



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

12th October 2018



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parent and Carers

Maths is everywhere! This week our Gardening Club used their Maths skills to measure the circumference, and determine the weight of our home-grown pumpkins. As you can see from the pictures below, they grew quite large and our pupils are very proud of them.



We also held a Reading Workshop this week and were delighted with the parental attendance. The feedback that we received was extremely positive; thank you so much for your show of support.

Next week will be a busy one as we head towards the half term holiday. Our annual Harvest Festival is nearly here and we are looking forward to celebrating this special event with you. Lots of our children are also excited about Movie Night this evening; we look forward to sharing these events, in our newsletter with you, next week.

Amanda Howes - Headteacher

E-Safety

The use of mobile phones, tablets and computers is now common among children as well as adults. With increased online use, there comes increased levels of risk. The online world can be a dangerous place

Over the next few weeks we will be sending home 'National Online Safety' posters about games and Apps that many of us use. We hope that the information provided will help you to help keep your child safe online.



School Vision



Stretchy Person – We stretch ourselves and each other to achieve our full potential.

Believing in yourself is not always easy. Sometimes we fear failure and that stops us from trying new things. At St. Augustine's we encourage each other to 'have a go' and 'try our best'.

We all need to develop our self-belief and resilience to help us navigate our way through life. Maybe then, we can achieve our dreams.

Harvest Festival

This year, our Harvest Festival will take place on Wednesday 17th October at 2:30pm; parents and carers are welcome to attend.



As part of our harvest preparations, you are invited to donate non-perishable food items, which will be given to the Foodbank, or money for the Bishop of St. Alban's appeal, 'Give Peas a Chance', which supports farming in Malawi. Many thanks for your kindness and support.

Attendance

Our attendance so far this year is...

95.95%

Raising attendance at our school is a top priority for this year. Our school target is 96%, which is the National Average; this is what we aim to achieve.

Please work with us to raise attendance and give children the very best life chances.

Our class attendance figures for this week are:

Year 1 – 97.14%	Year 2 – 94.14%
Year 3 – 98.28%	Year 4 – 98.00%
Year 5 – 96.21%	Year 6 – 97.08%

Year 3 were our attendance winners this week. Well Done!

Celebrations

Well Done to the following children.

😊 'SELF' Pupil of the Week 😊

Reception – Amelia-Lilly
Year 1 – Tyler
Year 2 – Alice
Year 3 – Jasmin
Year 4 – Kayla
Year 5 – Reegan
Year 6 – Mia

📖 Reader of the Week 📖

Reception – Oscar
Year 1 – Kenny
Year 2 – Mateen
Year 3 – Jacob
Year 4 – Rico
Year 5 – Zak
Year 6 – Andile

★Star of the Week ★

Reception – Cody
Year 1 – Taya
Year 2 – Aaron
Year 3 – Mason
Year 4 – Jane
Year 5 – Darlean
Year 6 – Lealand

🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune - 248
Mars - 276
Earth - 226
Venus - 269

Word of the Week

Our word for the week is...

Generous

Generous means to show kindness to others, especially in giving.

Can you use the word 'generous' in your speaking and writing this week?

Diary Dates

Wed. 17 th Oct.	2:30pm - HARVEST FESTIVAL – Parents and Carers are welcome to attend
Fri. 19 th Oct.	Last Day of Half Term
Tue. 30 th Oct.	Children Back to School
Tue. 13 th Nov.	Parent Forum
Fri. 16 th Nov.	Children in Need – Mufti Day
Wed. 21 st Nov.	6:00pm Yr6 SATS information evening
Mon. 26 th Nov.	Christmas Post Box opens
Fri. 7 th Dec.	PTFA Christmas Fayre
Tue. 11 th Dec.	9:15am – Yr1, 2 and 3 Christmas Performance 2:00pm – Yr4, 5 and 6 Christmas Performance
Wed. 12 th Dec.	9:15am – Yr4, 5 and 6 Christmas Performance 2:00pm – Yr1, 2 and 3 Christmas Performance
Fri. 14 th Dec.	9:15am – Reception Christmas Performance
Mon. 17 th Dec.	9:00am – Reception, Yr1 and Yr2 Celebration Assembly 2:45pm – Years 3 – 6 Celebration Assembly
Tue. 18 th Dec.	Christmas Dinner
Wed. 19 th Dec.	Christmas Jumper Day and afternoon Christmas Parties

Please check the school website or App for the whole year's diary and for more information about St. Augustine's Academy.

Please note that dates sometimes need to change and we will notify you if this happens.



'SELF' Question for next Week

What have I learnt about self-awareness?



Our Value for this half term is...

THANKFULNESS



'Always be thankful.'

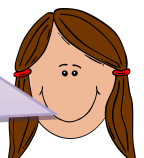
1 Thessalonians 5:16

"Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things."
Psalm 107:8-9

Give generously this harvest, if you can.

