



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

6th July 2018



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again, the weather this week has been incredibly hot but life at St. Augustine's Academy carries on at full pace. This week, pupils enjoyed Transition Day where they were able to spend the day with their new teachers, for next year, in their new classrooms. We also welcomed the children who will be joining us in Reception class next year. Year 6 pupils spent 2 exciting days at their new high school and now have a feel for what the next stage of their learning journey will be like.



Junior Wardens have been working incredibly hard to produce a floral, wheelbarrow tribute to celebrate 70 years of the NHS. You will find their creation outside the main reception area, so please take the time to look at what they have produced as you pass through. Well done junior Wardens!

This week, our Year 5 pupils presented their Class Assembly to the whole school and to parents and carers. The hall was full of people who had come to support the children; the children delivered a very polished performance and did a fantastic job! Well done Year 5!

We wish you all an enjoyable weekend and look forward to the last two weeks of the school year. There is a lot going on, so please check the dates and times for the events you are invited to.

Amanda Howes
Headteacher.

Church Visit (Years 3 and 6)



Further visits to St. Augustine's Church have been taking place this week and the children have been learning about the '4 faces of Jesus': anger, laughter, love and crying.

It was exciting for the children to visit our local church and experience what it is like to be inside the building. Next year, we have even more frequent opportunities planned, involving parents and carers as well as pupils. We are really looking forward to these.

Attendance and Punctuality

We have been disappointed that a couple of families have decided to take their children out of school for holidays recently; particularly alarming, has been how absence has been reported by families as 'sickness' rather than 'holiday' absence. 

Putting children in the position of having to tell untruths about their absence is unkind; we should be teaching our children the values of honesty and respect.

Please remember that even though it is near the end of the school year, children's learning will take place up until the last day of the term. Please do not take your children out of school for holidays; they will be unauthorised. Learning is vital to ensure that children have the best life chances.

Our current overall attendance is 94.58%, which although is the highest so far this academic year, is still below the National Average of 96%.

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Celebration Assembly

😊 SELF Award 😊

Reception – Jamie
 Year 1 – Amelia
 Year 2 – Kayden
 Year 3 – Melisa
 Year 4 – Micah
 Year 5 – Karol
 Year 6 – Colin

The SELF question for our next school week is:

*****What have I learnt this year?*****

Our value of the half term is:

Respect

✍️ Writer of the Week ✍️

Reception – Blake
 Year 1 – Mason
 Year 2 – Jacob
 Year 3 – Alfie
 Year 4 – Jordan
 Year 5 – Bianca
 Year 6 – Tiphanie

★ Star of the Week ★

Reception – Lina
 Year 1 – Finn
 Year 2 – Billy
 Year 3 – Lillie Mai
 Year 4 – Amara
 Year 5 – Charlie
 Year 6 – Kamil

🏠 Housepoints

Neptune (Blue) – 208
 Mars (Red) – 189
 Earth (Green) – 200
 Venus (Yellow) – 163

✓ Attendance ✓

Year 1 – 94%
 Year 2 – 94.69%
 Year 3 – 93.72%
 Year 4 – 94.16%
 Year 5 – 95.56%
 Year 6 – 95.07%

Year 5, you were our highest attenders this week!

Well Done!

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Sun Safety

It has been good to see many children coming to school ready to cope with the hot, sunny weather. Children are being encouraged to drink lots of water at school and are able to access their water bottles throughout the day. They also have access to a cold water drinking fountain where they can top up their bottles throughout the day to keep themselves hydrated.



Wearing sunhats and sun cream is helping to give children protection in the sun and children are also encouraged to spend time in the shaded areas of the school field and playground.

Next week will also be hot and it is important that children continue to come to school prepared for the weather. Thank you for your support in helping to keep children sun-safe.

Lost Property

A large amount of unclaimed, lost property has accumulated at school. On Friday 13th July, all lost property will be placed on a table by the parents'/carers entrance gate. Please take the opportunity to sift through the items to see if anything belongs to your child. Thank you.



Diary Dates

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| Fri. 13 th July | PTFA End of Year Discos |
| Mon. 16 th July | 2:45pm - End of Year Celebration Assembly – Years 3, 4 and 5 (Parents invited to attend) |
| 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 (Parents invited to attend) |
| Fri. 20 th July | Last day of term |