



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

23rd November 2018



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parent and Carers,



What a busy week! Our Year 3 and 4 pupils took part in an exciting and informative trip to the Queens Park Faith Tour in Bedford; our Year 5 pupils enjoyed the first of 4 'Junior Police' visits and Year 6 had their SATs Meeting. We also took part in Chocolate Mufti Day and enjoyed meeting new families that will soon be joining our school community.

Next week we begin our festive activities and preparations; our Christmas post box will also be available. Exciting!
Amanda Howes - Headteacher

Children in Need

We are delighted to inform you that our Children in Need Mufti Day and Bake Sale raised an amazing £203!

Thank you to everyone who baked cakes; they were a delicious end of school treat and supported a very worthy cause.



Christmas Coffee Morning



Santa Challenge Competition

Would your child like to join the Santa Challenge and be in with the chance of winning a brand new, lightweight Frog bike? For the next two weeks, St Augustine's Academy is taking part in the annual Santa Challenge - a virtual Christmas trip to Lapland, organised by Sustrans, where children and parents walk, scoot or cycle to school. Each time a child or parent travels actively they will be credited with one 'mile'. We will be adding up all of the miles completed to see whether we can reach our goal of arriving at Lapland.

Santa Challenge
 Cycle, scoot or stride to Santa

Monday 26th November to Friday 7th December.
 Walk, scoot or cycle to school.

Complete your record card and return it to school by Wednesday 12th December for the chance to win prizes, including a fantastic lightweight Frog Bike.

Contact alister.barelay@sustrans.org.uk 07917 084663 for more information or advice about travelling actively to school or outside school

Attendance

Our attendance so far this year is...

96.18%

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.

Our attendance is now in-line with the National Average. Well Done Everyone!

Our class attendance figures for this week are:

Year 1 – 92.14%	Year 2 – 97.14%
Year 3 – 97.86%	Year 4 – 97.00%
Year 5 – 94.14%	Year 6 – 99.58%

Year 6 were our attendance winners this week and receive a Mufti Day. Well Done!



Celebrations

Well Done to the following children.

☺ 'SELF' Pupil of the Week ☺

Reception – Alfie
 Year 1 – Sophia
 Year 2 – Chaynee
 Year 3 – Batia
 Year 4 – Zak
 Year 5 – Micah
 Year 6 – Angel

📖 Reader of the Week 📖

Reception – Dennis
 Year 1 – Tyler
 Year 2 – Vanessa
 Year 3 – Logan
 Year 4 – Kianna
 Year 5 – Lidia
 Year 6 – Frankie

★ Star of the Week ★

Reception – Mya-Rose
 Year 1 – Alfie
 Year 2 – Max
 Year 3 – Amelie
 Year 4 – Kamil
 Year 5 – Amara
 Year 6 – Courtney

🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune - 180
 Mars - 205
 Earth - 191
 Venus - 222

Word of the Week

Our word for the week is...

Pondered

Pondered means 'to think about something carefully, especially before making a decision'.

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

Diary Dates

Mon. 26 th Nov.	Christmas Post Box opens
Mon. 3 rd Dec.	Pantomime – Peter Pan (At school)
Fri. 7 th Dec.	PTFA Christmas Fayre
Tue. 11 th Dec.	9:15am – Yr1, 2 and 3 Christmas Performance 2:00pm – Yr4, 5 and 6 Christmas Performance
Wed. 12 th Dec.	9:15am – Yr4, 5 and 6 Christmas Performance 2:00pm – Yr1, 2 and 3 Christmas Performance
Fri. 14 th Dec.	9:15am – Reception Christmas Performance
Mon. 17 th Dec.	9:00am – Reception, Yr1 and Yr2 Celebration Assembly 2:45pm – Years 3 – 6 Celebration Assembly
Tue. 18 th Dec.	Christmas Dinner
Wed. 19 th Dec.	Christmas Jumper Day and afternoon Christmas Parties

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



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

'SELF' Question for next Week

How can I help others to have a better self-esteem?



Our Value for this half term is...

TRUST

'My God is my strength in whom I trust.'

Psalm 118.2

"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you."
Psalm 56:3

All of us have times when we are worried, anxious or afraid. At these times we can always ask God for help.

Football Club

After school football club has been very well attended this term and all coaches have been impressed with the progress everyone is making but unfortunately it is now time to put our boots away for winter. The last meeting of football club for 2018 will take place next week but will return as soon as the weather conditions allow after the Christmas break. On a final note, good luck to our year 4/5 team who will be testing themselves against our friends from Lancot Academy this weekend.



Thanks - Paul Allard

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

