



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

9th February 2018



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an incredibly busy week and we have accomplished so much as a school. We held our 'Mental Health and Well-Being Awareness Week' which promoted 'Kindness' throughout our school. We had photographers into school to take pictures of children having their 'Magic Breakfasts' in the mornings and our Parents' Evenings were very well attended. We would like to thank you all for your positive comments about the new Interim Reports and about the changes that have happened in the school during this year. It was a pleasure talking to many of you at Parents' Evening and to hear your feedback.



After the half term holiday, we will be rolling out our new Behaviour system and we have been busy buying, and preparing, all that we need to be

ready for its launch. In the below photograph you can see our 3 Rule Buddies – Respectful Rhino, Kind Koala and Try Our Best Ted. We have seven of each type of Rule Buddy, one for each class. Rule Buddies will sit on the tables of children who shine at keeping our Golden Rules.

We have also been busy buying prizes to reward good behaviour; you can see some of them in the above photograph.



On a very different note, we say goodbye to Mrs. Moira Puttrell who has been a teaching assistant at St. Augustine's for the past three years. She has secured a promotion to the position of Nursery Nurse at another school. We are sure that you join with us in wishing her all the very best in her new role and thank her for all she has given to our school.

All that is left to say is to wish each and every one of you an enjoyable half term break; we hope to see all of you back safe, refreshed and healthy on Monday 19th February.

Amanda Howes - Headteacher

CHUMS

'Shine Bright, Wear Bright'

This week, the whole school took part in Mental Health and Well-being Awareness Week and supported the work of the charity CHUMS.



During the week, the children took part in competitions and a special themed assembly. They also had the opportunity to write about acts of kindness that had happened to them and post them in the 'Kindness' post box. Some of these were read out in our end of week assembly; it was lovely to celebrate how kind we are as a school community.



Also during the week, everyone decorated a paper cut-out of a helping hand which will form a whole school wall display. We can't wait to see all the hands put together.



Our week culminated with a mufti day which had the theme 'Shine Bright, Wear Bright'. It was wonderful seeing everyone wear such bright, colourful outfits.

We are delighted that we were able to raise £93.75 for Chums.

Thank you to everyone who helped to organise and support this fantastic week.

Achievements and Awards

😊 SELF Award 😊

Reception – Lina Panaee
 Year 1 – Alice Connell
 Year 2 – Yasmin Travagli
 Year 3 – Jane Walker
 Year 4 – Kaitlyn Walsh
 Year 5 – Jessica McColl
 Year 6 – Logan Wheeler

The SELF question for next week is:

*****What does Self-Sufficient mean?*****

Our value of the half term is:

Courage

+ - x ÷ Mathematician of the Week + - x ÷

Reception – Alan Beard
 Year 1 – Caiden Evans
 Year 2 – Skye Waterson
 Year 3 – Kamil Sokolski
 Year 4 – Shea Graffin
 Year 5 – Chanelle Ireson
 Year 6 – Szymon Rysak

★ Star of the Week ★

Reception – Lilly Williamson
 Year 1 – Callum Jones
 Year 2 – Cameron Keane
 Year 3 – Alfie Knapp
 Year 4 – Katie Hopper
 Year 5 – Cienna Daly
 Year 6 – Blessing Nakueti

🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune (Blue) – 195
 Mars (Red) – 290
 Earth (Green) – 204
 Venus (Yellow) – 193

✓ Attendance ✓

Year 1 – 90%
 Year 2 – 91%
 Year 3 – 98.3%
 Year 4 – 94.07%
 Year 5 – 91.25%
 Year 6 – 92.72%

**Year 3, you were our highest attenders this week.
 You have a Mufti Day on Tuesday 20th February.
 Well Done!**

Website



Please continue to visit and explore our school's website at www.staugustinesacademy.co.uk where you can find out useful information about our school.

Recent additions include advertisements and application forms for a Key Stage 2 Leader and Class Teachers; the newly updated Behaviour Policy and Behaviour System Poster can also be viewed by following the 'Behaviour – Parents Tabs'.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance so far this year is 94.2%. At the end of Spring 1 in 2017, the school attendance figure was 93.55% so we are seeing improvements in our attendance this year. We still need to aim high though; our attendance target is 96%!



Let's keep working together to improve attendance for all our pupils and give them the best possible life chances. Attendance really does count! Thank you.

Diary Dates

Mon. 19 th Feb.	Children return to school
Thu. 1 st Mar.	World Book Day – Book character Mufti-Day
Fri. 23 rd Mar.	Sports Relief – Mufti Day
Thu. 29 th Mar.	Last day of term
Tue. 17 th April	Children return to school
Mon. 14 th May (All Week)	KS2 SATs WEEK
Fri. 25 th May	Last day of half term
Tue. 5 th June	Children return to school
Fri. 22 nd June	Sports Day
Fri. 20 th July	Last day of term