



St Augustine's Catholic School

May 2011

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the summer term. We hope everyone enjoyed Easter, the lovely weather and the Royal Wedding. Let's hope the good weather continues for the next term.

Miss Wade joined us this term to teach Y3 (Mrs Lynch's class) and she will be with us for the summer term. She is teaching the class full time and will be happy to speak to any parents if there are matters you wish to raise - please call into the office to make an appointment if you need to. Many of you will know Mrs Lynch had a baby boy (Harry) and they are both well. Mrs Nealings is still on maternity leave and plans to return to school just before the end of term.

Reports

The School Reports are being written by staff and will be coming out to parents over the next few weeks.

Survey of Views—Parent and Child

We will be sending out the annual questionnaire (anonymous) to gather your views about the school—what works well and any suggestions you might have for improvements. This year we have asked a local company to develop the questionnaire and manage this process for us and they will collate and analyse the results and prepare a summary of your views. The children will also complete an anonymous on-line questionnaire. This will be available in June and will help us plan our next steps. As a direct result of **last year's survey**, where parents asked for more school information and/or better communication, **we installed the electronic notice board in the main yard, held more 'coffee morning' type 'information sessions' where we shared our ideas and asked for your views, increased the number of newsletters and are in the process of having the school website re-designed. We are also in the process of purchasing a text messaging-email service for parents.** The feedback we have had from you about these improvements is that you feel more informed about what is happening and like the increased variety of ways you now have to get information about school.

Diary Dates for the Summer term:

9-12 May—Year 6 SATs. **Free Y6 Breakfast club from 8.15 a.m. available to all Y6 pupils**

Wednesday 11 May at 5.00 p.m.—'Marrick Priory' Meeting for parents.

Saturday 14 May—10.00 a.m. First Holy Communion in St Augustine's Church—All welcome.

Tuesday 17 May 5.00 p.m.—Shanghai Celebration Evening for parents

School Closes for half term after school on Friday 20 May and re-opens on Monday 6 June

Monday 13 June— 5.00 p.m. Meeting for Parents of children new to Reception in September 2011

Followed by: 6.00 p.m. Meeting for Parents' of children new to Nursery in September 2011

School is closed for Staff Training Day/Occasional Day on Friday 24 and Monday 27 June

6-8 July—Year 6 London Residential Visit

Monday 11 July—School Closed for 'Royal Wedding Day' transferred from 29 April

22 July—School closes for summer holidays after school on Friday 22 July.

Dates for 'Sports Day, Open afternoons etc will be finalised in the next week and sent out asap.

Lunches—Hot meals and packed lunches

Those parents who pay for school meals will be aware that the cost increased to £1.90 (£9.50 per week) on 4 April and we now collect lunch money on Fridays. During the summer months many children prefer a packed lunch and we have arranged for this to be offered from the kitchen. The cost is the same and the lunch will include a choice of sandwich or wrap, fruit, cake or biscuit, yoghurt, drink etc. If you have any questions or queries please contact Miss Fowers in the office.

Thank you—**Miss C Duffy, Headteacher**



Please do contact school if you wish to discuss any matter regarding your child. Tel: 0191 4692949