



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

11th May 2018



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As usual, we have had another full and busy week at school with some exciting learning taking place. As part of their Food Technology Curriculum, Year 2 have been learning how to make bread. The children enjoyed measuring the ingredients, kneading the dough and seeing their bread rise. After



baking, the children were delighted with their rolls and had a tasty treat to eat. We would like to say thank you to Gary, our chef, for teaching our pupils some new and exciting food skills.

We also received a visit from Joanna Farbon from the Central Bedfordshire Schools' Team. This involved: looking at teaching and learning across the school, talking with our wonderful pupils and looking at the various school reports and documentation that have charted our school's journey this year. We were delighted to welcome Joanna to our school and look forward to working with her to continue to drive our school forward.

Have a lovely weekend everyone; see you next week.

Amanda Howes - Headteacher.

Royal Wedding English Tea Party

Friday 18th May

Next Friday (18th May) children are invited to come to school dressed in red, white and blue to help celebrate the wedding of HRH Prince Harry.



The whole school will be taking part in an English afternoon tea party. We would appreciate food donations for this event and suggest the following which should be brought into school on the Friday morning:



- Reception and Year 1 – Small, individual cakes
- Years 2 and 3 – Biscuits
- Years 4 and 6 – Crisps
- Year 5 – Fruit (such as grapes, strawberries)

Year 6 SATs and Breakfast Club

As you are already aware, Year 6 SATs will be taking place next week in school.



Each day, at 8:00am, Year 6 pupils are invited to a free Breakfast Club. A wholesome breakfast and time to relax with friends before the tests aids their focus and well-being. It is important that all children are in school for the SATs and for Breakfast Club.

We are sure that you will join with us in wishing Year 6 all the very best for their tests.



E-Safety



At St. Augustine's Academy we take the safeguarding of all of our pupils seriously. In response to parental (and pupil) requests we invited a local police officer into school to deliver e-safety talks. PCSO Sally visited us and worked with all classes throughout the school, focusing on e-safety (at appropriate levels according to the children's ages). The children reported that they learned a lot of useful information as to how to keep themselves safe online and how to report things that worry them. We have added a number of links onto our E-Safety school website page to support parents and carers in ensuring that children are safe online.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://www.bullying.co.uk/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/social-media-guides>

Celebration Assembly

Friday 18th May

Due to the Year 6 SATs taking place next week, our usual Thursday morning Celebration assembly will take place on Friday 18th May at 9:00am instead.

Hair Health



There has been a reported case of headlice at school. Please check your child's hair and treat if necessary, this will prevent head-lice spreading.

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Celebration Assembly

😊 SELF Award 😊

Reception – Taya Randle
 Year 1 – Mason Ireson
 Year 2 – Jack Shannon
 Year 3 – Kayla Impey
 Year 4 – Riley May Patmore
 Year 5 – Andile Masola
 Year 6 – Amy Sutton

The SELF question for next week is:

*****Why is learning so important?*****

Our value of the half term is:

Friendship

✍️ Writer of the Week ✍️

Reception – Poppy Roberts
 Year 1 – Aaron Watts
 Year 2 – Logan Green
 Year 3 – Jane Walker
 Year 4 – Filip Kowalski
 Year 5 – Charlie Creasy
 Year 6 – Logan Wheeler

★ Star of the Week ★

Reception – Leandro Ramos
 Year 1 – Layla Mai Martin
 Year 2 – Ciaran Roberts
 Year 3 – Melisa Dudianu
 Year 4 – Harvey Waterson
 Year 5 – Angel Burnham
 Year 6 – Natalie Zubrycki

🏠 Housepoints

Neptune (Blue) – 212
 Mars (Red) – 167
 Earth (Green) – 182
 Venus (Yellow) – 171

✓ Attendance ✓

Year 1 – 95.09%
 Year 2 – 96.98%
 Year 3 – 94.23%
 Year 4 – 92.59%
 Year 5 – 96.28%
 Year 6 – 99.60%

Year 6, you were our highest attenders this week and receive a Mufti Day. Well Done!

Attendance and Punctuality

Our whole school attendance so far this year is 94.2%. This is higher than last year but we still need to aim higher. 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.

Big Pedal

A massive well done to all children (and adults) who supported the Big Pedal. We finished the challenge in 25th place (regionally) with a third of journeys recorded as being by bike or scooter.



We appreciate that it is not easy to participate in this form of Active Travel event and so we will be launching a Walk to School week after the half-term holiday. We are sure that the percentage of 'active' journeys will then rocket!

Packed Lunches

Packed lunches are now being provided as an alternative to a school dinner by our school's contracted catering company GMC Signature Catering Limited.

Lunches will consist of a ham or cheese sandwich, fruit, vegetable sticks and either a cake, biscuit or yogurt. On Fridays, a crisps option is available instead of a biscuit or cake.



These must be ordered with the consent of parents/carers by filling out a request form available from the kitchen. Please hand completed forms to a member of the kitchen team with your child's name and year group along with your circled choices from all categories. For further information or questions Gary is available every morning.

Packed lunches will be priced at £2.20, the same as for school dinners.

Diary Dates

Mon. 14th May - Thurs 17th May	KS2 SATs WEEK and Breakfast Club from 8:00am
Fri. 18th May	English Tea Party (Whole School)
Fri. 25th May	Last day of the half term
Tue. 5th June	Children return to school
Fri. 22nd June	Sports Day
Mon. 25th June	Bikeability (Years 4 and 6)
Fri. 20th July	Last day of term