



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

13th October 2017



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has yet again been a busy one for the school. On Tuesday, we held a Reading Workshop for parents where our new Reading resources were shared – if you were unable to attend, you can download copies of our new Reading Guide for Parents from our website. We also had a positive visit from our Read, Write Inc. Phonics trainer who was pleased to see that children are making progress with their learning.

We were also delighted to welcome the new Headteacher, Mr. Mike Smith, from Manshead CE Academy to our school. Mr. Smith toured the school and talked with pupils who asked him questions about Manshead school life. The vast majority of our pupils move to Manshead when leaving St Augustine's at the end of Year 6 and it is great that our two schools are forging good relationships which will aid a smooth transition for our pupils to their secondary education.

At St Augustine's Academy, your feedback is greatly appreciated. Many of you have talked to us about the things that are going really well at the school and also about suggestions for improvements.

St Augustine's Academy
Parent View

Name..... Date.....

Thank you for your comments.

Along with this newsletter, you will have received a card in an envelope for you to complete with your feedback. Please return completed cards to the school office. Additional cards will be kept in the Reception area for you to complete as frequently as you would like to.

We hope that you all have an enjoyable weekend and look forward to seeing you all back at school again on Monday for our last week of the half term.

Amanda Howes
Headteacher

Harvest Festival

Wednesday 18th October – 2:30pm



At St. Augustine's Academy we have lovely school dinners and we always like to celebrate Harvest and God's provision by sharing food produce with our local community.

This year, our Harvest Festival will take place on Wednesday October 18th at 2:30pm and parents and carers are welcome to attend. Donations of tinned or fresh food items are welcomed and these may be brought into school by your child from Monday 9th October.

The school value that we are remembering at this time of year is 'Generosity' which fits in perfectly with Harvest. We look forward to being able to share Harvest with you.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance so far this year is 94.43% which unfortunately is a slight dip from last week. We appreciate that some children have had a nasty sickness bug and hope that they are now fully recovered. We have disinfected all school door handles to help keep unwanted germs at bay. Let's keep working together to improve attendance and give our pupils the best possible life chances. Attendance counts! Thank you



Flu Vaccine – EYFS, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4

The Immunisation and Vaccination Team are coming into school on Thursday 2nd November to administer the flu vaccine (nasal spray). In your child's book bag there is a letter and form which will need to be completed and returned to your child's class teacher by Friday 20th October.

Please note if the consent form is returned after this date your child may not be able to have the vaccine at the main session in school and may have to go the community clinic.

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Achievements and Awards

😊 SELF Award 😊

Reception – Selah Petra
 Year 1 – Bobby-Lee Garrat
 Year 2 – Sally Zatorska
 Year 3 – Jane Walker
 Year 4 – Callum Lewry
 Year 5 – Mia Keen
 Year 6 – Jessica Hopper

The SELF question for next week is:

*****What have I learnt about self-awareness?*****

Our value of the week is:

Generosity

📖 Reader of the Week 📖

Reception – Poppy Roberts
 Year 1 – Mason Ireson
 Year 2 – Daniel Connage
 Year 3 – Kamil Sokolski
 Year 4 – Albert Barbu
 Year 5 – Beatrice Cojocar
 Year 6 – Natalie Zubrycki

★ Star of the Week ★

Reception – Cody Pedder
 Year 1 – Layla-Mai Martin
 Year 2 – Lilly Devlin
 Year 3 – Luke Monaghan
 Year 4 – Declan Jones
 Year 5 – Tomek Kobylecki
 Year 6 – Claudiu Olaru

🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune (Blue) – 141
 Mars (Red) – 147
 Earth (Green) – 115
 Venus (Yellow) – 118

✓ Attendance ✓

Year 1 – 95.67%
 Year 2 – 89.97%
 Year 3 – 94.38%
 Year 4 – 94.48%
 Year 5 – 93.75%
 Year 6 – 93.75%

**Year 1, you were our highest attenders this week.
 Well done.**

Lining-up

Thank you for your feedback regarding the organisation of collecting children at the end of the school day. It is felt that having the Year 3 class leave the building via the other exit is working well as it is less congested around the Year 1 and 2 door.



One thing that is not working so well is that some parents are still crowding around the door at the end of the day and obstructing the view of others. When arriving to collect children, parents can you please stand behind the cones; this will enable staff to see who is waiting.

We look forward to seeing if this helps to alleviate congestion and once again would value your feedback.

Road Safety

It has been reported that children have been seen being unsafe around local roads. Road Safety is being reiterated at school with the pupils; please can you also reiterate this at home with your children too.



PTFA Halloween Disco

Our Halloween Disco is fast approaching and it is sure to be a fun evening. Children may dress up for the disco in costume, however clown costumes and very scary outfits must not be worn. Thank you for your cooperation.



Diary Dates

Wed. 18 th Oct.	2:30pm Harvest Festival
Thu. 19 th Oct.	7:00pm – PT FA Annual General Meeting
Fri. 20 th Oct.	Halloween Disco (Please remember to return your reply slip if you wish your child to attend.) Last day of the half term
Mon. 30 th Oct.	Children return to school
Tue. 7 th Nov.	Grammar Workshop – For all parents and carers
Thu. 9 th Nov.	Individual and Sibling Photographs
Tue. 21 st Nov.	Parent Forum – A chance to share your feedback and thoughts with senior staff
Wed. 29 th Nov.	Cinema Night
Tue. 19 th Dec.	Last day of term

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