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Newsletter

19th July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Catholic Life – Our year 6 children had a fantastic day at Ladywell shrine last week, arranged by Father David. It was a very reverent experience to end their time at St Austin's.

Year 6 Good luck – Our year 6 pupils will be leaving us on Thursday 20th July after an outstanding final year. They will start a new adventure in September when they join 15 different secondary schools. We are extremely proud of each and every one and we wish them the very best for their future and beyond. Good luck.

Year 6 Leavers' Mass – Thank you to everyone who attended our year 6 Leavers' Mass on Monday. The children were a credit to their families. We thank the year 4 and 5 Altar servers for their service.

Year 6 Production 'Matilda' – What an outstanding performance by our year 6 last week! The production was filmed and a link will be sent tomorrow to year 6 parents/carers for you to enjoy at home.

Year 6 Disco – the children thoroughly enjoyed an evening of dance and fun! Jonathan the DJ was a fantastic host. It was lovely to see the children letting their hair down. We would like to thank our wonderful SAPTA team for organising yet another great night for our children!

Year 6 Farewell – A reminder to our year 6 parents/carers, you are invited to attend school on Thursday 20th July from 1.30pm for refreshments and a slide show in the key stage 2 hall, before we all say our final goodbyes to our year 6 children.

Attendance – We are delighted that 19 children across the school have achieved 100% attendance this year. This is such a fantastic achievement and they have received a golden ticket to attend a special picnic tomorrow. We have also had 128 children who have achieved 100% attendance this term. They have really enjoyed celebrating this fantastic achievement with board games this morning. Thank you for your continued support in bringing your child to school every day and supporting our drive to raise standards in attendance.

Transition – our children have thoroughly enjoyed meeting their new teachers over the last week and a half. They have had lots of fun activities in their new classrooms. This year we have implemented several more transition events than previous years to support all of our children. Their new teachers look forward to seeing them in September.

School payments – Please ensure you bring your accounts up to date by Thursday 20th July to allow us to close our financial accounts for this academic year. Please check the school APP for any outstanding payments. If you are unable to access your account details on the APP please speak to the office staff who will help. If you have any questions or queries regarding your accounts, please speak to Mrs Doran at the school office.

School Newspaper - The latest issue of our school newspaper will be sent out to all parents/carers on the last day of term, Thursday 20th July. It catalogues everything that has happened in school since the spring term, with the vast majority of reports written by the children themselves. It should provide some entertaining summer holiday reading!

PE / School Game Mark – We are very proud to inform you, for the second year running, St Austin's have achieved the **PE Gold** award for the School Games Mark! This is a wonderful achievement and one not easily received. We have maintained and increased our school's engagement in the School Games and created positive experiences for our children. We have ensured physical activity and competition provision has not only motivated pupils but has given them competence and confidence with a clear intent along the way.

SAPTA Book Fair – The SAPTA book fair has yet again been a great success, making a total of £1023. As a result of this, school will now receive 60% of the total to purchase books for our children. Thank you to all who contributed to this.



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SAPTA Summer Fair – Given the challenges of the summer British weather, we still managed to hold our annual summer fair last week. It was a great turnout from the whole of our school community where we managed to raise a fantastic £3010.48! Thank you to all the parents/carers for the donations generously given to school and all the local businesses who supported our raffle. Monies received will benefit all of our children! A massive thank you to the SAPTA team for their efforts and support with this fantastic event for our children!

Breakfast and After School clubs – If you are currently a member of either of our clubs, your current days will continue as is from September 2023. However, if you wish to amend your days, or wish to cancel your place, please contact/email the school office at enquiries@st-austins.co.uk A new contract has been issued this week, with updated information, which will take effect from September 2023. Existing members do not need to complete a new application form, any new members will have to complete an application form and return it to the school office prior to starting. Please remember, the new contract now states all payments are a month in advance.

Polytunnel - Thank you for all your support this term with our polytunnel venture. It has been very successful and we hope it will continue to grow next year! All monies raised will be used to buy seeds, tools and other equipment to continue our plot to plate journey. The last opportunity to donate is tonight after school, with any remaining produce going to our local foodbanks.

New School Uniform – A reminder our school uniform changes from September 2023. For further details please see our website at the following link [School Uniform - September 2023](#)

Staffing – A fond farewell to Mr Burke who is leaving us today, we all wish him the very best for a very happy retirement! Welcome to Mr McRae who will be starting with us in September as our new year 4 Teacher.

End of term – School closes on **Thursday 20th July at 2.15pm.**

After School club – due to the early finish, after school club will close at **4.30pm on Thursday 20th July.**

Dates for the Diary:

Jul 20 th	End of term for pupils - school closes 2.15pm
Sept 1 st	INSET day – school closed for all pupils
Sept 4 th	Start of term – years 1 – 6
Sept 5 th	Start of term – Reception and Nursery

As we come to the end of another fantastic year at St Austin's, I have looked back over the previous 21 newsletters to witness how both staff and children have accomplished so much in 39 weeks. It truly is remarkable and reflective of the journey they have all undertaken so far.

I am extremely grateful to all the staff for their time and commitment in giving our children the opportunities available and wish them all a restful summer break!

As for the children, I wish year 6 a full and happy life beyond St Austin's. They are on the next stage of their journey, which is life. We are all on a journey, staff, pupils and parents/carers. If we do not take that journey we do not grow. In our growth there is no way to avoid challenge and change as life is always an ongoing journey, not a destination. We should never stand still. Instead, we should constantly set ourselves new challenges that take us out of our comfort zone. Life is growth.

On behalf of the staff and governors, I wish all our families a happy and restful summer break.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Warmest wishes

Colette Hickey
Headteacher



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