



St Augustine's Catholic Primary School
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Early Years Foundation Stage
Autumn 2024 Newsletter



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Diary dates: Please also take a look at our online school calendar for upcoming events.

Wednes 2nd October-
Family Group day

Thurs 3rd October- Nursery and Reception Parent Coffee morning

Wednes 9th October- Reception Parent Workshop- Maths- 9am

Wednes 16th October- Nursery and Reception Parent's Evening 3:45-7:15pm

Fri 18th October Father Dominic to visit Nursery and Reception children

Fri 25th October- INSET day- school closed for children

Mon 28th Oct-Fri-1st November- half term holiday

Fri 22nd November- School photographs

Fri 29th November- St Andrew's Day- non-uniform day

Thurs 12th December- EYFS Christmas Play

Wednes 18th and Thurs 19th- EYFS Christmas Parent Workshop

Fri 20th December- Non- uniform day and Christmas party

Mon 23rd December- Fri 3rd January- School holidays

OUR MESSAGE

The children have had a busy first couple of weeks and all the children are now settling well into the routines of the EYFS Classroom. They are a delight and have already been very busy. We have learnt about our new routines, new friends and new grown-ups. We have learnt about and continue to reinforce our kind hands, words and feet each day to ensure we are all happy and safe. Now that Reception children have settled, please can you encourage them to come down the path from the EYFS gate by themselves to encourage independence. Could we also ask for your child to just have **one** keyring on their book bag to help them identify their book bag and please send in a pair of wellies (if you have not done so already) for them to wear whilst in our mud kitchen.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support.
Your EYFS Team

WHAT WE WILL BE LEARNING

Over the next couple of weeks, the children's learning will be based upon the stories of Elmer. The children will be learning about the different colours on Elmer, various jungle animals, what makes a good friend and different types of weather when reading the stories 'Elmer and the Wind' and 'Elmer in the Snow'. The curriculum will be rich with a range of the vocabulary for the children to access and use.

The theme of animals leads on to our topics for the rest of this term: farm animal and the Christmas Story. The children will be learning about farm animals and sharing stories, songs and non-fiction books about them. They will learn about how they grow and what they need, as well as looking at patterns and sizes and counting animals, using the language of more and less and subitising small amounts (visually seeing the amount of objects without having to count the objects).

We will be using our work on animals to link to the Christmas story. The children will be thinking about what they need to do to prepare for birthdays, linking our work to Advent and how we need to prepare ourselves for Jesus' Birthday.

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS

Our Christmas Workshops are a great opportunity to come in to school and work with your child on a variety of Christmas themed craft activities. This year's workshops are on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th from 10:35-11:30am in the EYFS classroom. More information will follow where you can sign up to attend one of the above dates.

THAT TIME OF THE YEAR!

It's that time of the year again when coughs and colds are with us. We encourage the children to use tissues, throw them in the bin when they have used them and then wash their hands. As you can imagine, we do get through a lot of tissues; if you can bring in a box of tissues it will really help us reduce the spread of coughs and colds.

LABELLING

Just a reminder to label all your children's clothes with their name so we can make sure all items are returned to their correct owner, especially after PE lessons.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Stewardship of God's Creation



In the Creed we express our belief in God the Father as Creator. The Church's teaching show that we have a duty to ensure that the gift of Creation is shared with all and used wisely and respectfully to ensure its protection both now and for the future.

In Nursery and Reception, the children have been learning about the Creation story and have been exploring the environment to find different things God has created and how we can look after the world.

Family and Community

We know the importance of our family. They help us each and every day. We are all part of God's family, the Holy family. We are a family at home, in school and in our Parish. At school the children have been talking about their families and we have asked all families to send in a photo so we can display them next to your child's learning frame.

READING

Reception will soon begin learning their sounds during phonic lessons following 'the Little Wandle' programme. The children will apply their phonic knowledge from that week to a reading book which they will practise reading and will discuss in school and then on a Friday they will bring that book home for them to read to their family members for fluency. They will also bring a library book home of their choice for you to share with them and read to them.

Over the year Nursery children will follow the Little Wandle' programme and learn a variety of nursery rhymes which they will use to develop essential early literacy skills in school. Look out for them as they come home so you can share them together.

HEALTH & SAFETY NOTICES

Play equipment

The children are really enjoying the new equipment during the day. However, for the safety of the children, please could you ensure they are not using this equipment before or after school – we are not insured during these times to use it.

Kind Feet

Inside and outside we have 'kind feet' that walk so that we are all safe. We do ask that you encourage the children to do this coming into school as well so they understand we need to walk safely at all times in these spaces.

Thank you for your support

WE LOVE AND LEARN TOGETHER BY GROWING IN FRIENDHIP WITH JESUS

As your child continues their journey with us, do send in 'WOW' cards to celebrate those special WOW moments that you see at home and we welcome sharing. There are always spare cards on the information board inside the Nursery Cloakroom, or just ask a member of staff.

We also have 'Prayer Cards' for times when you may need us to pray for someone close to your child and family. We thank you for your continued support and if you have any concerns or questions at any time, do ask a member of staff who will be able to help you.