



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

20th December 2019



Headteacher's Message



Dear Parents and Carers,



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!

Bling a Bauble



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 year 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 2 – 95.76%
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



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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/>

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 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 – www.mind.org.uk 0300 123 3393



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



CHILDLINE – www.childline.org.uk 0800 1111



NSPCC – www.nspcc.org.uk



SAMARITANS – www.samaritans.org 116 123



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

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



British Values 🇬🇧

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 📖

Reception - Lily
Year 1 – Alessia
Year 2 – Lena
Year 3 – Bobby-Lee
Year 4 – Summer
Year 5 – Jake
Year 6 – Filip



🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune - 163
Mars - 185
Earth - 173
Venus - 174



COMPASSION



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

Colossians 3:12



"WHEN THEY SAW THE STAR, THEY REJOICED WITH EXCEEDING GREAT JOY."

– MATTHEW 2:10

SELF Question for January

What is self-control?



Word of the Week



Anticipation



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!