

Log On to Insight

A reminder that parents and carers can log on to a secure website to obtain useful information about your child's performance at school. INSIGHT is an online window to your own child's school record, showing attendance data, behaviour and reward points and other information. The site can be accessed via www.sarchs.com.

User names and passwords have been issued; a reminder can be requested on the Insight login page. Please ensure that school has an up-to-date mobile phone number or email address.



GRAB the Event

Following two rounds of auditions, the St. Augustine's GRAB final takes place on Wednesday 25th November at 7pm in the School Hall. This year we have twelve acts who will be competing for a place in the inter-schools' event at The Grand in Clitheroe in January, with four acts progressing to the next round. The event, which is organised by The Grand, allows pupils from the four Ribble Valley high schools to showcase their talents as well as raise money for local and international charities.

The St. Augustine's event will be supported by the PTFA who will be running a licenced bar on the evening. Tickets are available from the school office and details are displayed on the school website.



Diary Dates

Winter Uniform—Pullovers Compulsory

Monday 23th —Friday 27th November	Wellbeing Week
Wednesday 25th November	Y7 Science Trip Manchester Uni. GRAB The Event (School Final 7pm)
Tuesday 8th December	Start of Year of Mercy
Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th December	Carol Service 7.30pm (new time)
Thursday 10th December	Senior Citizens' Party
Wednesday 16th December	End of Term Masses (am)
Friday 18th December	12.15pm Closure Christmas Holidays

For updates on all school policies, please visit www.sarchs.com

ST AUGUSTINE'S RC HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2015



Bugsy Malone

After months of rehearsals Bugsy Malone finally made it onto the school stage playing to over 800 people and selling out for each of the four performances. The cast transformed the hall into a downtown New York Speakeasy with fabulous costumes, amazing scenery and even a car chase with cars built by the technology department.

Credit in particular must go to Will Golding and Emma Smith whose portrayal of Bugsy and Blousy won the hearts of the audience night after night. Paul Bell as Dandy Dan and Thomas Priest who played Fat Sam were both brilliant, with impeccable New York accents. Fat Sam's scenes with his sidekick Knuckles, played by Philip Clews, also had the audience in stitches. Other notable performances came from Evie Hurst as the 'diva' Tallulah and Thomas Lloyd who played the janitor, Fizzy, and delivered a great performance singing "Tomorrow".

Well done to everybody on a great show.



Support Your PTFA

For a free and easy way to support the work of the school's PTFA log on to **WWW.EASYFUNDRAISING.ORG.UK**. The website collects free donations when you shop online with Amazon, Next, Argos and thousands of other retailers.

You may also like to join the **PTFA 50/50 Club**; a monthly draw that gives you a chance to win half of the funds collected that month. Over £1000 has been distributed in prize money since the beginning of last year.

For details on how to contribute to both of these fundraising activities and to find out more about the work of the PTFA please visit the "About Us" section of the school website.



Road Safety

Over recent weeks there have been a number of issues regarding road safety, including one pupil having to attend hospital and damage to two vehicles. We would therefore ask parents to reinforce the importance of general road safety with the children and particularly stress that using a mobile phone at the roadside can be a major distraction, putting their safety at risk. We also ask that families note the following requests;

- Please do not drive onto the school turning circle at the end of the school day when the buses are picking the children up. If you are dropping children off in the morning, be aware that the buses will require the full extent of the turning circle and the area needs to be kept clear to allow the buses to operate safely.
- Please avoid double parking on Elker Lane. The building work that is taking place opposite school is making the congestion particularly difficult at the moment and parents may find it easier to arrange collection on Whalley Road.
- Where possible try to share lifts to reduce the congestion around school.
- A number of parents have been collecting their children from Elker Mews as a convenient parking / turning point for their vehicles. We have been informed that Elker Mews is a private road and therefore request that parents do not use the area for parking or collecting children.



Sponsored Walk



We had good conditions for our Sponsored Walk once again this year with over 1,100 staff and pupils enjoying the autumnal weather as we completed the two hour loop walk from Billington to Mitton and back. A huge thank you to all the parents, relatives, neighbours and friends who support this annual event which raises funds for our extra-curricular provision. We are grateful to all of you who have helped the children to collect in their sponsor money and to date we have raised over £12,000.

Celebrating Success for 2015

Congratulations to all of our leavers who received their GCSE results in August. The year group achieved an impressive 72% of 5 A*-C grades including English and Mathematics with over 120 pupils achieving A and A* grades across a wide range of subjects. They now go on to further study at St Mary's College and other local providers and we wish them all success in their futures.



We were delighted to welcome Father Frankie back to school as our Guest of Honour for Celebration Evening at the end of October to present GCSE certificates and the special awards for exceptional performance and contribution to school life.

Pupil Council Representatives

Well done to the Pupil Council members who were appointed as representatives for their year groups. They will put forward ideas and suggestions for discussion at the meetings, take part in various projects and learn about the democratic process through activities within school and with local partners. The Pupil Council will meet on 19th November 2015, 9th February 2016 and 20th April 2016.



Carol Service



The annual Carol Service takes place in school on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th December at 7.30pm. This is a later time than was originally advertised. The evening is always a lovely celebration of carols and readings, followed by mince pies and mulled wine. Donations will be collected to support the work of CAFOD on the evening.