



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

5th October 2018



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parent and Carers

It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evening this week. Many of you spoke to us about how happy your children were in their new classes and we also received many positive comments about the new resources and facilities at our school.

In the photographs below, you can see some of our Reception children enjoying their new role play area and outdoor facilities.



This year, we are aiming to give our pupils lots of experiences to help them develop their vocabulary; in addition, we aim to provide as many opportunities as possible to learn outside in the fresh air.

On Tuesday morning, we have a Reading workshop; we hope you are able to join us. We will be sharing ways to help develop your children's Reading comprehension skills. Reading is the foundation for learning; please try your best to attend.

We wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

Amanda Howes - Headteacher

School Vision



Sunflower Seed – We grow and flourish in a happy, stimulating and treasured environment.

We all need to look after our school, and the people in it, so that everyone always wears a smile. We are blessed to have wonderful playgrounds, playing fields and lovely classrooms. If we all work together to pick up litter, keep our school tidy and look after equipment, then we will all be able to enjoy our school to the full. Show thankfulness for all that we have; we are very blessed.

Harvest Festival

This year, our Harvest Festival will take place on Wednesday 17th October at 2:30pm; parents and carers are welcome to attend.



As part of our harvest preparations, you are invited to donate non-perishable food items, which will be given to the Foodbank, or money for the Bishop of St. Alban's appeal, 'Give Peas a Chance', which supports farming in Malawi. Many thanks for your kindness and support.

Attendance

Our attendance so far this year is...

95.87%

Raising attendance at our school is a top priority for this year. Our school target is 96%, which is the National Average; this is what we aim to achieve.

Please work with us to raise attendance and give children the very best life chances.

Our class attendance figures for this week are:

Year 1 – 95.26%	Year 2 – 96.50%
Year 3 – 97.89%	Year 4 – 100%
Year 5 – 94.16%	Year 6 – 96.25%

Year 4 attained 100% attendance this week and receive a Mufti Day. Well Done!



Celebrations

Well Done to the following children.

☺ 'SELF' Pupil of the Week ☺

Reception – Jorja
Year 1 – Logan
Year 2 – Elise
Year 3 – Mason
Year 4 – Luke
Year 5 – Amara
Year 6 – Frankie

📖 Reader of the Week 📖

Reception – Alessia
Year 1 – Cody
Year 2 – Noah
Year 3 – Kayden
Year 4 – Zak
Year 5 – Abby
Year 6 – Banujan

★ Star of the Week ★

Reception – Riley
Year 1 – Rico
Year 2 – Aidan
Year 3 – Skye
Year 4 – Andi
Year 5 – Luisa
Year 6 – Cienna

🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune - 265
Mars - 242
Earth - 219
Venus - 290

Word of the Week

Our word for the week is...

Optimistic

Optimistic means hopeful and confident about the future.

Can you use the word 'optimistic' in your speaking and writing this week?

Reading Workshop

On Tuesday 9th October at 9:00am we will be holding a Reading Workshop for parents and carers. Please come along and find out how to help children with their reading comprehension and learn about our new Reading programme called 'Accelerated Reader'. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. We look forward to seeing you.



Cinema Night

Friday 12th October is Movie Night. Please remember to post your reply slip in the post box in the reception area. Thank you.



Diary Dates

Tue. 9 th Oct.	9:00am – Reading Workshop
Fri. 12 th Oct.	PTFA Movie Night
Wed. 17 th Oct.	2:30pm - HARVEST FESTIVAL – Parents and Carers are welcome to attend
Fri. 19 th Oct.	Last Day of Half Term
Tue. 30 th Oct.	Children Back to School

Please check the school website for the whole year's diary and for more information about St. Augustine's Academy.

You can also download the amazing 'School Jotter' App to Android and Apple devices to receive information to your phone or tablet.



Please note that dates sometimes have to change and we will notify you if this happens.

'SELF' Question for next Week

How can I be more self-aware as a learner?



Our Value for this half term is...

THANKFULNESS



'Always be thankful.'

1 Thessalonians 5:16

"Every good and perfect gift comes from above."
James 1:17



Can you give a gift for harvest? It doesn't matter how much; it is the mindset that counts.

Celebration Assemblies take place at 9:00am every Thursday morning in the school hall. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

