



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

28th February 2020



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome back to a new half term which has already been full of excitement. We have seen weather of all types; sunshine, rain and snow; enjoyed the start of our Lent journey and even had an air ambulance land in our school grounds.

Above, you can see a photograph of our Year 2 children who learnt about Fire Safety through a visit by our local firefighters just before the holiday and also a picture of the air ambulance.

Our Emergency Services do an amazing job helping people in times of crisis and we are so grateful for them. We said prayers at school this week for the family that our emergency services were helping and for our community who always pull together and support each other in times of need.

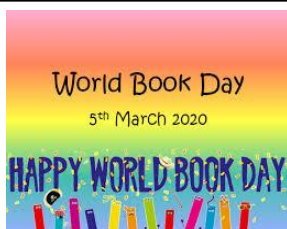
Tonight, we have our Valentine's Disco to look forward to, so thank you PTFA and have fun everybody.

Amanda Howes - Headteacher

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

World Book Day is next Thursday and we have lots of exciting activities planned for the day.

Please look for the paper letter about World Book Day, which is coming home with your children tonight, for more information.



Our Lent Journey – God in This Place

Our school is part of the Diocese of St Albans. This year, all 137 schools in the Diocese are taking part in a special Lent journey together called 'God in This Place'.

This week, we've been thinking about promises. The promises that God made to Jacob, that God makes to humans, and those that we make to each other.

Special Collective Worships for Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday took place and we had lots of fun making pancakes while remembering why we were making them.



Attendance

Our attendance for this academic year is...



95.80%



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 – 94.81%	Year 2 – 82.50%
Year 3 – 95.71%	Year 4 – 96.43%
Year 5 – 94.83%	Year 6 – 97.66%

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

'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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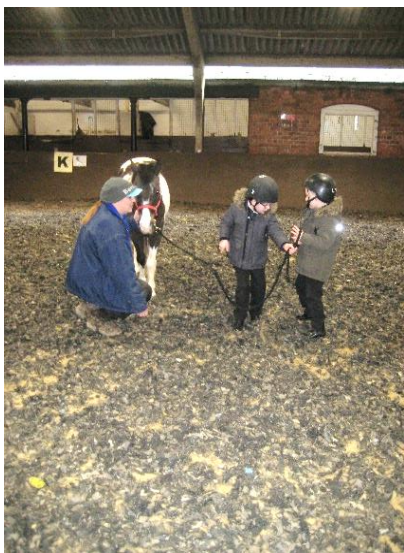


Ride High

More children this half term are enjoying the delights of Ride High.

The special programme allows children to ride and care for horses, and develop their self-confidence.

We have enjoyed huge success with the programme in the past and are glad to be able to offer it once again to some of our pupils. The children benefit from it so much.



Celebrations

Well Done to the following children.

★Star of the Week★

Reception – Mason
Year 1 – Amelia-Lilly
Year 2 – Maliscia
Year 3 – Ryan
Year 4 – Erin
Year 5 – Rose
Year 6 – Sasha



☺ 'SELF' Pupil of the Week ☺

Reception – Riley
Year 1 – Riley
Year 2 – Carlos
Year 3 – Isabelle
Year 4 – Kayden
Year 5 – Kayla
Year 6 – Danish



+~x~ Mathematician of the Week ~+~x~

Reception – Sebastian
Year 1 – Katelyn
Year 2 – Logan
Year 3 – Kai
Year 4 – Summer
Year 5 – Tommie
Year 6 – Kaitlyn



🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune - 214
Mars - 226
Earth - 232
Venus - 202

Value of the Half Term



SELF Question of the Week

What does self-sufficient mean?



Word of the Week

Engrossed



The word '**Engrossed**' means that something has absorbed all of your interest and attention.

What book will you become '**Engrossed**' in for World Book Day?

Diary Dates

Thu. 5 th Mar.	World Book Day – Book Character Mufti
Mon. 2 nd Mar.	St David's Day – Special Bara Brith pudding for school dinner (A type of fruit cake)
Fri. 6 th Mar.	Year 2 History Day 2:15pm - Year 5 and 6 service at St Augustine's Church – Parents/Carers are invited
Fri. 20 th Mar.	Comic Relief

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.

