought home a flyer advertising the Parish Mission for the churches of St Austin's and English Martyrs. This is taking place from 2nd-17th June. The leaflet you received outlines events taking daily to which everyone is invited to attend.



SPORTS DAY: Monday 2nd July 2018:

This year we have made further changes to our sports day running it over a full day. We will have UFS & 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.

GDPR- General Data Protection Regulations- REMINDER FOR OUTSTANDING FORMS PLEASE At St Austin's, we aim to provide a positive, aspirational learning environment to support all our students in improving their life chances. In order to achieve this we need to work with parents, pupils, governors, trustees, the Local Authority, government departments and carefully selected companies. Our school aims to ensure that all personal data collected about pupils is collected, stored and processed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the expected provisions of the Data Protection Act 2018. As we take privacy seriously, personal data is only used in conjunction with providing the best possible care and education for your child, to support teaching and learning, monitor and report on your child's progress and to provide appropriate pastoral care. Due to the new GDPR regulations with effect from 25th May 2018, schools must now provide parents with the opportunity to opt-in or out of data sharing. We will never release personal information to anyone outside of the school without your consent, unless the law permits. In order to ensure that the school has accurate information and parental consent as appropriate.