

St. Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy

We grow and learn as a family in the footsteps of Jesus

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LET US PRAY: MARY

The month of May is known liturgically as the month of Mary, when as Catholics we show our devotion to her. Mary is held as a glorious example of full and unquestioning commitment to the will of God.

Mary is not a deity that we worship, but as our mother, we ask that she prays for us to her son Jesus. Many people ask her for help in the most difficult moments of life, as any child does with their mother, and after bidding prayers in Church, the congregation will always ask for her help through the Hail Mary...

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.



CAN YOU HELP US?!

Are you a plumber, or do you know anyone who is? We have an old Belfast sink in a disused storage cupboard in school. The pipes have, I think, been capped; however, we really need a plumber to come and remove the sink.

If anyone could possibly spare us half an hour to do this, they are welcome to take the lovely white pottery Belfast sink, which is in really good condition, away with them in return! Thank you, Mrs Cox

A MESSAGE FROM MRS COX

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

What a wonderful time we all had at our special Coronation event this afternoon! It was so lovely to see so many of you come and celebrate the occasion with us - everyone looked resplendent in their red, white and blue clothes. We had lots of stalls and fun activities, cadets from Stamford Welland Academy, castle building with Art Pop Up, a photo booth and tug of war! The sunshine stayed with us all well for a wonderful afternoon.

You may remember some time back that I asked for some suggestions for a new mission statement as I would like to update and refresh 'We grow and learn as a family in the footsteps of Jesus' . As a school, I feel that we place huge emphasis and importance on nurturing our children to be their very best selves, which fits perfectly with our Catholic virtue ethics. It is also very important to me that our school family works together to support each other in a caring and loving way, helping everyone and reaching out to our school, local and wider community; this aspect of 'Faith in Action' is very much at the heart of what we're about as a Catholic school and I feel this makes us a very special place to be and community to belong to.

Last week, I asked Mrs Hibbert what she thought about the line of scripture from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians - 'Let all that you do be done in love' (1 COR 6:18). On a visit to another school I had seen this on a wall and thought how perfectly this encapsulated the message I give to the staff, pupils and families at the school. Mrs Hibbert said that she liked it and we said no more about it. The next day, after leaving my office, I returned to my desk to find the sticker below sitting on my keyboard. I didn't know who had placed it there or why. Eventually I found out that Miss Bush had bought lots of stickers and chosen this one for me - when I asked why, she said "because that's what you always tell us, and it's what we're all about". I really felt like God had sent a message, agreeing that this really is our mission as a school - to do everything we do in a loving, caring way, both for ourselves and our community.

Therefore. I would like to change our mission statement from 'We grow and learn as a family in the footsteps of Jesus' and instead use: 'Let all that you do be done in love'. Please could you let me know your views by next Friday 12th May 2023 and I will of course consider any objections to this change very carefully.

As always, please log in to the Seesaw app to see what your child has been learning in school this week, and to view the latest curriculum plans from your child's teacher.

Huge thanks for your ongoing support as we continue to grow and develop our wonderful school and community. Wishing you all a lovely Bank Holiday weekend - we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 9th May.

Mrs Cox





THE KING'S CORONATION - SATURDAY 6TH MAY 2023

On Saturday, the King and Queen will be officially crowned in a very special ceremony at Westminster Abbey. It's a very exciting event and lots of people from all around the world will be attending many many billions more watching it on TV...you might even go to a street party to celebrate!

The coronation of a new British monarch takes place in Westminster Abbey, London. Westminster Abbey is a very special place in the UK, it's a 900-year-old church that has been the site of coronations, weddings and funerals of royals for hundreds of years. It's the perfect setting for a new monarch to be crowned.

In 1953, Queen Elizabeth's coronation procession was 5 miles long and took two hours. This time, King Charles' and Queen Camilla's procession is only 1.3 miles long – just a quarter of the length of Queen Elizabeth's. They will travel from Buckingham Palace in a special coach called the Diamond Jubilee State Coach. The procession will take them along The Mall via Admiralty Arch, to Trafalgar Square, before going down Whitehall and

Parliament Street. They will then go around Parliament Square to Broad Sanctuary, which is where Westminster Abbey is located. At the start of the Coronation ceremony, the Archbishop of Canterbury will introduce the King to the crowd.

Next, King Charles will take an oath to protect the Church of England and the law. Then, he will sit in an old wooden chair called the Coronation Chair, which was made in 1300 and will have holy oil put on their head, chest and hands. After that, the King will be given a big golden orb and a sceptre. Finally, the most important part - Charles is crowned with a special crown. He will move to the throne and everyone will kneel down to show their respect.





We have lots of birthdays to celebrate this week!

Happy birthday to Andre in Sycamore class who is 6 today, and Luke T in Willow class who is 9 today!

Bailey in Willow class will be 10 on 7th May - happy birthday Bailey!

Seth in Acacia class turns 8 on 10th May, and Jack and Charlie in Acacia class will be 9 on 10th May.

We all wish you many happy returns and hope you enjoy celebrating your special days!

SENSORY CIRCUITS

Our morning Sensory Circuits sessions are cancelled next week. 9th-12th May, due to our Year 6 SATs examinations taking place in our school hall. These sessions will recommence on Monday 16th May.

Multi-Skills after school club will not be affected and will go ahead as usual.

Many thanks, **Miss E Bush**

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LUNCH MENU AS OF 9TH MAY



CORONATION TIME!

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 93.01%. Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - 87.32% Sycamore - 93.65% Acacia - 90.74% Willow - 92.31% Juniper - 99.25%

76 of our pupils had 100% attendance this week.



WILLOW CLASS TRIP FUNDRAISER

Willow Class will be holding a Cake Sale straight after school on Friday 12th May. This will be held outside Willow classroom at 3.15pm We are raising funds to help us pay for our coach trip to Duxford War Museum. Duxford War Museum is not charging us for entry, but we do need to cover the cost of the transport for the trip. Any donations of cakes are welcome.

Please come and get a Friday treat and help us get to Duxford! Many thanks,

Mrs Donington



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