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NEWSLETTER

28th April 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:

1st Class	Tuesday 9 May Wednesday 10 May	(St Austin's 1) (St Austin's 2)
2nd Class	Monday 15 May Tuesday 16 May	(St Austin's 1) (St Austin's 2)
3rd Class	Monday 5 June Tuesday 6 June	(St Austin's 1) (St Austin's 2)

Father David will be in touch soon regarding First Communion Masses and rehearsals.

SATS Year 6 2023 - The Standard Assessment Tests (SATS) for our year 6 pupils will take place from Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th May. These are very important assessments for your children so could you please refrain from taking your child out of school at any time. To support our Year 6 children we will be holding a Y6 mindfulness breakfast from 8.20 – 8.45am. Details will follow next week via the ParentAPP. Thank you to the year 6 team for preparing the children so well! One week to go!

SATS Year 2 2023 – Our year 2 children will begin their Standard Assessment Tests (SATS) next week. They will run through until Friday 19th May. For our year 2 children SATS are more informal and the process is age appropriate. However, it is vitally important that your child is in school every day. Thank you to the year 2 team for preparing the children so well!

Eurovision 2023 opening ceremony – We are delighted to inform you that a group of key stage 2 children have been working with the BBC production team to perform at the opening ceremony on Sunday 7th May on the steps of St George's Hall. The rehearsals have been going well, and the children are excited to take part in this global event! Provisionally, this will be televised on Monday 8th May on BBC channels. Good luck to all who are taking part, a phenomenal experience and opportunity for our school!

Maths Facts - Numbots and Times Table Rock Stars - St Austin's is currently 3rd in the top 30 local schools for speed and accuracy in TTRS - with an average of 2 seconds per question. Please encourage your children to practise their maths facts on Numbots (KS1 & 2) and TTRS (KS2). These sites help our children to rapidly recall number facts which are essential to access numerous areas of the maths curriculum. The two schools above us are secondary schools. Certificates will be awarded to the children next week. Keep counting!

CAFOD The Big Lent Walk – This year we have raised money for CAFOD and Zoë's Place by completing the 'Big Lent Walk'. We are delighted to inform you that the total amount raised was a fantastic £5344.23, thank you to everyone who contributed! We will be inviting both CAFOD and Zoë's Place into school to receive their cheques from the children during assemblies.

Mental Health Week 15th May, "Anxiety" – Mental Health week this year is focussed on 'Anxiety'. For further information please see the following link [Mental Health Week](#)



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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.

School Finances – Following several meetings with some of our parents and Governors, we would like to thank those who have repaid their outstanding club debts, or who have agreed a payment plan. I am pleased to inform you that our club deficit has been reduced to £17,000 and we hope to have this matter resolved by July 2023.

Uniform Survey update – Thank you to the 220 parents who responded to our recent uniform survey. The data shows an overwhelming response to make minimal changes to our uniform. The data will now be shared with Governors at the next meeting where we can discuss and agree the next steps. Parents/Carers will be informed before we finish for half term.

Coffee Morning - On Monday 26th June the ASD team from Alder Hey will be hosting a coffee morning for parents/carers of children with ASD. If you would like to attend this could you please send an email via the school office enquiries@st-austins.co.uk for the attention of Mrs Hughes.

Year 6 Girls Cross Country League – Congratulations to Esme, Elsie, Millie-Grace, Isla, Molly, Eva, Isabella and Lucie on winning the Liverpool & District Primary Cross-Country League this year, which was run over 6 races! An outstanding achievement, well done to all! Certificates and medals will be presented at the next assembly!

In addition to this, they also finished second in the Liverpool & District Primary City Cross Country Championships at Wavertree! Well done to all!

Staffing – Congratulations to both Miss McCallion on the birth of her beautiful baby boy, Jude, and Miss O'Shea on the birth of her beautiful baby girl, Ella-Rose. We wish both families well!

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

1st May - May Bank Holiday – school closed for all pupils
8th May - Coronation Bank Holiday – school closed for all pupils
9th -12th May - Year 6 SATS
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 (further information to follow)
May 2023 - SATS month - Year 2

Finally, I wish you all a restful bank holiday weekend!

Kind Regards

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