



# St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

## 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019



### Headteacher's Message



### Santa Challenge

Dear Parents and Carers,



Activity Days at St Augustine's Church are always a highlight of the year for our pupils. Recently, some of our year groups enjoyed a range of fun and interesting activities, on the theme of Christmas, prepared by members of the church. In addition, they enjoyed singing and 'wiggling' and learning about what Christmas is all about.

As always, please can I remind you all to keep looking at the school calendar to check when events are taking place. There is a lot happening at school during the next few weeks!

We wish everyone a happy weekend and look forward to seeing you all at some of the events planned.

**Amanda Howes - Headteacher**

We are joining the SANTA CHALLENGE, a virtual Christmas trip to Lapland, where we count up active travel trips over the next two weeks. Trips where children and parents walk, scoot or cycle to school will be counted as one mile. These miles will be used to map the school's journey to Lapland. The virtual journey from Bedfordshire is 2,050 miles.



We want to encourage as many children as possible to travel actively to school. As we get nearer to Christmas we thought it would be a great opportunity to keep everyone walking, biking and scooting. While the weather is getting colder and the days shorter, we believe there are still opportunities to be bright and stay safe on foot or on two wheels. Being active can warm us up and cheer us up.

The main prize, which will be drawn from returned record cards, is a brand new lightweight Frog bike.

### Attendance

Our attendance for this academic year is...



# 96.94%



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:

- Year 1 – 96.91%
- Year 2 – 92.76%
- Year 3 – 95.00%
- Year 4 – 99.29%
- Year 5 – 88.75%
- Year 6 – 97.50%

**Year 4 were our attendance bear winners and also receive a Mufti-Day. Well Done!**

### Mock SATS Week and Breakfast Club

Next week is Mock SATS Week for our Year 6.

Year 6 children are invited to a delicious, free breakfast from Monday to Thursday next week from 8:00am. We hope to see all of you there.



**'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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## Christmas at St Augustine's



Christmas is coming very quickly now and we would like to remind you about some of the activities that will be taking place.

Our Christmas post box is now available for children to post their Christmas cards. Please ensure that children write their first name, surname and class of the person they are sending the card to. This will help to ensure that the right cards end up with the right children.

Please also look out for letters coming home about Christmas play tickets and Christmas parties.

Finally, we will once again be holding our Christmas Bauble Competition. Please bring your decoration into school by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December. There will be prizes for the winners.

## Celebrations

### Well Done to the following children.

#### ★Star of the Week★

Reception - Lillie  
Year 1 – Maisie  
Year 2 – Tyler  
Year 3 – Fnn  
Year 4 – Jack  
Year 5 – Lillyanna  
Year 6 – Harvey

#### ☺ 'SELF' Pupil of the Week ☺

Reception – Diana  
Year 1 – Laelia  
Year 2 – Blake  
Year 3 – Mateen  
Year 4 – Yasmin  
Year 5 – Kayla  
Year 6 – Sasha

#### 🦋 Reader of the Week 🦋

Reception - Riley  
Year 1 – Oscar  
Year 2 – Kenny  
Year 3 – Aidan  
Year 4 – Jamie  
Year 5 – Lillie-Mai  
Year 6 – Amara

#### 🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune - 261  
Mars - 229  
Earth - 257  
Venus – 222

## Value of the Half Term



## SELF Question of the Week

How can we work well together?



## Word of the Week



# Expectation

**Expectation** means 'a strong belief that something will happen.'

Try to use the word **expectation** this week.

## Diary Dates

Mon. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec.	Year 6 Mock SATs Week Santa Challenge
Fri. 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	2:45pm - Christmas Service (Parents too!)
Mon. 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	2:45pm – Year 1 Christmas Show
Tue. 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	9:15am – Years 2 & 3 Christmas Show 2:00pm – Years 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Show
Wed. 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	9:15am – Years 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Show 2:00pm – Years 2 & 3 Christmas Show
Thu. 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	9:15am – Year 1 Christmas Show
Fri. 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	9:15am – Reception Christmas Show 3:20pm – PTFA Christmas Fayre
Tue. 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Christmas Dinner
Wed. 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	9:00am – Years R, 1 and 2 Cel. Assembly 2:45pm – Years 3,4,5 and 6 Cel. Assembly
Fri. 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Christmas Jumper Day, Parties 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. We will notify you if this happens.