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NEWSLETTER

15th May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Catholic Life – First Holy Communion Classes. Father David has advised school of the dates of the First Communion classes. All classes will take place in Church at **7.00pm** on the following dates:

3rd Class	Monday 5 June	(St Austin's 1)
	Tuesday 6 June	(St Austin's 2)

Feast of the Ascension will be celebrated on Friday 19th May. Our KS2 children will be attending Mass. The May procession will commence from the Church grounds, with both St Austin's and Holy Trinity participating. Can we ask each child bring a flower into school on Friday to present to the statue of Our Lady. Thank you to those parents/carers who have agreed to volunteer on the day walking to and from Church.

SATS Year 6 2023 – Our year 6 children completed their statutory assessment tests last week and we were delighted with how well they responded to the challenge. A huge thank you to our year 6 parents who ensured that the children arrived on time for their SATS breakfast and in the right frame of mind for the tests – they were an absolute credit to you!

SATS Year 2 2023 – Our year 2 children have also completed their statutory assessment tests (quizzes) Thank you to our families who have ensured full attendance through the month of May, the year 2 teachers have appreciated your support.

School Uniform survey – Thank you to those parents who contributed to the recent school uniform survey. The feedback has been shared and agreed at a Full Governing Body meeting yesterday. A new uniform for St Austin's will now be published. There will be one uniform for all with effect from September 2023. A letter will follow today on the ParentAPP detailing the new uniform.

St Austin's children perform at the Big Eurovision Welcome Concert - A few weeks ago, our school was invited to take part in a concert at St George's Hall to launch Eurovision week in Liverpool. We were delighted to be invited and knew that it would be a prestigious concert but little did we know just how massive and incredible that concert would be. Performing on the steps of St George's Hall to 25,000 people and with the TV cameras rolling, fifteen of our year 5 and 6 children teamed up with the Liverpool signing choir to perform the Beatles classic 'All You Need is Love' to the admiring crowd. It was an experience our children will never forget. A huge well done and thank you to the children and parents involved for giving up many hours of practice time over the past few weeks to prepare for the concert. An even bigger thank you to the Liverpool Signing Choir for inviting us to be a part of this once in a life-time experience. If you have not seen the concert yet, you can find it on BBC iPlayer by searching for 'Eurovision Welcomes the World,' and there will be a detailed report of the concert in the next issue of our school newspaper.

The governors and I would like to personally thank our staff for giving up their time and weekends to work alongside the BBC production team and the Liverpool Signing Choir.

Mental Health Week 15th May, "Anxiety" – Our children have been focusing on anxiety for this year's Mental Health Awareness Week. We are encouraging awareness and understanding of anxiety by providing information to help prevent escalation. Improving mental health is a key priority for our school. For further information and support please see the following link [Mental health - Anxiety](#)



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Polytunnel – Throughout his term our polytunnel has been transformed into a vegetable heaven. Children from year 1 to year 6 have all experienced planting and transplanting a variety of edible delights such as potatoes, strawberries, courgettes, peas, beetroot, lettuce, pumpkins and many others. The children are well on their way to understanding the important link between plot to plate. They are also enjoying learning about how they can have a positive impact on their local environment and that of the wider world. If you are interested in our polytunnel adventures please pop in whenever the doors are open. A massive thankyou to Ms York for transforming this for all our children!

Twitter – you can find our twitter feed @StAustins on the home page of our school website at www.st-austins.co.uk. Please join and retweet our school achievements.

Liverpool Harriers Community Day – Liverpool Harriers will be holding a “Funetics” programme at Wavertree stadium on Wednesday 31st May from 10am – 2pm. This event is free to all pupils in years 4, 5 and 6. Expert coaches will be guiding the children through different activities such as sprints, endurance running, jumps, throws, and many more. Children will be required to bring a packed lunch, and a drink. If your child would like to take part in this event, please email enquiries@st-austins.co.uk no later than 12.00pm on Friday 19th May, and we will pass your name onto the organisers.

Bike it Breakfast Friday 19th May – We look forward to seeing you all at our bike it breakfast tomorrow morning. Gates will open at 8.00am for breakfast. All parents/carers and children who cycle or scooter to school are invited to have a school breakfast.

Our usual breakfast club will be located in the Nursery classroom, opening at their usual time of 7.45am.

End of term – School will close on Friday 19th May for the half term at 2.15pm.

Start of term – School will open again on Monday 5th June.

Dates for the diary

- 15th May - Mental Health Week
- 15th May- Whole school Assessment week
- 19th May - School closes at 2.15pm for the half term break (2 weeks)
- 19th May - Bike it Breakfast
- 5th June - School opens for summer half term at 8.55am
- 30th June - SAPTA Summer Fair (further information to follow)
- 5th July - Open evening (Book Look)

Kind Regards

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