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Newsletter

6th July 2023

Catholic Life – Ladyewell – Fr David has organised for our year 6 children to visit the Ladyewell Shrine in Preston, on Wednesday 12th July.

During the visit the children will attend Mass in St Mary's Church followed by a Rosary Procession to Ladyewell House. After lunch, groups of children will visit the Shrine shop, so pocket money is optional, the Relics Room and finally finishing off the trip with Devotions in the "Stella Maris" Chapel, followed by individual visits to the holy well.

Year 6 Leavers Mass – Our children will be attending their leavers Mass on Monday 17th July, if you wish to help staff walk the children to Church please make the year 6 teachers aware.

Year 4 Communicants – Congratulations to all our children who made their Sacrament of Holy Communion last month. To celebrate the event, they all attended a Mass at Church last week and enjoyed an afternoon at the Cinema. Thank you to SAPTA for supporting this event!

Transition - a great day was had by all this week when our children met their new teachers and learning support staff, familiarised themselves with their new classrooms and took part in some super activities. Well done everyone! This year we have held our transition day earlier compared to last year, which was the 8th July. This is to enable more visits to their new classrooms. As always letters will go out the last week of term to parents.

Book Look! – This was our first ever book look. It was a great success. The parents and children positively celebrated their achievements over the past academic year. The children were so proud! Teachers will be contacting individual parents if a more formal meeting is needed before the end of term.

Nursery class 'Stay and Play' – To end the children's wonderful first school year, we would like to invite you to a 'Stay and Play' afternoon on Tuesday 11th July, from 2.00pm - 3.15pm. This will give you an opportunity to see your child interact with other children and learn through play in a relaxed, fun, and enjoyable environment. Mrs O'Shea and Mrs Guy will set up activities, learn new skills and ideas for learning at home through play. I must request that only **one** parent attend due to the lack of nursery space.

Everyone Read! - The Summer Reading Challenge is ON! Ready, Set, read! is the name of the game and this year, you've guessed it, the theme is sports and games. Take part in your local library or online. Follow the link and let Mrs Kelly and Mr Hints know you've signed up!
<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

School Sports Day - Monday 10th July will be our 'Super Sports Day' which will be as much about joining in and having fun as well as competitiveness and winning. The activities, races and games will include simplified, fun versions of track and field events timetables across the day. Could we ask that children in KS2 come into school in their PE kits and please ensure that all children have a water bottle with them on this day.

School Nurse – If you would like to speak to the school nurse regarding any medical issues with your child, you can contact them directly on 0151 295 9700.

School payments – Please ensure you bring your accounts up to date by Wednesday 19th 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. Meetings will continue with governors for those parents who need support with a debt recovery plan.



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SAPTA Book Fair – The SAPTA book fair will be in school until 19th July. Look out on the ParentAPP to see what nights it will be available after school. Please support the fair, as school receives a percentage of funds, depending on how much we sell from Scholastic. All purchased books will go towards our school library, benefiting all our pupils.

Summer Fair – Friday 14th July. We are delighted to be able to inform you that we are now on track to open our Summer Fair. Thank you to all the parents/carers for all the donations generously given to school. See you there!

Breakfast and After School clubs – Your current days for both clubs 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

Contracts for the clubs will change from September 2023, taking into account further details regarding payments, which will need to be made two weeks in advance.

After School Club – From September, we will be reverting to the pre-covid hours for our after school club, which will close at 5.45pm.

Local Authority MFL Eurovision Competition – Thanks to our fantastic Year 6 performance of the Spanish song 'Volta', we are proud to have been awarded runner up prize in the city-wide Liverpool schools Eurovision competition. School will receive funding to spend on our Modern Foreign Languages department.

Staffing – It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Mr Burke after 28 years' service in our school. He will be greatly missed by all! Welcome to Mr McRae our new KS2 teacher, who will be joining us in September.

Finally, the end of an academic year brings a range of emotions. It should be a time of celebration and reflection, as well as excitement with the summer holidays approaching. However, it is also a time of change and upheaval which can feel difficult and cause anxious feelings. Some children will have come to the end of their time at primary school and will be getting ready to leave, and others will be preparing to say goodbye to their teacher and moving on.

At St Austin's we encourage our pupils to deal with change and prepare for any challenges which lie ahead. We wish our children to be independent and not become reliant on others. We promote positive mental attitude and a growth mindset through our mental health weeks and enrichment days. It is testimony to the children as to how well they apply their skills to everyday situations. I am sure we are all positively working together to prepare our children for what next year will bring!

Dates for the Diary:

Jul 10 th	Year 6 Production
Jul 11 th	Year 6 Production
Jul 14 th	Year 6 inflatable
Jul 14 th	SAPTA Summer Fair
Jul 17 th	Year 6 Leavers Mass 10.00am
Jul 18 th	Year 6 Disco 6.00pm- 7.30pm
Jul 20 th	End of term for pupils - school closes 2.15pm

Warmest wishes

Colette Hickey
Headteacher



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