



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

20th October 2017



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

The weeks have flown by and it is hard to believe that we have come to the end of our first half term already.

This week we held our Harvest Festival at school and it was lovely to see so many of you there to watch the children perform their delightful songs, some with difficult harmonies; see our beautiful harvest display and celebrate God's provision with us. Thank you to everyone who provided gifts of food, the produce will be delivered to the Food Bank where it will then be put to good use in the community.



As this half term draws to a close, we have some changes to staffing. Mrs. Ball leaves us today to take up a new role at a local school; we are sure that you will join with us in thanking her for all she has contributed to St. Augustine's and wish her all the very best. We would also like to pass on our best wishes to Miss. Barr who is getting married; she will return as Mrs. Morgan after the holiday.

We will be welcoming 3 new staff to the school. Mrs. Wykes as teacher in Year 3, Mrs. Turner who will teach Year 2 alongside Miss. Kershaw and Mrs. Sullivan will be joining us as a Teaching Assistant. Miss Kershaw will also be our new Inclusion lead/SENDCo. All are very excited about joining us!

We hope that you all have an enjoyable half term holiday and look forward to seeing you all back at school again on Monday 30th October.

Amanda Howes - Headteacher

Attendance



We now have a new addition to our school family...Attendance Bear!

Attendance Bear will travel around the school, spending the week with the class who achieves the highest attendance. Classes who achieve 99% or 100% attendance will still receive a Friday multi-day as an award too.

Our whole school attendance so far this year is 94.23% which is below our 96% target; we hope that Attendance Bear will help encourage our attendance to climb higher next half term. Attendance counts!

Literacy Boxes



Improving Reading is a key focus for our school. Recently, we purchased a set of Primary Literacy Boxes to help children to develop their comprehension, vocabulary and grammar skills.

The children are thoroughly enjoying using them as they are a resource they can use independently at their own level. We hope to see our pupils make good progress with their reading as a result.

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Achievements and Awards

😊 SELF Award 😊

Reception – Maliscia Martin
 Year 1 – Aidan Evans
 Year 2 – Skye Waterson
 Year 3 – Peyton Egbegi
 Year 4 – Jessica Hawker
 Year 5 – Poppie-Flo Brodie
 Year 6 – Colin Zakorski

The SELF question for next week is:

What is self-esteem?

Our value of the week is:

Generosity

📖 Reader of the Week 📖

Reception – Blake Willis-Hall
 Year 1 – Elise Goode
 Year 2 – Soraya Strachan
 Year 3 – Melisa Dudianu
 Year 4 – Kaitlyn Walsh
 Year 5 – Andile Masola
 Year 6 – Tiphonie Reynolds

★ Star of the Week ★

Reception – Rico Strachan
 Year 1 – Alfie Ford
 Year 2 – Clark Andrews
 Year 3 – Evie Philpott
 Year 4 – Abby Gazeley
 Year 5 – Courtney Impey
 Year 6 – Blessing Nakueti

🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune (Blue) – 122
 Mars (Red) – 128
 Earth (Green) – 136
 Venus (Yellow) - 120

✓ Attendance ✓

Year 1 – 96.04%
 Year 2 – 94.14%
 Year 3 – 90.64%
 Year 4 – 94.35%
 Year 5 – 95.25%
 Year 6 – 92.94%

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

School Dinner Menu



Our School Dinner Menu is changing for the winter term and, as usual, there are lots of delicious and nutritious meals that will be on offer to our pupils.

A copy of the menu can be found on the school website by accessing 'Parents' then 'School Dinners'.

Parent View

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Parent View

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

Thank you for your comments.

Thank you to everyone who has returned their Parent View card; your feedback is greatly appreciated.

If you have not yet returned your card then we would really welcome your views about the things the school is doing well and the areas where we could improve.

Please return them via your child's class teacher or via the school office. Thank you.

Diary Dates

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

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

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Have fun and stay safe this

Halloween

Our tips-

- Always be accompanied by an adult when you are trick-or-treating.
- You should only go to houses of people that you know and who are happy for you to call.
- Stay safe, keep to places that you know and are well lit. Do not take short cuts through gardens, alleyways or parks.
- Watch out for traffic - drivers might not see you.
- If you are wearing a mask make sure that you can see where you are going and are aware of your surroundings.
- Carry a torch and a fully charged mobile phone (if you have one).



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