



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

6th September 2019



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year and an especially warm welcome to all the new families that have joined our school community. Also to our new staff members; Charlene Griggs and Katy Collins (Teaching Assistants) and Annmarie Cox (Midday Supervisor).

It has been a lovely, calm start to the term and the children have settled well into their new classes.



Together, during the last three days, we have enjoyed taking part in 'The St Augustine's Way' activity days. Children and staff have taken part in a range of engaging lessons themed around each one of our school values and our Collective Worship has been centred around our school motto 'Where We All Shine' and our Vision.

Our new mushroom stools, carved with our values, have been a wonderful addition to our new 'Reflection Garden' which is being designed to give children a space where they can sit and reflect in a quiet, relaxing environment.

We look forward to all that the new school year brings and to working together to help our children to flourish.

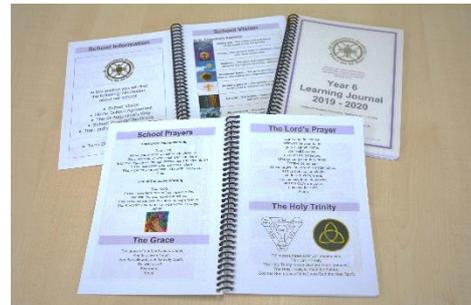
Amanda Howes – Headteacher

Learning Journals and our Curriculum

We are really excited to be introducing new 'Learning Journals' for all our pupils from Reception through to Year 6. Learning Journals contain school information, pupils' targets to work on at home and at school, a Reading Record, a Homework Diary for our older children, and lots of pages of useful information to help children with their homework and learning both inside and outside of school.

This afternoon, children will also be bringing home Curriculum Overviews. These colourful information pages will tell you about what your children will be learning during the autumn term at St Augustine's.

Lots of additional information about our Curriculum can be found on our school website so please find the time to browse.



Attendance

Last year we were delighted with the rise in our pupils' attendance levels and we achieved **96.09%**

This year we aim to do even better and also improve...

'Punctuality'.

It is important that children arrive to school on time every day. They need to be taught the standards that are expected of them throughout life and to learn to become responsible British citizens. If employees continually arrived late for work it would not be tolerated. Children find it embarrassing walking into a class late; valuable learning time is wasted and teachers often need to repeat what has been missed.

Let's work together to give our children the best start to the day.

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

Child Protection and Safeguarding



Keeping safe



If you feel unsafe there are people that you can talk to at school.



Mrs
Fourmy



Miss
White

If you are at home, and need someone different to talk to, you can ring



0800 1111

or go online at
<https://www.childline.org.uk>

Staff have been receiving Child Protection and Safeguarding training and we would also like to remind you of our safeguarding leads should you have a concern. If you have a concern about a child, please contact either Justine Fourmy or Cheryl White who will be able to help and support you. Safeguarding is always our top priority.

School Lunches



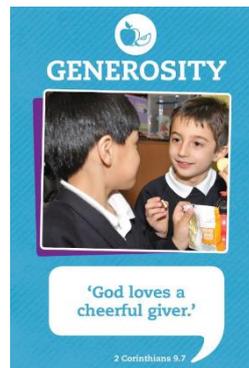
Please be reminded that Universal Free School Meals applies to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. When children begin in Year 3 they need to pay for school dinners which is £2.20 per day. The only exception to this is if your child is in receipt of Free School Meals as a result. If you are unsure if you need to pay for school dinners, then please contact the school office for more information.

School Gates



The school pedestrian gate is open from 8:30am in the mornings. Parents and children must not arrive on the school site before this time unless attending Breakfast Club. Staff are not on duty on the playground until 8:45am

Value of the Half Term



"God loves a cheerful giver."
2 Corinthians 9:7

Our first value of the term is 'Generosity'. We should all try to have a generous spirit and be a cheerful giver. It is always better to give than to receive.

SELF Question of the Week

What makes me, me?



Word of the Week



Burble means **'to talk excitedly'**.

We can hear lots of burbling around our school. Listen to see if you can hear people burbling this week and use the word burbling in your speaking and writing.

Diary Dates

Fri. 20 th Sep.	EYFS and Year 1 Phonics Morning
Mon. 23 rd Sep.	BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK
Thu. 26 th Sep.	European Day of Languages – Mufti Day
Fri. 27 th Sep.	EYFS and Year 1 Phonics Morning
Tue. 1 st Oct.	3:30pm – 6:00pm – Parents' Evening
Wed. 2 nd Oct.	4:30pm – 7:00pm – Parents' Evening
Thu. 3 rd Oct.	3:30pm - PTFA Annual General Meeting
Tue. 8 th Oct.	2:15pm – Year 3 and 4 Service at St Augustine's Church (Parents Welcome)

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.