



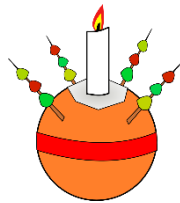
St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

11th January 2019



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,



This year is the 50th anniversary of the first Christingle service held by The Children's Society in this country. Each year at St. Augustine's, our pupils make Christingles and bring them along to our special service where we remember the happiness that Jesus brought to our world.

The Christingle has the following meaning:

- Orange – The world
- Candle – Jesus (The light of the world)
- Red ribbon – The blood of Christ
- Sweets/fruit on cocktail sticks – The fruits of the earth and the four seasons

We would like to thank members of St. Augustine's church for coming into school and helping our pupils make the Christingles and also to Rev. Ricky for leading our service.

Also this week, we were pleased to host a musical event which children and teachers from 5 local schools attended. The children involved had a wonderful time hearing pieces played on the piano and tuba.

Next week is also busy and exciting...watch this space!

Amanda Howes - Headteacher

Newsletter Printing

In order to reduce paper and printing costs, from next week, pupils will receive one newsletter per household, brought home by the oldest sibling. Eventually, we hope to further reduce the use of paper newsletters as more parents access them via other means e.g. the School Jotter app. We will keep you informed. Many thanks for your support.

Year 5 – Fire Safety and Junior Police

Learning how to keep safe, has been a focus for our Year 5 pupils.

This week they had a visit from a Fire Safety Officer who taught them about the role of the fire service. Year 5 are also taking part in a programme called Junior Police where they are learning about crime, punishment, safety and the role of the police officer. It is a fantastic opportunity for them.



Parking around our school

Two days ago, a fire engine was unable to drive along the road outside our school as cars were inconsiderately parked.



Please can you ensure that, if driving to school, you park with courtesy and thought for local residents and the emergency services. Traffic wardens do carry out spot checks near schools. We do encourage healthy lifestyles for our pupils; so please walk or cycle to school where possible.

Attendance

Our attendance so far this academic year is...

95.99%

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 just below the National Average.

Our class attendance figures for this week are:

Year 1 – 91.00%	Year 2 – 92.50%
Year 3 – 97.59%	Year 4 – 100%
Year 5 – 96.43%	Year 6 – 97.50%

Year 4 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 – Elis
 Year 1 – Stephen
 Year 2 – Isabelle
 Year 3 – Mason
 Year 4 – Kamil
 Year 5 – Shea
 Year 6 – Courtney

+x÷ Mathematician of the Week ÷x+

Reception – Alfie
 Year 1 – Blake
 Year 2 – Zuzanna
 Year 3 – Logan
 Year 4 – Zak
 Year 5 – Wyatt
 Year 6 – Tomek

★ Star of the Week ★

Reception – Drew
 Year 1 – Matylda
 Year 2 – Alice
 Year 3 – Summer
 Year 4 – Jane
 Year 5 – Filip
 Year 6 – Banujan

🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune - 316
 Mars - 343
 Earth - 343
 Venus - 339

Word of the Week

Our word for the week is...

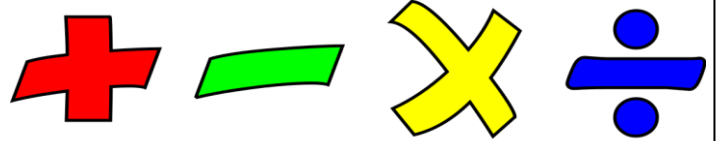
Tenacious

Tenacious means 'determined'.

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

Maths Workshop

9:00am Wednesday 16th January



Come along to our informal, Maths workshop, at 9:00am on Wednesday 16th January, where you will be able to look at some of the Maths resources used in school and learn about the calculation methods taught to your children.

The session is useful for any parent who would like a better understanding of how to help their children at home.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Before and After School Playground Safety

It has come to our attention, that some pupils are riding bikes etc. in the playground before and after school. Please can you ensure that bikes and scooters, are left in the bike park, to avoid accidents. Thank you.

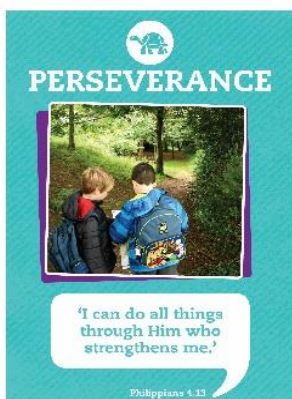


'SELF' Question of the Week

What makes me cross or angry?



Our Value for this half term is...



"Do not tire of doing what is good."
 2 Thessalonians 3:13

In all that we do, we should always try to model the values that we expect to see in others. Always do what is good, honest and right.

Diary Dates

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.



Celebration Assembly takes place at 9:00am every Thursday morning. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

