



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

14th February 2020



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

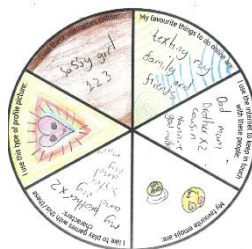


At St Augustine's we always enjoy welcoming visitors to our school. This week we welcomed Archdeacon Dave Middlebrook. He enjoyed lunch with the children and a tour of the school before leading an inspiring Collective Worship about 'Courage' based on the Bible story of David and Goliath. We also welcomed Mrs Conrad, a teacher from our partner school in Germany who led a fun German lesson for our Year 4 children and it was great to see so many parents, carers and pupils at our Parents' Evenings.

The well needed half term break is now here and we hope that it is a refreshing, relaxing time for everyone.

Amanda Howes - Headteacher

Safer Internet Day



**Before you tap and click...
You need to STOP and think
And TELL someone**

The theme for Safer Internet Day this year was 'Free to be - exploring identity online' focusing on what makes up an online identity – such as the facts or characteristics about you, how others perceive and interact with you, as well as how online services identify you.

Children in the younger years learned how to stay safe when playing online and thought about who they could turn to for help. Older pupils thought about the possible dangers of chatting to strangers online and implications of sharing information.

Attendance

Our attendance for this academic year is...



95.85%



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.

We aim to be above the national average of 96% and are currently below this.

Our class attendance figures for this week are:

Year 1 – 93.33%	Year 2 – 91.07%
Year 3 – 92.86%	Year 4 – 94.64%
Year 5 – 96.36%	Year 6 – 98.40%

Year 6 were our attendance bear winners this week. Well Done!

Football News



Our Year 3 Football Team were victorious this week with a 6 – 1 win against Lancot. All players showed good teamwork and a commitment to fair play. You can see how proud they are of their medals. Very well deserved too!

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

Active Lifestyles

There is so much going on in Central Beds to support Active Lifestyles.

A range of activities are taking place this half term for all the family.

Please visit...

<https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/87/active-lifestyles>

for more ideas and information.

Active Lifestyles
Half term activities for families who have children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).
This is an opportunity for your whole family to attend an event together

Monday 19 February 2020
12pm - 13pm
Climbing Wall
Fitzwilliam Centre, Stoppingley Road
Fitzwilliam, MK45 1TH
Cost per child £8
Contact: Jody Woodfield at climbing@fitchwilliam.co.uk

Wednesday 19 February 2020
12pm - 13pm
Planetarium 2020
Children's Gallery Centre, Dunsdale Down, Whipsnade Road, Dunsdale LU8 2CJ
Wednesday 19 February 2020
3:15pm - 3:45pm
Thursday 20 February 2020
9:30am - 10am
Friday 21 February 2020
3:15pm - 3:45pm
Saturday 22 February 2020
9:30am - 10am
Cost per child £5 (Carers go in free)
Contact name: Rebecca Whitmore on 01582 500 930 or email: Rebecca.whitmore@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk
Do not book online for SEND sessions

Wednesday 19 February 2020
9:30am - 10:30am and 10:45am - 11:45am
Trampoline session
Sandy Sports Centre, Engage Avenue, Sandy, SG19 1BL
Cost per child £2.50
Contact: Tina Jones on 01767 681 872

Celebrations

Well Done to the following children.

★Star of the Week★

Reception – David
Year 1 – Akila
Year 2 – Lina
Year 3 – Jay
Year 4 – Leon
Year 5 – Lillyanna
Year 6 – Jordan



☺ 'SELF' Pupil of the Week ☺

Reception – Harmannat
Year 1 – Elis
Year 2 – Taya
Year 3 – Aaron
Year 4 – Cameron
Year 5 – Jake
Year 6 – Harvey



+x÷ Mathematician of the Week +x÷

Reception – Diana
Year 1 – Cody
Year 2 – Matylda
Year 3 – Aidan
Year 4 – Summer
Year 5 – Zak
Year 6 – Katie



🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune - 241
Mars - 234
Earth - 257
Venus - 224

Value of the Half Term

COURAGE

'Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.'

Joshua 1:9

1 Samuel 17

SELF Question of the Week

What does self-sufficient mean?



Word of the Week



Valentine



The word '**Valentine**' means 'a card sent to a person you love on Valentine's Day or the person who it is sent to.'

Who is special to you? Are you going to send a '**Valentine**' to someone to show how much you care for them?

Diary Dates

Fri. 14 th Feb.	2:30pm - EYFS Stay and Play Session Last Day of the Half Term
Mon 24 th Feb.	Children back to school Our Lent Journey – 'God in this place' begins
Fri. 28 th Feb.	PTFA Valentine's Disco
Thu. 5 th Mar.	World Book Day – Book Character Mufti
Fri. 6 th Mar.	2:15pm - Year 5 and 6 service at St Augustine's Church – Parents/Carers are invited

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.

