



# Chronicles of St Augustine's

*Part of All Saints Catholic Collegiate*

*'...we strive to follow Christ's teaching, to love one another as I have loved you'.*

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another fortnight has passed and half term approaches... thankfully for Year 6 as they completed their long awaited SAT tests this week. Today saw them celebrate that feat with a party in class as they prepare now for the wait of their results. All the children have been excellent in their attitude to the tests which are by no means easy or straightforward. The years spent leading up to this landmark will be filled with many memories and ones they will share later in this term. We could not ask anymore of them this week, all with big smiles!

Last week saw Y4 take their architecture research to the capital city. An early start (6:30am) and a late arrival (10:35pm) closed what was a brilliant experience in taking in the London Eye, the Tate Gallery and a shared meal before setting off the return journey home. A trip on the London Eye was possibly a highlight for many seeing the landscape of buildings across the Thames and into the distance... the Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace, Wembley Stadium, The Shard and the South Bank were all landmarks observed during the ride and the day. Our creative friends from Universal Learning, Paul, Shine and Lee made the trip a day to remember and sparking the imagination of the children into thinking about designs for purpose. A film capturing the day will be made available and ready for our website very soon.



## Holy Communion

*Congratulations to the children who made their First Holy Communion last Saturday evening. The church was full in gathering together to support the children in this important journey of their faith. They looked super in the special clothes they wore and were brilliant in their reverence. They certainly made us all feel proud of them, in what was a very memorable event.*

**Meeting Mrs Yates...** Mrs Yates was due to hold two meetings with parents, provisionally on Thurs 21st and Friday 22nd May regarding working at St Augustine's next year in her role as Executive Headteacher. Unfortunately, she has had a recent operation and will not be back at work until after the half term. These meetings will need to be rescheduled... we will inform you as soon as they have been arranged.

## DISCO- 19 May Next Tuesday

Thanks again to the PTFA who will be arranging the event. EYFS and KS1 children 5-6:15 and KS2 6:30 -8:00.

Tickets on sale from the office.



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## Breakfast Club

Please can you ensure your child turns up with appropriate funds. 50p will cover the cost of cereal.

## After School Clubs

These are displayed on the noticeboard by the hall for the coming week.

## Key Dates for Confirmation



**4 June 6pm**, Parents and children  
**9 June 3:30** Children meet  
**16 June 3:30** Children meet  
**23 June 2:30** Confessions in church, children, **3:30** Parents and Sponsors to join us in church (rehearsal)  
**24 June 1:15** Bishop David McGough visit with children

### DAY OF PRAYER

St Augustine's Parish are holding the Day of Prayer next Thursday 21st May after Mass. The day of adoration will take place all day. All are welcome

## Thank you!

To Mrs Brindle, Mrs Knapper, Charley Latham and Holly Povey who have been working on tidying our planting and garden areas of the school. Both areas needed plenty of work doing to them and they look so much better and tidier. I actually ended up in B&Q this week transporting some shrubs and plants for both areas. They look great!



### Accessibility Plans

Over recent years we have improved the accessibility of the site for all including the installation of a lift in KS2 and ramp to the front entrance, as well as exit doors from classrooms and a new pedestrian access. If you feel that parts of the school are not easy to access and you find difficulty in doing so please inform us via the office so that we can look into your concerns and improve the site access. Thank you.

Attendance Last two weeks		
Class	5 May	11 May
F1	92.6	93.5
F2	95.7	98.6
Y1	95.8	97.0
Y2	91.8	97.2
Y3	90.8	97.3
Y4	95.8	97.8
Y5	94.2	97.3
Y6	94.8	98.6
School Total	94.0	97.2

...Reminders...Reminders... Reminders...

- **Swimming for Y1 and Y2 this half term**
- **Presbytery Car Park is PRIVATE. Please do not use to park, turn around or drop off. Thank you.**

OUTSTANDING improvement from all classes this week. I think these are the **best weekly figures EVER!**

**Race for Life!**  
**19 June 2015... watch this space.**  
**An afternoon of fun and fundraising for Cancer Research.**

## DIARY DATES

### MAY

Mon 18 Academy Committee meeting  
 Tues 19 PTFA Disco  
 Fri 22 School closes for half term

### JUNE

Mon 1 School opens  
 Tues 2 Good Shepherd Mass  
 St Joseph's Burslem

Tues 9 SPORTS DAY KS2  
 Wed 10 SPORTS DAY FS/KS1  
**Sat 13 Archbishop celebrating Mass St Augustine's Parish 6pm 80th anniversary of Parish.**  
**Wed 24 Sacrament of CONFIRMATION**  
 Tues 30 Sports Day (reserve)

### JULY

Sat 4 Summer Fayre  
 Wed 8 FS2/KS1 Awards  
 Thurs 9 KS2 Awards  
 Wed 15 9:30 Nursery Graduation  
 7pm Y6 Leavers Awards Night  
 Fri 17 School Closes

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