

St Augustine's News



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School Mass



Year 5 led us in a Mass to celebrate Our Lady this morning and on Sunday we are leading the Parish Mass at 10am at St Joseph's Church - all welcome.

May Procession

To celebrate the month of Our Lady, we are having a May procession next Friday at 9am - parents and friends welcome.



Congratulations!



To Ben Thomas and Antonia Evans who have been appointed Head Boy and Head Girl for this term. The staff were very impressed by their letters of application!

Warmer Weather

With the recent return of the lovely weather, please could all children remember to bring in a sun hat and their own sun cream if needed.



Breakfast

There are still quite a number of children who come to school without breakfast in the morning and this does have an adverse effect on their ability to concentrate and learn. Although KS1 children receive free fruit, KS2 children are encouraged to bring their own fruit everyone morning so they can keep going till lunch.

Leeson House

Year 4 had a wonderful time at Leeson House, exploring the countryside and taking part in various outdoor activities. They behaved extremely well and were a credit to the school. Thank you to Miss Chandler, Mrs Dunning, Mr Ayles and Miss Anthony for giving up their time to make this happen.

Fantastic Year 5!

We received the following email from the Fire Station: "Charlotte Nicholls brought her Year 5's to SafeWise on 1 May, and I would just like to say what a delight it was to have such well behaved children visiting!

We see 1300+ children each year, and both my colleague and I, felt that your Year 5 pupils were some of the best behaved children we have seen. We did, of course, tell Charlotte and the children, but felt it would be something nice to let you know also :)"

Lesley McCarthy

Community Safety Fire Officer

Wimbledon Winners!



We have been lucky enough to win some tickets in the public ballot to see Court No 2 court at Wimbledon on the 26th June. If any children in Y3,4,5,6 would like to experience the magic of Wimbledon please write a letter or other explanations as to why you should be allowed to take part in this outing. All entries to be in by Monday 2nd June to Ms Pering.

Academy Update



As you are by now all aware, Plymouth CAST, the Diocesan Multi-Faith Academy came into being on 1st April and we are now proud to be part of this innovative organisation. John Mannix, our chief executive, was invited to a reception at 10 Downing St last week, where he was congratulated by David Cameron and Michael Gove for what they see as a groundbreaking initiative in education.

While most of us have not seen any change to the school, a big debt of gratitude is owed to Mrs Cutts, our Business Manager, who has been working extremely hard to have all the new systems and processes in place for us. We are all very grateful for her commitment and efforts through this difficult period.

Correction!

A mistake on the list of dates - the last day of term is Tuesday 22nd July, not Wednesday. Well done to all who spotted it!

Year 6 London Trip

There is a meeting for parents this Thursday 22nd at 3.30. The children will be back from WOEC around 4.15 and will join us for the end of the meeting.

Half-Term

School closed next Friday 23rd at 3.15pm and we expect all children back on Monday 2nd June.

Pavilion Concert

This will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the children to perform in such a great venue, so we do hope everyone can take part. Tickets (£1 each) will be available from next Tuesday - please send in your request with the money in an envelope marked FAO Mr Ayles.

Literacy Meetings

Miss Kingston is running the following parents' meetings:

Thurs 22nd at 2.45pm: for YR, Y1 and Y2 parents on supporting your child with reading.

Tues 20th or Weds 21st at 2.45pm for Y1 parents on the upcoming Phonics Screening Check.

Midday Supervisor Required

We are looking for 1 permanent supervisor - please ask in the office if you are interested.

Sports News

Ms Pering, our Sports Coordinator, has a lot to report! We are so grateful to her for all her work on this.

South Dorset Football Festival

Alicja Kaminska, Ashleigh Browne, Jack Stallard, Mally Moore, Noah Bradley, William Naraine, Oscar Pullin played in the Football Festival at St Georges School on Portland. The team were at a slight disadvantage as it was a Y3&4 festival, but all our Y4's were at Leeson House. They all did extremely well and showed real guts and determination even when the games were really tough. A special well done to Jack and Oscar for being the goalies, Mally for getting a goal and to Alicja for still playing after the ball hit her in the face.

Tennis Competition

William Naraine, Freya Hubbard, Charlie Allen, and Tess Evans had a lovely morning playing Tennis at the Wey Valley Tennis Centre against other schools in the area.

Weymouth Outdoor Education

Y5, Y4 and Y2 have all been to the Woec this week to enjoy lots of different activities. We have been extremely fortunate with the weather which made all the activities even more enjoyable. Y5 went kayaking on Wednesday and Y4 and Y2 did climbing, tunneling, orienteering and team challenges at the centre on Thursday. We hope your children have come home saying they enjoyed themselves! Next week YR, Y1, Y3 and Y6 will hopefully enjoy their activity days too.

Tri-Golf

Hannah Venner, Tess Evans, Julia Koziol, Crystal Oury, Freya Hubbard, Oliver Browne, Kacper Wazny, Oakley Gale, Harry Baker, Boldiszar A'cs all took part in the Tri Golf event that is held at Colfox School in Bridport. The weather did not look very promising in the morning, but it ending up being a lovely afternoon and the children all enjoyed themselves.



West Dorset High 5 Festival



Mia Pullin, Sophie Rosser, Jaimee Browne, Isabel Jolliffe, Phoebe Mills, Romilly Allan Bant played their final match again Dorchester Middle School. Morgan Watkins who helped the

team get to the finals could not play as she had a broken arm, but she came along and supported her team from the sidelines. It was a very close game but unfortunately we lost 5-4. However the girls have played amazingly through all their matches and coming runners up is an incredible achievement. We are very proud of them. A special thank you to Kelly Browne for training the girls so well and giving up her own time to umpire the matches.

