



# St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

## 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019



### Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,



It has been a big week for our Early Years. We are coming to the end of the 'Hello' Project which has focused the school on the improvement and development of communication skills in our youngest pupils.

In order to do this we put in place a range of new techniques and initiatives, during the past two terms, and are delighted with the progress that our pupils have made.

Some of the things that have worked particularly well are the Stay and Play sessions which enable parents to come and join in with the learning in Early Years and gain ideas for activities that they could use at home; the introduction of a Board Game library and a Book Library for parents so that they can freely choose books with their children.



We have also worked at developing our classroom learning environment to make it vocabulary rich and have worked hard at improving our own questioning techniques in order to draw the very best out of the children.

During the week we had a visit from a Specialist Leader of Education who gave our Early Years the highest score that she has ever given in an audit. We were absolutely delighted and look forward to continuing the good work that we have started by developing our Forest School.

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend and we will see you all back at school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

**Amanda Howes - Headteacher**

### SEND Support



Central Bedfordshire

**Need support with  
Special Educational  
Needs or Disabilities?**  
(SEND)

**Are you:**

- A child or young person (age 0-25)?
- A parent, carer or family member of a child or young person?
- A professional who looks after a child or young person with SEND?

The SEND Local Offer website has all the local services to help

Find out what is on offer from Central Bedfordshire Council at  
[www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/SEND](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/SEND)

### Attendance

Our attendance so far this academic year is...

★ **96.07%** ★

Raising attendance at our school is a top priority for this year. Our school target is 96%, which is the National Average; this is what we aim to achieve.

Our attendance is now in-line with the National Average!

Our class attendance figures for this week are:

Year 1 – 97.24%	Year 2 – 97.14%
Year 3 – 99.00%	Year 4 – 95.00%
Year 5 – 98.70%	Year 6 – 95.83%

**Year 3 have 99% attendance this week and receive a Mufti Day. Well Done!**

## Celebrations

Well Done to the following children.

### ★ Star of the Week ★

Reception – Alexander  
 Year 1 – Matylda  
 Year 2 – Andy  
 Year 3 – Kayden  
 Year 4 – Lillyanna  
 Year 5 – Ellie  
 Year 6 – Cienna

### ☺ 'SELF' Pupil of the Week ☺

Reception – Oscar  
 Year 1 – Logan  
 Year 2 – Vanessa  
 Year 3 – Cameron  
 Year 4 – Peyton  
 Year 5 – Micah  
 Year 6 – Angel

### +x÷ Mathematician of the Week ÷x+

Reception – Tyler  
 Year 1 – Bathujan  
 Year 2 – Jay  
 Year 3 – Chancenes  
 Year 4 – Zak  
 Year 5 – Nathan  
 Year 6 – Conner

### 🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune - 208  
 Mars - 236  
 Earth - 258  
 Venus - 205

## 'SELF' Question of the Week

What makes you feel like giving up or stop trying?



## Our Value for next half term is...



### SERVICE



'Serve one another in love.'

Galatians 5:13



It is important to serve unconditionally and because we are sure we have kind motives.

## Word of the Week

Our word for the week is...

# Determined

Determined means 'wanting to do something very much and not allowing anyone or any difficulties to stop you.'

Can you use the word 'determined' in your speaking and writing this week?

## Parent Governor Nominations and Curriculum Survey

Please be reminded that the deadline date for Parent Governor Nominations and the Curriculum Survey Monkey is 3:30pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. The Curriculum Survey link is:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LSWQLWK>

## Diary Dates

Mon. 6 <sup>th</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY – No school today!
Tue. 7 <sup>th</sup> May	3:20pm - Germany Meeting – For Year 4 children going to Germany and their parents.
Mon. 13 <sup>th</sup> May- Thu. 16 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS WEEK
Wed. 22 <sup>nd</sup> May- Fri. 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Children and teachers from Germany will be visiting our school and taking part in activities with our Year 4 pupils.
Fri. 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Last Day of Half Term
Tue. 4 <sup>th</sup> Jun.	Children Return to School
Tue. 11 <sup>th</sup> Jun. - 12 <sup>th</sup> Jun.	Year 6 visit to Rock UK
Wed. 12 <sup>th</sup> Jun. – Fri. 14 <sup>th</sup> Jun.	Germany Visit – Year 4
Fri. 21 <sup>st</sup> Jun.	Sports Day
Fri. 19 <sup>th</sup> Jul.	Last Day of 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 and we will notify you if this happens.

Celebration Assembly takes place at 9:00am every Thursday morning. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

