



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

5th April 2019



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,



Easter is nearly here and our beautiful Gethsemane Garden, created by Gardening Club, has been a fitting centrepiece for our worship this week.

We are reminded at this time of 'new life' and it is therefore a perfect time to announce that Miss Gravett is expecting a baby in the Autumn Term. We are absolutely delighted for her and wish her all our heartfelt congratulations.

During the holiday, the large conifers that surround the garden will be felled and 300 logs created for our new Forest School. More about this exciting venture after the holiday!

Everyone at St Augustine's wishes you a very happy Easter.

Amanda Howes - Headteacher

St George's Day

The first day back at school, Tuesday 23rd April, is St Georges Day. We will be celebrating with a special British seaside lunch of fish & chips and ice-cream. If your child belongs to a uniformed organisation such as Cubs, Brownies etc. then they may wear their uniform to school.



Curriculum Parent Survey

We are currently reviewing our school Curriculum and would like your opinion about subjects and activities that you would like to see taught at St Augustine's. Please follow the Survey Monkey link below to complete the survey. Your thoughts would be much appreciated.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LSWQLWK>

Easter Celebrations



We would like to say a huge thank you to St Augustine's Church for leading such wonderful activities for the children at our recent Easter activity days.

The children learnt all about Easter, from the Last Supper through to Jesus' Resurrection, and had the opportunity to pray for themselves and others. It was a very special time.

Attendance

Our attendance so far this academic year is...

95.98%

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 in-line the National Average and our figures for this week have been the best ever!

Our class attendance figures for this week are:

★	Year 1 – 97.93%	Year 2 – 97.93%	★
	Year 3 – 98.67%	Year 4 – 99.00%	
	Year 5 – 99.58%	Year 6 – 97.50%	

**Year 5 have the best attendance this week.
Well Done!**

Year 5 Design Technology



Children in Year 5 have been making clocks as part of their DT lessons. The imagination, care and thought that has gone into them has been commendable and the children have now have a lovely timepiece which they can be proud of.

Year 1 Chinese Workshop



Year 1's Chinese Workshop was vibrant and colourful.

The children had a wonderful time carefully painting plates with Chinese designs and learning all about traditional dance.

The children danced with parasols and also took part in a Dragon Dance which you can see in the photos. It really was a fantastic morning.



Big Pedal

As of 11:00am today, St Augustine's Academy are in 14th place regionally with 72.73% of pupils having travelled to school actively.

This is a fantastic achievement and we are sure that there will have been health benefits to our pupils.

The names of all active travellers were placed in a hat and prizes awarded to the lucky winners.



Notices

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs strictly from 7:45am to the start of school at 8:50am and is £3.00 for one child and £5.00 for 2 children. There is no cost for children in receipt of Pupil Premium funding.



Please note that there is no admittance to Breakfast Club after 8:30am. Therefore, all parents/carers and children arriving after this time should go to the main playground and line up with their classes.

At Breakfast Club, children enjoy a range of food and drink including: cereal, fruit, juice and bagels, as well as being able to enjoy playing a range of games with their friends. Breakfast Club is now a very popular choice for families and we are thankful to our staff team who work hard to provide a healthy, fun breakfast experience to start the school day.

If you have any questions or queries about Breakfast Club then please contact the office for more details.

Mobile Phones

In today's society, more and more children have mobile phones.



At St Augustine's Academy, our Mobile Phone and Camera Policy States that, 'Mobile phones should not be brought into school except in exceptional circumstances...' Sometimes children in Years 5 and 6 bring phones into school because this is when children often begin to travel to and from school by themselves. Children younger than this should not have a need to bring a phone to school.

Once on school premises children must not use their mobile phones under any circumstances. Phones must be handed into the class teacher as soon as pupils enter the classroom. If children are caught using a phone on the playground before school, then an exit will be issued and a phone call will be made to the child's parents/carers.

Parents and carers, please support the school in ensuring that pupils have age appropriate apps on their phones and only use them outside of school. The school's full policy can be found on our website at <http://www.staugustinesacademy.co.uk>

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Parking

Once again we need to remind parents and carers not to park on the school site. If necessary, the school will look into purchasing electronic gates if this issue continues but we hope that parents/carers would respect our request and that we will not have to go down this costly route. Thank you.



Celebrations

Well Done to the following children.

★Star of the Week★

Reception – Oscar
Year 1 – Tarebi
Year 2 – Aidan
Year 3 – Batia
Year 4 – Kamil
Year 5 – Tyler
Year 6 – Cienna

😊 'SELF' Pupil of the Week 😊

Reception – Tyler
Year 1 – Matylda
Year 2 – Ethan
Year 3 – Leon
Year 4 – Andi
Year 5 – Jordan
Year 6 – Regan

+÷-x÷ Mathematician of the Week ÷x÷+

Reception – Izabella
Year 1 – Alfie
Year 2 – McKenzie
Year 3 – Jasmin
Year 4 – Peyton
Year 5 – Lara
Year 6 – Angel

🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune - 212
Mars - 250
Earth - 248
Venus - 229

'SELF' Question of the Week

What makes you want to stay in bed in the morning?



Our Value for next half term is...



SERVICE



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To serve someone means to help them.

Next term we will be looking at the value of service and how we can learn to put others needs before our own, just as Jesus taught us.

Word of the Week

Our word for the week is...

Salvation

Salvation means 'to preserve or deliver from hurt or harm.'
Can you use the word 'salvation' in your speaking and writing this week?

Autism Awareness Week – Silly Socks!



Autism Awareness has taken place this week across the country and St Augustine's Academy have been proud to be able to take part.



The children have experienced a range of activities to help them learn about autism and how it can affect the everyday lives of those who have the condition. In total, £107 has been raised for the charity.

Diary Dates

Tue. 23 rd Apr.	Children Return to School St George's Day – British Dinner Menu <i>Children belonging to uniformed organisations e.g. Cubs, Brownies, may wear their uniforms to school today.</i>
Mon. 13 th May– Thu. 16 th May	KS2 SATS WEEK
Fri. 24 th May	Last Day of Half Term
Tue. 4 th Jun.	Children Return to School
Fri. 21 st Jun.	Sports Day
Fri. 19 th Jul.	Last Day of Term

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.



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





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11am - 3pm**

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