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## NEWSLETTER 4

### 18.10.19

School's  
Attendance  
Target: 96.2%  
Actual: 95.3%

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware, October is the Catholic month of mission. To mark this, next Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October, the children can wear non-uniform. Our 'many colours' day means that they can wear as many colours as they like and pay 10p per colour!

Last week our Chaplains went to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Bath for their annual Camino mass.

The children processed in with their beautiful Camino banners. They also made paper chains with the names of children who were important to them. It was a wonderful way to worship and celebrate our diocesan partnership of schools.



Mr Hilliam



#### Harvest and conkers

Last Friday we celebrated our annual Harvest festival with an assembly and a conker championship on the playground. Thank you for your kind donations of food for St. James Priory and congratulations to our joint winners of the longest food 'snakes': St. Joan of Arc and St. Brigid houses.



#### Food Tasting!

On the 13<sup>th</sup> December, Integra (our catering providers) are offering kitchen taster sessions for parents of children in reception and Key Stage 1. These will be available from 3-3:30pm.

#### Attendance

Congratulations to Mrs Scott/Mrs Swonnell's 3/4 class for winning the highest attendance certificate last week with **99.3%** attendance. Congratulations also to this week's winners - Year R, with **98%**. *The attendance figures are significantly down across the classes this week, which is disappointing. Please remember that your child **must attend school every day and be punctual.***

St Augustine's is now on Twitter! Click on the link to request permission to follow us.

Once we have approved you, you can read our twitter feed:

<https://twitter.com/StAugustinesDnd>



#### Consultation on admission arrangements for academic year 2021/2022:

The diocese of Clifton has asked all Catholic schools to hold a period of consultation on their new proposed admission arrangements. Please check our website for further details.

As a feeder school, St. Bernadette's has asked us to share their website for the same reason:

[www.stberns.bristol.sch.uk](http://www.stberns.bristol.sch.uk)

### School Uniform.

A big thank you to all of you for ensuring children come into school wearing the correct uniform, including ties. The children do look very smart when I meet and greet them on the gate - it is a great advert for our wonderful school.

Our uniform policy is very clear about what the children should be wearing, including shoes for boys and girls.

This text from our website outlines our uniform.

#### School Uniform – All items to be marked with name

##### Boys

Grey Trousers  
White Shirt  
Grey Socks  
Black Shoes  
School Tie  
School Sweatshirt\*

##### Girls

Grey Skirt or Grey School Trousers  
White Blouse  
Grey Socks or Tights  
Black Shoes  
School Tie  
School Sweatshirt or Cardigan\*

##### Summer

White Shirt  
Grey Shorts

Yellow and White Check Summer Dress

### School photos:

Next Tuesday, Tempest Photography will be in school to photograph the children. Pre school siblings will be able to have photographs taken from 8:35 in the morning.

### Parents Evenings:

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October you will be able to meet with your child's classteacher(s) where you will receive an update on how he/she is progressing at school. Mrs Gawler has kindly arranged all the ten minute appointments –please keep to time. If you feel you need to discuss certain matters further please make another appointment with the teacher for a later date.

### Half term.

As this is my last newsletter before half term I would like to wish you all a restful and safe half term.

This holiday can be an exciting one for children with Halloween and fireworks. Whilst we would not actively promote Halloween as a Catholic school, we are aware that many children do go 'trick or treating' and therefore it is important to pass on safety advice. Older children in the school have already received the 'Halloween Code' from Avon & Somerset Constabulary.

Please also remind children about the danger of fireworks. The poster here is old but still very effective!

You might like to attend one of the many excellent public displays across the region.



**Finally, I would like to remind you of our vision, aims and values for our children at St. Augustine's:**

St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School provides an education that inspires and nurtures God's children to succeed to their full potential as we are created by God to love and learn.

Our aim is to provide our children with the best possible education academically, spiritually, culturally and emotionally.

*We do this by teaching the children to uphold our ten values:*

**Respect, Love, Humility, Courage, Responsibility, Compassion, Perseverance, Service, Honesty and Curiosity.**

## Dates for your diary

Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	January	INSET 2
Monday	24 <sup>th</sup>	February	INSET 3
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	May	INSET 4
Monday	20 <sup>th</sup>	July	INSET 5
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	October	Year 5 Pedestrian Training
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	October	Individual school photos
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	October	Parents' Evening 3:40pm to 6:30pm (PTFA Christmas Cards on Sale)
Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup>	October	Parents' Evening 4:00pm to 7:00pm (PTFA Christmas Cards on Sale)
Friday	25 <sup>th</sup>	October	Many colours day (non-uniform) for Missio charity
Monday	28 <sup>th</sup>	October	Half Term
<b>TERM 2</b>			
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	November	Term 2 starts, children return to school
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup>	November	Mufty Day for Tombola donations
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup>	November	Year 6 height and weight checks
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	November	School Open Day (tours at 9:30am, 11:20am and 2:00pm)
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup>	November	School Open Day (tours at 9:30am, 11:20am and 2:00pm)
Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup>	November	Parish Christmas Bazaar
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	November	School Open Evening for prospective Reception parents (6:00pm to 7:00pm)
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup>	November	Class 4/5 Mass in school at 9:30am
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup>	November	Class 2/3 Cake Sale
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>	December	PTFA Christmas Film Club
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	December	Reception and KS1 Performance in school at 2:30pm and 6:00pm (PTFA serving refreshments)
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup>	December	KS1 & KS2 Medieval Christmas Workshops
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	December	PTFA Christmas Disco
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	December	School Christmas Dinner
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	December	School Mass in Church at 9:30am
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	December	KS2 Christmas Performance in Church at 6:30pm (PTFA serving refreshments)
Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	December	Half Term
<b>TERM 3</b>			
Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	January	Term 3 starts, children return to school
Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup>	January	Epiphany Mass in Church at 9:30am
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup>	January	Year 6 and Reception Cake Sale
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup>	January	PTFA Film Club
Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup>	February	Class 1/2 Liturgy in school at 3:00pm
Monday	10 <sup>th</sup>	February	Book Fair all week
Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	February	Parents' Evening 3:40pm to 6:30pm
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup>	February	Parents' Evening 4:00pm to 7:00pm
Monday	17 <sup>th</sup>	February	Half Term
<b>TERM 4</b>			
Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	February	Term 4 starts, children return to school
Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	April	Year 4 leave for Kilve Court
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	April	Year 4 return from Kilve Court
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	April	Half Term
<b>TERM 5</b>			
Monday	20 <sup>th</sup>	April	Term 5 starts, children return to school
Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	April	Post Easter Celebration Mass in Church at 9:30am
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup>	May	Reception Class Liturgy in school at 3:00pm
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup>	May	Bank Holiday school closed
<b>TERM 6</b>			
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup>	June	Term 6 starts, children return to school
Monday	29 <sup>th</sup>	June	Year 6 leave for Longtown
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	July	Class 3/4 Mass in school at 9:30am
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	July	Year 6 return from Longtown
Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup>	July	Class 2/3 Mass in school at 9:30am
Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup>	July	End of Year Leavers' Mass in Church at 9:30am

