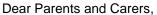


St Augustine's Academy Newsletter 20th December 2019



Headteacher's Message

Bling a Bauble











2019 has been another wonderful year at St Augustine's and we would like to thank all of you for your support and for the lovely goodies that we have received; they have definitely kept us going during the last week of term.

Our Christmas dinner was absolutely delicious and we would like to thank our kitchen team for their hard work.

Also, congratulations to Finn who won the Christmas decoration competition with his fantastic fireplace.

From everyone at St. Augustine's, we would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a 2020 that is prosperous and filled with happiness.

Amanda Howes - Headteacher

Thank you James Corden and Magic Breakfast





We would like to say a huge thank you to James Corden whose kind donation has allowed Magic Breakfast to send 200 boxes of cereal and porridge oats to our school for children to take home for the holidays. Merry Christmas!



Year 2 are the proud winners of the Bedfordshire Police 'Bling a Bauble' competition. A few children represented our school at the turning on of the Christmas tree lights at the Kempston headquarters and were proud to see their bauble hung for everyone to see. It was a truly lovely community event and we were pleased to be able to take part.



Attendance

Our attendance for this academic vear is...



95.96%



Raising attendance continues to be a top priority at our school. The whole school community is working hard to maintain good attendance levels; we value every second our children spend learning and understand the impact it has on their achievement.

Attendance at St Augustine's is above the current 95.8% National Average and we aim to keep above 96%.

Our class attendance figures for the academic year to date are:

Year 1 – 95.52% Year 3 – 96.61% Year 4 – 96.11%

Year 5 – 95.23% Year 6 – 95.95%

'Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.' Matthew 5:16



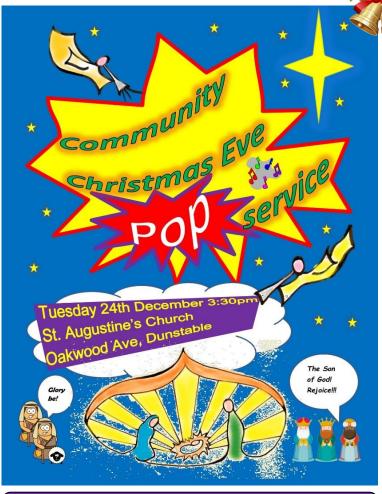








Santa Challenge





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 can also be accessed from the following link:

http://apps.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/apps/sos/

Holiday Contacts

If you need to access support or advice during the holiday then please visit the websites or contact one of the following services who will be able to help you.

MIND – <u>www.mind.org.uk</u> 0300 123 3393

SALVATION ARMY – 01582 60 60 31 dunstable@salvationarmy.org.uk

CHILDLINE - www.childline.org.uk 0800 1111

NSPCC - <u>www.nspcc.org.uk</u>

SAMARITANS – <u>www.samaritans.org</u> 116 123



ChildLine

0800 1111

ACCESS AND REFERRAL HUB (for Safeguarding Concerns) – 0300 300 8585



A big well done to everyone for their participation in the Santa challenge this year. The total miles travelled were 5191 miles. This takes us to Lapland and back again! 113 children travelled actively for the whole fortnight and 43 completed some journeys actively. Fingers crossed that we have a winner from St Augustine's!

Caddington Grove



Once again this week children and staff visited Caddington Grove Care Home. This time we weren't singing, we were serving tea, coffee and biscuits and chatting to the lovely residents. Merry Christmas to all at Caddington Grove.

Dunstable Swimming Pool



To celebrate the opening of the new swimming pool in Dunstable, on 23 December 2019, we're offering FREE SWIMMING to all from 23 December until the end of 2019!

Follow the link below to access the swimming timetable.

https://www.sll.co.uk/the-dunstable-centre/timetables/

Value of the Half Term

Well Done to the following children.

Christian Values 🕈

Reception – Samantha Year 1 – Riley

Year 2 – Alexandra

Year 3 - Ruby

Year 4 – Skye Year 5 – Lillianna

Year 6 - Kacie

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Reception - Riley

Year 1 - Maisie Year 2 – Stephen

Year 3 – Ryan

Year 4 - Jacob

Year 5 – Zak Year 6 – Ellie

***Effort ***

Reception - Miryam

Year 1 - Bliss

Year 2 - Lena Year 3 - Aaron

Year 4 - Cayden

Year 5 - Kayla

Year 6 - Jordan

Handwriting

Reception - Courtney

Year 1 - Oscar Year 2 - Khalidah

Year 3 – McKenzie

Year 4 – Soraya

Year 5 – Lillie-Mai

Year 6 – Lewis

🕮 100 Reads 🕮

Sabina, Diana, Alessia. Sophia, Stephen, Ciaran

🕮 200 Reads 🕮 Ciaran

x 2, 5 and 10 Times Tables x Sophia, Carlos

x Times Tables to 12 x Jordan, Bowie, Katie, Filip, Amara, Lidia, Ellie, Harvey

★Star of the Week ★

Reception - Tymon Year 1 – Laelia

Year 2 – Jake

Year 3 - Isabelle

Year 4 - Lilly

Year 5 – Lillie-Mai

Year 6 - Darlean

@ 'SELF' Pupil of the Week @

Reception - Roman Year 1 – Charlie

Year 2 - Daniel

Year 3 - Kiera

Year 4 - Jack

Year 5 - Alfie

Year 6 - Danish

Reader of the Week a

Reception - Lily

Year 1 – Alessia

Year 2 - Lena Year 3 - Bobby-Lee

rear 4 – Summer

Year 5 – Jake

Year 6 – Filip

🙀 Housepoints 🙀

Neptune - 163

Mars - 185 Earth - 173 Venus – 174







Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.'



SELF Question for January

What is selfcontrol?



Word of the Week



Anticipation means 'when you are waiting for something to happen.'

Are you waiting for Christmas Day in anticipation?

Diary Dates

Mon. 6 th Jan.	Back to School
Wed. 15 th Jan.	2:45pm - Christingle Service (Parents welcome to attend)
Thu. 16 th Jan.	Pantomime – (Visiting school)
Tue. 11 th Feb.	3:30pm – 6:00pm – Parents' Evening
Wed. 12 th Feb.	4:30pm – 7:00pm – Parents' Evening
Fri. 14 th Feb.	Last Day of the Half 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. We will notify you if this happens.





Merry Christmas from St Augustine's Academy



and a Happy New Year to you all!