



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

14th June 2018



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week it has been for St. Augustine's! On Tuesday and Wednesday, Ofsted visited to inspect our school. We would like to say a huge thank you to all parents and carers who completed the online Parent View survey and took the time to speak with inspectors. Our pupils did us proud, as always, and I would like to say a personal thank you to staff and Governors for their hard work, dedication and support. You are an amazing team!

The outcome of the inspection will be published in a few weeks' time. We will share a link to the report as soon as it is ready and also report some of the findings in our newsletter. Thank you for your patience.

As you can see from our photograph, St. Augustine's is also preparing for the World Cup. Our scarecrow has his flag, shirt and football hat ready and our Gardening Club continues to work hard to make our garden a special place to be.



Have a good weekend everyone, and remember to keep sun-safe!

Amanda Howes - Headteacher.

Sports Day

On Friday 22nd June at 9:15am we will be holding our annual Sports' Day. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to the event. As safeguarding is always our top priority, we respectfully ask that you please remain behind the taped barrier at all times. You may take photographs of your own child competing but not of other children.

Lunch will be a whole school picnic on the field where you may eat with your children. Children who normally have school dinners will be provided with a packed lunch on this day instead of a hot meal.

Children will return to their classrooms at 1:00pm. We hope the weather shines and that it is an enjoyable and memorable occasion for all.

Year 3 Trip to Warwick Castle



It was an 8:00am start for our pupils as they headed to Warwick Castle, last Friday. The journey was quick and hassle free, and upon arrival, the children headed straight to their first activity, Sword and Formation Drills! Throughout the day, they also: climbed 500 steps to the top of the tower, saw the trebuchet (Europe's largest working catapult) fling a rock 200 metres and saw a bird of prey display.

As you can see in the picture above, they were also very happy to be shut in the stocks, unlike those in Medieval times.

It was a truly memorable day, and the shields, made by the pupils, serve as a wonderful souvenir to look back on in the future. Well done on your Warwick Castle assembly too Year 3!

Learn to Ride a Bicycle

Ditch those stabilisers!

Learn to ride on two wheels. Come along after school on **Thursday 5th July** and get going. Contact the school office to book your place.

Date: Thursday 5th July
Time: 3:30pm
Venue: St Augustine's Academy playground

Please bring a bike and a parent/guardian.

Contact alister_barclay@sustrans.org.uk 07917 084663 if you want more information about the session.

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Would you like your child to learn to ride a bike? If so, please visit the office to collect a form to allow your child to attend a special 'free' session where they can learn the skills needed.

All that is required is your child, a bike and you!

Please don't let this opportunity pass you by. Safety is important.

Celebration Assembly

😊 SELF Award 😊

Reception – Alexandra
 Year 1 – Jason
 Year 2 – Jacob
 Year 3 – Luke
 Year 4 – Riley-May
 Year 5 – Karol
 Year 6 – Natalie

The SELF question for our next school week is:

*****Has anything stopped me from learning well this year?*****

Our value of the half term is:

Respect

✍️ Writer of the Week ✍️

Reception – Rico
 Year 1 – Kai
 Year 2 – Soraya
 Year 3 – Jessicka
 Year 4 – Jack
 Year 5 – Charlie
 Year 6 – Amy

★ Star of the Week ★

Reception – Kenny
 Year 1 – Aidan
 Year 2 – Mason
 Year 3 – James
 Year 4 – Shea
 Year 5 – Eimantas
 Year 6 – Claudiu

🏠 Housepoints

Neptune (Blue) – 257
 Mars (Red) – 261
 Earth (Green) – 249
 Venus (Yellow) – 246

✓ Attendance ✓

Year 1 – 97.86%
 Year 2 – 96.19%
 Year 3 – 100%
 Year 4 – 96.30%
 Year 5 – 98.33%
 Year 6 – 97.50%



The whole school achieved more than the target 96% attendance this week so gain a Mufti Day. Year 3 also attained 100% attendance this week and receive an additional Mufti Day. Well Done!

Attendance and Punctuality

Our whole school attendance so far this year is 94.49%. This is the highest our school attendance has been this year but we still need to aim higher. Our attendance target is 96%!



We have recently had a couple of requests for holiday leave of absence. Please can we remind parents and carers that holidays during term-time are not exceptional circumstances and will not be authorised. A fixed penalty notice may then be issued.

Taking children out of school is detrimental to their learning and it is proven that children with high levels of absence are often a school's lowest attainers. Our pupils already have 12-13 weeks school holiday a year, please do not add to this. Many thanks for your support.

Class Photographs

On Wednesday 27th June, class photographs will now be taking place. Please ensure that children come to school, as usual, in smart, correct, school uniform. Thank you.



Diary Dates

Thu. 21 st June	Year 1 Class Assembly
Fri. 22 nd June	Sports Day
Mon. 25 th June	Bikeability (Years 4, 5 and 6)
Tue. 26 th June	Reception Class Assembly
Thu. 28 th June	Year 4 Class Assembly
Wed. 27 th June	Class Photographs
Fri. 29 th June	Church Activity Days
Wed. 4 th July	Transfer Day and 'Meet the Teacher' (After School)
Thu. 5 th July	Year 5 Class Assembly
Fri. 6 th July	Church Activity Days
Mon. 16 th July	2:45pm - End of Year Celebration Assembly – Years 3, 4 and 5
Wed. 18 th July	6:00pm - Year 6 Leavers' Event for Year 6 pupils and parents
Thu. 19 th July	2:45pm - End of Year Celebration Assembly – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Fri. 20 th July	Last day of term