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Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer

Our Final term – It has arrived, and as always this is the busiest but the most enjoyable term for our school community with lots to prepare and a great deal to celebrate so buckle up!

First Holy Communion – Our first group of Holy Communicants celebrated their special day on Saturday 10th June. The children were a credit to themselves and their families. The Mass was both joyous and reverent. We look forward to celebrating with our children over the coming weeks.

Year 4 Holy Communion celebration – as a celebration for receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion we have a special trip to the cinema on Thursday 29th June.

Staffing – We say a fond farewell to Mr Burke, who has served our school community for 27 years. We wish him well for a long and happy retirement. Remember to keep in touch!

Nursery update – we still have availability for September 2023. If you require a place, please speak to the school office for further information. For those with confirmed places, a letter will follow specifying time slots when you and your child will meet their nursery teacher on Monday 4th September. Children will commence their nursery education on Tuesday 5th September.

Reception class of 23/34 - We will be welcoming our new reception children on Thursday 22nd June.

SAPTA Summer Fair – The summer fair will take place on Friday 30th June from 3.30pm. More information will follow later this week once we have all the details confirmed. To note, Friday 16th June is bring a bottle and snack day for the ever popular bottle and snack tombola. For example: crisps, nuts, cheese biscuits. Please come along and support our fair!

Playground refurbishment - As this project continues, we hope to incorporate a cage surrounding the football pitch and a seating area under the sails over the summer holidays. The continued efforts from our SAPTA team are always for the benefit of our children.

Polytunnel - This year we have seen a bumper crop! Thank you to Ms York and our children for working so hard and learning about 'plot to plate.' We will be selling our produce over the coming weeks for a small donation to continue this worthwhile project.

Reunion of Class the class of 73 – This is a first for St Austin's school. We will be welcoming ex-pupils who left St Austin's school 50 years ago. They will be visiting on Friday 23rd June to talk to our children about what school was like back in the 70's. See our Twitter page for photographs of the event.

New School Uniform – Our new school uniform is on display at the front office. We are delighted to say that "**we asked, you said, we listened**" The findings of the parent/carers survey led the governing body to approve our new and updated uniform.

Safeguarding Audit - Last week we invited an educational consultant to examine our protocols and practices. I would like to thank the parents/carers and the children who took part in the day and supported the process in keeping our children safe. It was a very productive day with lots of positives.

Health and Safety- Can we remind all parents/carers that the outdoor apparatus is out of bounds before and after school. Your child will not be insured for accident or injury. Staff members follow a strict risk assessment when managing the children's play during the school day. Scooters and Bikes are not permitted to be used on the playground. Can adults and children walk their bikes/ scooters to the bike area. These regulations are to keep our school community safe.

Hot Weather – As the weather is increasingly warm, please ensure that you apply sun cream before arriving at school. Water bottles and caps are to be brought daily so children can refill from our water fountains as and when needed.



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Well Being Week 19th June - This is the final of our three enrichment weeks this year. The children will be participating in a week of spiritual, emotional and physical well-being activities. We have Archbishop Malcolm opening the week with a video call to the children. More information will be sent through the school APP.

Attendance and Punctuality – we have had an increasing number of children absent this year due to taking holidays during term time. We ask that you try your utmost to book holidays during the school holidays as your child is missing invaluable learning time, including in some circumstance's important tests too. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

ASD coffee morning- on the morning on the 26th of June we will be holding a coffee morning in school, for parents/carers of children who have a child with an ASD diagnosis or are on the pathway. If you would like to attend this could you please contact the school office so we can accommodate numbers.

Zoe's Place and CAFOD – Following our recent fundraising event 'The Big Lent Walk', both Zoe's Place and CAFOD will be in school this Friday to receive their cheques in assembly. We are delighted to inform you they will both be collecting cheques for £2672 each.

Educational visits this term - Our children have enjoyed several educational visits over the spring term with more to come. Our children have enjoyed trips to the Chester Dewa Museum, Chester Zoo, Claderstones Storybarn, Sefton Park, and finally Crosby Lakeside Adventure Centre. I am proud to report that our children demonstrated excellent behaviour with many members of the public stopping to comment. Well done to all for being true ambassadors for our school. More educational visits will take place this term, with nursery children visiting Delamere Forest this Friday.

PE and Competitions – St Austin's year 3, 4, 5, and 6 competed in the Liverpool and District Catholic Schools Athletics on Wednesday 7th June 2023. The children trained extremely hard for the competition in their PE lessons and extra-curricular clubs during the summer term to prepare them for the runs, sprints, relay, high jump, and long jump. We secured 1st, 2nd, 3rd, places in many of the heats and are awaiting the final results which should arrive this week.

Dates for the diary

29th June - Year 4 Holy Communion celebration
30th June - SAPTA Summer Fair (further information to follow)
5th July - Open evening (Book Look, further information to follow)
10th July - Year 6 Production
11th July - Year 6 Production
14th Jul – Year 6 inflatable
17th July - Year 6 Leavers Mass
18th July - Year 6 Disco

I want to thank all parents/carers for working in partnership with our school staff. We want to make the last term a happy occasion, not only our leavers but for all children making that transition to the next stage of the educational journey. If you have any concerns please approach our staff respectfully and with politeness.

Kindest regards,

Colette Hickey
Headteacher



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