



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

19th December 2018



Headteacher's Message

Christmas at St. Augustine's Academy

Dear Parent and Carers,



As 2018 comes to a close, it is fitting to look back over the past year and reflect on all that has happened. We have much to be thankful for; our school is thriving and we are ambitious for its future.

We would like to thank all of you for your support during the past year and for the lovely goodies that we have received which have kept us going during the last week of term. From everyone at St. Augustine's, we would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a 2019 that is prosperous and filled with happiness.

Amanda Howes - Headteacher

Attendance

Our attendance so far this year is...

96.04%

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.

Our attendance is now just above the National Average and is a rise of 1.77% from last year.

Our class attendance figures for this term are:

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| Year 1 – 94.60% | Year 2 – 95.45% |
| Year 3 – 96.95% | Year 4 – 97.65% |
| Year 5 – 95.24% | Year 6 – 97.59% |

A special well done to all of our classes that have achieved more than 96%





Well Done to the following children.

✚ Christian Values ✚

Reception – Kenzie
Year 1 – Jamie
Year 2 – Riley
Year 3 – Summer-May
Year 4 – Peyton
Year 5 – Lewis
Year 6 – Andile

📖 British Values 📖

Reception – Maisie
Year 1 – Alan
Year 2 – Mateen
Year 3 – Mason
Year 4 – Zak
Year 5 – Darlean
Year 6 – Cienna

✪ Effort ✪

Reception – Shelby
Year 1 – Kenny
Year 2 – McKenzie
Year 3 – Jamie
Year 4 – Kamil
Year 5 – Jordan
Year 6 – Nicole

✍ Handwriting ✍

Reception – Oscar
Year 1 – Taya
Year 2 – Zuzanna
Year 3 – Yasmin
Year 4 – Alfie
Year 5 – Rico
Year 6 – Poppie-Flo

📖 100 Reads 📖

Tarebi, Batia, Ciaran, Peyton, Cienna

x 2, 5 and 10 Times Tables x

Alfie, Ruby, Callum, Kiera, Amelia,
Vanessa, Aaron, McKenzie

x Times Tables to 12 x

Peyton, Angel, Banujan, Charlie,
Courtney, Karol, Leonard, Mia

Our word for the week is...

Resolution

Resolution means 'a firm decision to do or not to do something.'

What will your New Year's resolution be?

Christmas Eve Service



'SELF' Question for the week back

What is self-control?



Diary Dates

Thu. 3rd Jan

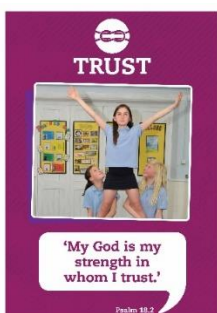
Children Back to School

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.



Our Value for this half term is...

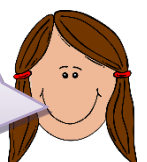


'My God is my strength in whom I trust.'

Psalm 18:2

During this Christmas, try to remember the true meaning behind our celebrations and be thankful for God's love.

Celebration Assembly takes place at 9:00am every Thursday morning. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.



Christmas Bauble Competition Winners



Our school Christmas tree looked wonderful with its range of sparkly and colourful decorations made by our pupils. Congratulations to our competition winners: Kenzie, Stephen, Finn, Ciaran, Ross and Beatrice and to all our runners-up. Each of them received a Christmas treat.

Christmas Service



Our Christmas Service was a very special occasion with the whole school community coming together to remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Reverend Ricky led the service with the help of our new Worship Team who shared readings and prayers. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who took part in this beautiful, heart-warming service.

Christmas Hamper Raffle Winners



Each year, St. Augustine's staff produce Christmas hampers which are raffled to our families. In the picture above, you can see our proud winners with their prizes. Thank you to everyone who entered.

Christmas Dinner – School Kitchen



Christmas dinner is always a highlight of the festive season and this year was no exception. The hall looked and felt special with mini Christmas trees decorating the tables; a warm virtual fireplace glowing in the background; Christmas music playing; fun crackers, grace led by Reverend Ricky, and of course, the most delicious Christmas dinner!

We are very blessed to have such fine catering at our school and we would like to thank all of our kitchen team for their hard work and for making Christmas dinner so special. Our kitchen has recently received a 5 star rating and we are all delighted about.

Well done to our fabulous kitchen team.



Snow and School Closure Procedures

***** IMPORTANT INFORMATION BELOW *****



In the event of heavy snowfall, it is possible that the school may need to close. This is a very rare occurrence at St. Augustine's and would only be in extreme circumstances.

By 7:30am, a closure message will be posted on the school's website and app. A text message will also be sent to parents/carers (so please make sure that the school has your up-to-date contact information). The Central Beds SOS site naming schools that are closed can also be accessed from the school website.