



# St Augustine's Catholic School

10 May 2011

Dear Parents

We are very pleased to welcome two teachers from Shanghai who will be working in our school and two others in Gateshead this term. They are —**Miss Tanni and Miss Chris**. They will be in school regularly and have planned a range of activities for the children including teaching some Chinese phrases, counting, learning songs etc. They arrived here last week and are very much looking forward to meeting the children and working with them. We are also planning a session when they will be able to meet parents and give a small presentation. Dates yet to be agreed but will be sent out asap.

## **Classes for September 2011**

We are planning to retain the same school organisation of classes for September 2011. As you are aware there are some mixed and some pure class groupings in both KS1 and KS2. The number of teachers and children registered at school is roughly the same as this year although there will probably be one or two staff changes for September. We do usually need to move some children into other classes but this is always done with serious consideration by the staff and we always aim to make the classes as balanced as possible and ensure that children are with friends.

## **More dates for your Diary (including those provided last week):**

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

Friday 10 June—7.00 p.m. **Provisional** date for Sleepover for KS2

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

Friday 17 June—Reports for KS2 Years 3-5

Wednesday 22 June—Four week 'Cycling skills course' for Y5 & Y6. (Letter to follow)

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

Monday 4 July—9.00 a.m. Whole School Mass in church

Tuesday 5 July—Children's School Fair

6-8 July—Year 6 London Residential Visit

Friday 8 July—Y6 Reports

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

Tuesday 12 July—2.00 p.m. Whole school 'Open Afternoon for Parents'

Wednesday 13 July—Sports Day KS2 (morning), Reception & KS1 (afternoon), Nursery each session.

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

## **Parental Survey**

Thank you to all those parents who have already returned their survey. If you haven't completed yours, please do so and send it into school. These will be sent off on Friday 13 May 2011.

## **School Uniform**

The order form for school uniforms will be sent home with the children on Friday. If you require uniform for your child for September, please return the form to school by Friday 10 June 2011.

As always, if there are any concerns regarding your child please do contact us to make an appointment. Thank you for your continued support.

**Miss C Duffy**

**Headteacher**

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