



# St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

## 4th October 2019



### Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,



Our children love their school dinners, and rightly so. Our school caterers, GMC Signature Catering, provide our children with diverse and healthy meals which never fail to tickle their taste buds.

Over three quarters of our pupils enjoy cooked school meals on a daily basis from our 5 star rated kitchen; through eating with their friends, many children have the courage to try foods they have not tasted before.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and carers who came to visit the school on Parents' Evening. It was lovely to be able to speak with so many of you and the huge amount of positive comments that school staff received, were very much appreciated.

Our Phonics workshops for parents and carers of EYFS and Year 1 children continued this week. We were pleased to welcome 25 sets of parents in total to the sessions; far more than in previous years. The new class-based style to our workshops has been very popular and we therefore aim to continue this style in the future.

We hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

**Amanda Howes - Headteacher**

### Headlice

There have been reported cases of headlice at our school. Please check your children's hair regularly and treat as necessary to avoid spread. Thank you.



### Health and Safety



Keeping our children safe needs to be the top priority for every member of our school community. This week we have had a couple of incidents where our pupils have been in danger through the unsafe driving and parking of parents and carers.

In the mornings, no parent or carer should bring their car onto the school site or onto the driveway beyond the silver gates leading into the school unless they have a permit. Car parks are for the use of staff or official visitors only.

Please park your car safely on one of the roads nearby and walk your child to school to encourage a healthy lifestyle.

It has also been reported that quite a few parents are meeting and smoking by the silver gate; this is blocking the entrance and causing people to walk through unhealthy smoke. Please consider the welfare of others and be courteous to other members of the community. Thank you.

### Attendance

Our attendance for this academic year is...



# 97%



Raising attendance continues to be a top priority at our school. We aim to continue to beat the National Average and achieve a minimum of 96% attendance.

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.

Our class attendance figures for this week are:

Reception – 99.06%	
Year 1 – 98.54%	Year 2 – 97.59%
Year 3 – 98.30%	Year 4 – 97.86%
Year 5 – 95.00%	Year 6 – 96.25%

**Reception 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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## Contact Details

Please remember to inform the school office if your contact details change.



Thank you.

## Celebrations

**Well Done to the following children.**

### ★ Star of the Week ★

Reception - Kacper  
Year 1 – Megan  
Year 2 – Taya  
Year 3 – Isabelle  
Year 4 – Logan  
Year 5 – Zak  
Year 6 – Amara

### ☺ 'SELF' Pupil of the Week ☺

Reception – Samantha  
Year 1 – Kelsie  
Year 2 – Alexandra  
Year 3 – Tyler  
Year 4 – Kaydn  
Year 5 – Jake  
Year 6 – Shea

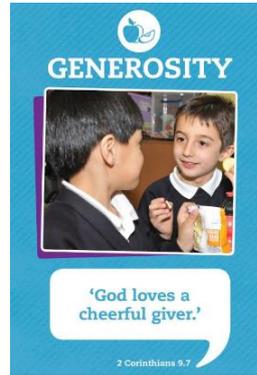
### 📖 Reader of the Week 📖

Reception - Courtney  
Year 1 – Saoirse  
Year 2 – Blake  
Year 3 – Jay  
Year 4 – Erin  
Year 5 – Lillie Mai  
Year 6 – Abby

### 🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune - 268  
Mars - 326  
Earth - 314  
Venus – 313

## Value of the Half Term



“And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

*Matthew 10:42*

God notices all that we do and will reward our kindness.

## SELF Question of the Week

How can I be more self-aware as a learner?



## Word of the Week



# Finickity



**Finickity** means 'Fussy or difficult to please, meticulous and particular.'

Are you finickity about anything? Try to use the word finickity in your speaking and writing this week.

## Diary Dates

Tue. 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	2:15pm – Year 3 and 4 Service at St Augustine's Church (Parents Welcome)
Fri. 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	PTFA Movie Night
Wed. 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	2:30pm Harvest Festival (Parents welcome)
Fri. 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	2:30pm EYFS Stay and Play Session Last Day of the Half Term
Tue. 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Children Return to School
Mon. 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Remembrance Day – Children belonging to uniformed organisations e.g. Cubs, Brownies, may wear their uniforms to school.

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.