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## NEWSLETTER

5<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

**Catholic Life** – St Francis of Assisi Mass Services for Easter and Holy Week are as follows:

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April - 7.30 pm Mass of the Last Supper

**GOOD FRIDAY**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April - 3.00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**HOLY SATURDAY**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April - 8.30 pm Easter Vigil

**EASTER SUNDAY**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April - 9.30 am Mass with renewal of Baptismal Promises

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April - 11.15 am Mass with renewal of Baptismal Promises

**Polish Blessing** – Fr David will be blessing Easter food at the end of the Easter Vigil on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April. The Vigil begins at 8.30pm. This is an important custom for our Polish families across the parish.

**CAFOD The Big Lent Walk** – This year we will be raising money for CAFOD and Zoë's Place by completing our 'Big Lent Walk' this week. We hope to have a final figure for you after the Easter break once all donations have been received.

**Reception admissions** – The National offer day for reception admissions is Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April and will be sent to you from the Local Authority, not school.

**Spanish Day** – I'm sure you will all agree what a fantastic Spanish Day performance we had last Friday! All our children were amazing, their confidence and progress in the Spanish language shone through! We are very proud of all who took part! The performance was recorded, and there will be a link sent to all parents/carers via the ParentAPP tomorrow.

**Colomendy** – Our year 6 children have returned from Colomendy today after their residential visit! They had an amazing experience and were a credit to our school, their parents/carers, and more importantly to themselves. They encouraged, supported and brought out the best in each other over the 4 days of activities. It was a humbling experience for staff to witness. I hope the photos and videos on our twitter page do this justice. Can I also thank all the staff who gave up their family time to be with our children. Well done year 6 you are truly ready for secondary school!

**'Our School' Newspaper** – the next edition of our school newspaper will be out after Easter, with all the Colomendy highlights, and much more!

**Twitter** – you can now find our twitter feed @StAustins on the home page of our school website at [www.st-austins.co.uk](http://www.st-austins.co.uk)

**School Finances** - We are fully aware of the difficulties families are facing with the cost of living. However, currently our school clubs are running at a deficit budget of **£28,000**. This includes money owing for lunches, after school club, breakfast club and nursery wrap around care. If we do not receive full and complete payments by July our school budget will be affected. Future educational visits which school subsidies will have to be reduced. If school cannot afford to subsidise the clubs, we will have to close this worthwhile service for so many. Please check your parentAPP for confirmation of your arrears. Letters will be sent to individual parents in the summer term. Thank you for your continued support.

**Uniform Survey** – Our uniform survey will go out to all parents/carers tomorrow, to be completed by 17<sup>th</sup> April. At this stage we are looking at the winter uniform only.



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**Daffodils** – Thank you to everyone who has donated, and bought daffodils for the Marie Curie Charity.

**Summer School Uniform** – Following the spring break the summer uniform for boys and girls is as follows:-

**Girls** – Pink/white gingham checked dress, navy cardigan, WHITE socks only, and black shoes.

**Boys** – Pale blue short sleeved shirt without tie, grey short trousers, grey long sleeve jumper, grey socks, and black shoes. Sleeveless jumpers and polo shirts are not part of our school uniform and must not be worn. If in any doubt please contact your child's class teacher or the school office. Shoes/sandals must not have open toes.

**Morrisons Free Breakfast Club** – This Easter Morrisons has teamed up with Kellogg's to launch a free breakfast club, where a whole family can grab a free bowl of cereal. This offer is available from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April. For further information please see the following link [Morrisons Free Breakfast Club](#)

**Lifestyles Free Swimming** – This Easter children aged 16 and under can swim for free at Lifestyles sports centres. Free swimming is available from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April. For details on how to access this offer please see the following link [Lifestyles Free Swimming](#)

**Thankyou** – A big thank you to Mrs Safar and Isabella for donating and planting the flower beds outside the school office today, they look beautiful!

**Staffing** – Tomorrow we say goodbye to Miss McCallion and Miss O'Shea who will be starting their maternity leave! We wish them both the best of luck, and look forward to the new arrivals in April! We welcome Miss Sadiq who will be our new reception teacher for the maternity period.

**End of term** – School will close on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April for the spring break at 2.15pm.

**Start of term** – School will open again on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

#### Dates for the diary

- 6<sup>th</sup> April - School closes for the spring break 2.15pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> April - School opens for the summer term 8.55am
- 1<sup>st</sup> May - May Bank Holiday – school closed for all pupils
- 8<sup>th</sup> May - Coronation Bank Holiday – school closed for all pupils
- 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 SATS
- 19<sup>th</sup> May - School closes at 2.15pm for the half term break (2 weeks)

Our prayers and best wishes to you all. Please have a happy and Holy Easter.

Warmest wishes

Colette Hickey  
Headteacher



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