



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

4th January 2019



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parent and Carers,

HAPPY NEW YEAR from all of us at St. Augustine's. It is lovely to see everyone again and it has been a calm, positive start to the year.

It was lovely to see children returning in smart school uniform; please remember to bring PE kit back to school as it is needed right from the start of term.



On our first day back, we were pleased to welcome a team of All For Sport coaches who did their staff training with our pupils. The children had wonderful PE lessons and were a real credit to our school in terms of their behaviour and enthusiasm.

On our staff training day, we looked in depth at our School Vision (see the next page) and at calming and mindfulness techniques. We also did some SEND training and action planning for the term ahead.

We are excited about the year ahead and look forward to all that it brings.

Amanda Howes - Headteacher

Football

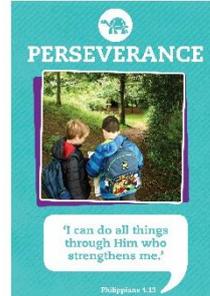
We are pleased to inform you that Football Club will be resuming next week. Year 4/5/6 sessions will take place on Tuesdays and Year 2/3 sessions on Wednesdays.

Sessions will run from 3:20pm – 4:30pm.

Fees are £1.50 per session, payable on the day to coach Paul Allard. Many thanks.



Our Value for this half term is...



'I can do all things through Him who gives me strength.'
Philippians 4:13

Many of us will have set ourselves goals and challenges for 2019. With God's help, maybe we can achieve them.

'SELF' Question for the week back

What things do we find tempting?



Word of the Week

Our word for the week is...

Effervescent

Effervescent means 'full of life or excitement.'

Can you use the word 'effervescent' in your speaking and writing this week? It is a great word!

Diary Dates

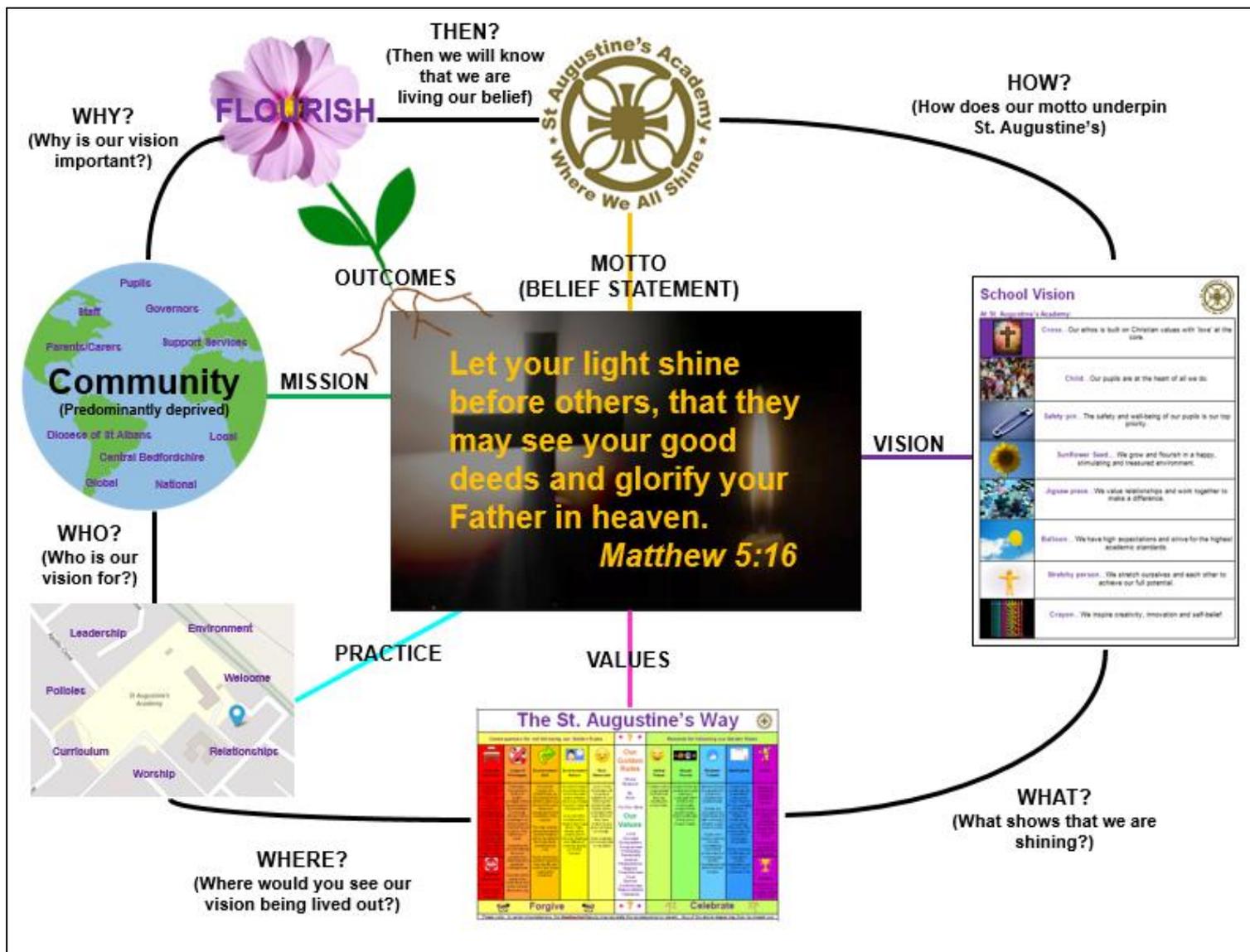
Thu. 3 rd Jan	Children Back to School
Wed. 16 th Jan	9:00am Maths Parent Workshop
Tue. 22 nd Jan	9:00am Parent Forum
Tue. 5 th Feb	Parent Consultation Evening
Wed. 6 th Feb	Parent Consultation Evening
Fri. 8 th Feb	Last Day of Half Term

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.

School Vision



As a Church School, our School Vision is rooted in a Bible verse. The verse that has been chosen for our school is, "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16.

Our Motto (Belief Statement) 'Where We All Shine' comes directly from this verse and you will see it emblazoned on our school uniform and in all correspondence.

At the start of the school year, you will remember that pupils were given a St. Augustine's Box containing the eight items representing the elements of our school vision. These underpin all that we hold dear at St. Augustine's Academy.

'The St. Augustine's Way', highlights our Golden Rules: Show Respect, Be Kind and Try Our Best, and also indicates the Values which we aim to live by. It forms the basis of our Behaviour Policy and shows the rewards and consequences for behaviours, in addition to the need for both celebrating the successes of others and showing forgiveness.

We aim for our vision to be seen in every area of our practice at St. Augustine's; from the welcome people receive upon entering our school to the policies that underpin what we do. Our mission is to our whole school community with everyone working together in the best interests of our pupils.

Our ultimate hope, is that if we live out our belief and root all that we do in our core scripture, our school will flourish, our children will thrive and they will have bright futures ahead.

At our next Parent Forum, we will be discussing our School Vision in more detail and going through the mind-map together. We look forward to hopefully seeing you there.