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## Autumn 1 Newsletter 2019

A warm welcome back to everyone after a lovely summer and especially to our new families joining our school community who have their first child starting in Reception, or in other classes in the school. We also welcome the new staff into our school: Mrs Bladon (Deputy Head and Year 2 Teacher), Mr Trevett (Year 6 Teacher) and Mrs Sloan (Year 1 Teacher), all of whom have settled into their roles beautifully. We are delighted to have the new outdoor learning area for our Reception children all ready for use; it is just outside the YR classroom and will help promote free-flow for our new children.

### **'Meet the Teacher'**

We would like to invite you all in to meet your child's new Teacher. This will give you an opportunity for the class teacher to share what the year ahead will look like in terms of topic and curriculum coverage, year group expectations and class routines and procedures. It will also enable you as a parent to introduce yourself and share information. The dates are as follows:

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm- Year 5 (Mr Dennis and Mrs Baskerville)

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm- Year 4 (Mrs Harding)

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm- Year 2 (Mrs Bladon and Mrs Tonkin)

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm- Year 1 (Mrs Sloan)

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm- Year 6 (Mr Trevett)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm- Year 3 (Miss Lane)

Mrs Evans has already met and shared her Powerpoint presentation with new parents at the end of the summer term, hence no Year R 'Meet the Teacher' invitation this term. If however you need to speak to Mrs Evans, she will of course facilitate this by appointment. Please note that if you are unable to attend your child's 'Meet the Teacher' session, you will find a supporting Powerpoint presentation on the year group section of the school website. To locate this type [www.staugustines.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.staugustines.dorset.sch.uk) to gain access to our website, scroll across to 'Letters' along the top tool bar, then scroll down to your child's year group.

### **Communication**

In your child's year group section of the website you will also find weekly Parent in Partnership (PIP) newsletters written by the Class Teacher. This is the Class Teacher's way of communicating to you what your child has learnt in English, Maths, RE and within their Topic. Class Teachers will also share homework and give ideas of how you can support your child's learning at home. You will also find (by the end of next week) a half termly 'Topic Web' for the half term, outlining which topic your child is learning about, along with National Curriculum objectives that will be taught alongside Foundation Subject skills (Art, Design Technology, Geography, History, Music, PE, Modern Foreign Languages and ICT).

All topics share a vision based upon the Laudato Si'. The Laudato Si' is an encyclical written by Pope Francis, it was published on the 18 June 2015. Encyclicals are open letters written by the Pope. Laudato Si' discusses the damage being inflicted on the Earth by humans and calls on 'every person living on this planet' to make urgent changes to our lifestyles and how we consume energy in order to protect the planet. It deals with many environmental issues including: pollution, climate change, water, loss of biodiversity and decline in the quality of human life. In his letter Pope Francis implores us to work together to create a better world for future generations and asks us to make the necessary changes in our lives in order to take care of, respect and value our 'common home'.

## **RE**

We will start every Monday morning with a whole school Liturgy. These Liturgies focus on Gospel Values (Compassion, Courage, Non-Violence, Kindness, Humility, Justice, Forgiveness and Integrity) and the Gospel reading from the previous day. We incorporate children into our Liturgies as they often read prayers and it can help form a focus for our First Holy Communion group.

The children have started learning about 'Creation' and will continue to do so for the next 4 weeks. During the Creation topic, children will be thanking God for the wonderful world we live in. The RE topic to follow Creation will be 'Prayers, Saints and Feasts' this will commence two weeks prior to the end of the half term. Deacon Geoffrey is continuing to come into school to support our Catholic journey and to continue to help the 'Winston' group (a friendship group) on a Wednesday afternoon.

## **Curriculum Roles and Responsibilities**

To increase communication and to assist you with areas of expertise, please note the following staff roles and responsibilities:

Mrs Berry - Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Mrs Bladon - Deputy Headteacher and English Lead

Mrs Evans - Senior Leader, RE and 'The Arts' (Music, Art and DT)

Mrs Gardiner - Senior leader, Inclusion Manager (SEND, Pupil Premium. EAL) and Science Lead

Miss Lane - PE Lead

Mrs Harding - Geography and History Lead

Mr Dennis - Maths and Thrive Lead

Mrs Baskerville - Maths Lead

Mr Trevett - ICT and E-Safety Lead

Mrs Tonkin - Modern Foreign Languages Lead

## **Important Information**

The Office staff will shortly be sending out a Parentmail detailing after-school clubs, which commence week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> September. We have tried very hard to provide a wide variety of clubs catering for all ages, so hopefully you will find something that suits your child. In the event of a club being over-subscribed we will collate a waiting list.

I am pleased to inform you that lunch time clubs will continue for KS2 children this term. The free lunch time clubs will include: archery, uni-hockey, dodgeball, tennis and basketball.

It is vitally important that you keep us up-to-date with your contact information and emergency details. If your contact details have changed, please download the form found on our school website. Scroll across the top tool bar to 'Forms' and then scroll down to 'Contact Form.' Also, if your child has developed

a medical condition or your child's medical condition has changed, please locate this form in 'Forms' and scroll down to 'Medical Need to Know and Consent Form'. On that note, please may I remind you that it is a **parental responsibility** to ensure we have all medication that your child requires (inhalers, Epipens etc) and that this medication has not expired.

Next week, I will be sending out key dates for the Autumn term, which will include dates for Class Assemblies and Parents' Evening. Office staff will be sending an opt-out form for photograph/media consent. This form will also be placed on to the school website under 'Forms.'

We look forward to an action-packed half term full of exciting learning opportunities. We thank you for your continued support as we work in partnership to promote your child's successful learning journey.

Mrs Emma Berry  
Headteacher