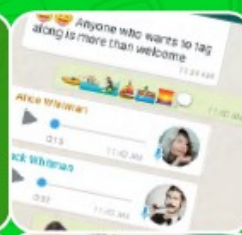


Celebration Assemblies take place at 9:00am every Thursday morning in the school hall. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.





WhatsApp is one of the most popular messaging apps in the world, with more than 1.5 billion people in more than 180 countries using it to send and receive text, photos, videos and documents, as well as make voice and video calls through an Internet or Wi-Fi connection. The free app offers end-to-end encryption, which means that messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient in one-to-one chats, or all members if it is a group chat. Not even WhatsApp can read them.



AGE RESTRICTION
16+



What parents need to know about WhatsApp



AGE LIMIT CHANGE

Since May 2018, the minimum age for using WhatsApp is 16 years old if you live in the European Union, including the UK. Prior to this, the minimum age was 13, which still applies for the rest of the world. WhatsApp has not yet stated whether it will take action against anyone aged between 13 and 16 who already hold accounts under the old terms and conditions, such as closing their account or seeking parental permission.

SCAM MESSAGES

Occasionally on WhatsApp, people receive spam messages from unauthorised third parties or from fraudsters pretending to offer prizes to 'lucky people', encouraging recipients to click on a link to win a prize. A common scam involves messages warning recipients that their WhatsApp subscription has run out with the hope that people are duped into providing their payment details. Other scam messages include instructions to forward the message in return for a reward or gift from WhatsApp or another person.

FAKE NEWS AND HOAXES

WhatsApp has been linked to enabling the spread of dangerous viral rumours. In India, for example, a number of attacks appear to have been sparked by false rumours shared on WhatsApp.

THE 'ONLY ADMIN' FEATURE AND CYBERBULLYING

Cyberbullying is the act of sending threatening or taunting text messages, voice messages, pictures and videos, with the aim to hurt and humiliate the receiver. The group chat and group video call features are great for multiple people to chat simultaneously, but there is the potential for people to hurt others with their comments or jokes. The 'only admin' feature gives the admin of a group chat greater control over who can send messages. Whilst this can be good for one-way announcements, the group admin has the power to block somebody from responding to an offensive message in a chat, which could result in a child being upset and unable to reply.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

To start a chat in WhatsApp, you need to know the mobile number of the contact you want to speak to and they also need to have the app downloaded. WhatsApp can find contacts by accessing the address book of a device and recognising which of those contacts are using WhatsApp. If your child has shared their mobile number with somebody they don't know, they can use it to get in touch via WhatsApp.

LIVE LOCATION SHARING

WhatsApp's 'Live Location' feature enables users to share their current location in real time to their contacts in a chat, allowing friends to show their movements. The feature, which can be found by pressing the 'attach' button, is described by WhatsApp as a 'simple and secure way to let people know where you are'. Location-sharing is already a common feature on other social apps, including Snapchat's Snap Map and Facebook Messenger and can be a useful way for a child to let loved ones know they are safe. However, if your child is in a group chat with people they do not know, they will be exposing their location.



Top Tips for Parents

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though somebody would need your child's phone number to add them as a contact, as an extra security measure we suggest altering their profile settings to control who can see their profile photo and status. The options to choose from are 'Everyone', 'My Contacts' and 'Nobody'. We suggest selecting 'My Contacts' or 'Nobody' to ensure their profile is protected.

EXPLAIN HOW TO BLOCK PEOPLE

If your child has received spam or offensive messages, calls or attachments from a contact, they should block them. Messages and status updates sent by a blocked contact will not show up on the phone and will stay undelivered. Blocking someone will not remove this contact from the contact list - they will need to be removed from the phone's address book. To block a contact, your child needs to open the person's chat stream and tap on the settings.

REPORT SCAM MESSAGES

Advise your child not to tap, share or forward any message that looks suspicious or sounds too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they will be given the option to report the number as spam directly inside the chat. They can also report a contact or a group as spam using the following steps: 1) Open the chat. 2) Tap on the contact or group name to open their profile information. 3) Scroll to the bottom and tap 'Report Spam'.

LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is part of a group chat that makes them feel uncomfortable or has been added to a group they don't want to be part of, use the group's settings to show them how to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once, if they leave again, they cannot be added again.

USING LIVE LOCATION SAFELY

If your child needs to use the 'Live Location' feature to share with you or a friend, advise them to only share it for the amount of time they need to. WhatsApp gives the options of either 15 minutes, one hour or eight hours. However, your child can choose to stop sharing at any time.

DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child has sent a message to the wrong chat or if a message they sent has contained a mistake, they can delete it. To do this, simply tap and hold on the message, choose 'Delete' and then 'Delete for everyone'. The app allows seven minutes to delete the message after it has been sent, but it is important to remember that recipients may have seen and screenshot a message before it was deleted.

SET TIME LIMITS

A 2017 study found that by the age of 14 the average child will have sent more than 35,000 texts, 30,000 WhatsApp messages and racked up more than three solid weeks of video chat. Although it is inevitable that your child will use technology, you can still set boundaries. This is not easy, especially since teens use their devices for both schoolwork and free time, often simultaneously.

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