



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

13th December 2019



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been full of special Christmas events taking place and it was lovely to see so many parents, carers and friends at our Christmas plays. Thank you so much for your support in helping the children to learn their words and songs; it was much appreciated.

Still to come, we have the Christmas Fair, Christmas Dinner, Celebration Assemblies and Christmas Jumper and Party Day. Next week's newsletter will be filled with lots of Christmas pictures of the various events that have been taking place, including some from the plays. We very much look forward to sharing these with you.

Amanda Howes - Headteacher



★★★★★ Primary League Tables ★★★★★

The KS2 Primary League Tables for 2018 – 2019 came out today and we are delighted to be the top school for Writing progress in Central Beds, 5th for Reading and 4th for Maths. We are so proud of our school and this huge achievement.

Library Mural from Alameda Middle School



We are thrilled with our fun and vibrant library mural that was designed and painted by pupils from Alameda Middle School.

Earlier this year, we shared our Feedback Policy with Alameda and their thank you gift was to produce this stunning mural. Our children chose their favourite book characters, and all of them from The Hungry Caterpillar to Horrid Henry. feature. Thank you so much Alameda.

Grove House Care Home



Some of our children volunteered to sing Christmas songs and carols at Caddington Grove Care Home. They gave up their lunchtimes to practise songs and performed beautifully to a very appreciative audience.

It was wonderful to see the joy that this event brought to both the children and care home residents. We look forward to a return visit on Monday afternoon to perform once again to a different audience.

Attendance

Our attendance for this academic year is...



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.

Our class attendance figures for this week are:

Year 1 – 91.54%	Year 2 – 96.90%
Year 3 – 92.33%	Year 4 – 95.00%
Year 5 – 96.25%	Year 6 – 95.00%

Year 2 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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Priory Church Christmas Tree Festival

This year, we were pleased to take part in the Christmas Tree Festival at the Priory Church in Dunstable.

Children in all year groups made decorations based on the charities that we support as a school. As you can see, our 'Chari-tree' looks super and was a fitting addition to the beautiful display of trees at the church.



Value of the Half Term

COMPASSION



'Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.'

Colossians 3:12



There are a few poorly people at the moment. How can you help them to feel better?

SELF Question of the Week

What have I learnt about self-esteem?



Celebrations

Well Done to the following children.

★Star of the Week★

Reception - Raisa
Year 1 – Alex
Year 2 – Santiago
Year 3 – Vanessa
Year 4 – Cayden
Year 5 – Kayla
Year 6 – Charlie

☺ 'SELF' Pupil of the Week ☺

Reception – Sebastian
Year 1 – Kenzie
Year 2 – Karla
Year 3 – Aaron
Year 4 – Kianna
Year 5 – Carlos
Year 6 – Abby

📖 Reader of the Week 📖

Reception - Diana
Year 1 – Maisie
Year 2 – Stephen
Year 3 – Tyler
Year 4 – Leon
Year 5 – Zak
Year 6 – Harvey

🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune - 188
Mars - 201
Earth - 218
Venus – 186

Word of the Week



Tradition means 'the passing on of customs and beliefs from generation to generation.'

What **traditions** do you have at Christmas time?

Diary Dates

Tue. 17 th Dec.	Christmas Dinner
Wed. 18 th Dec.	9:00am – Years R, 1 and 2 Cel. Assembly 2:45pm – Years 3,4,5 and 6 Cel. Assembly
Fri. 20 th Dec.	Christmas Jumper Day, Parties Last Day of Term
Mon. 6 th Jan.	Back to School
Wed. 15 th Jan.	2:45pm – Christingle Service (Parents welcome to attend)
Thu. 16 th Jan.	Pantomime – (Visiting school)
Tue. 11 th Feb.	3:30pm – 6:00pm – Parents' Evening
Wed. 12 th Feb.	4:30pm – 7:00pm – Parents' Evening
Fri. 14 th Feb.	Last Day of the Half 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.

