



# St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

## 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019



### Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,



It has been a wonderful week at St. Augustine's with so much going on. Parent Forum provided us with the opportunity to share our thoughts for the future e.g. about creating a Board Game library, which we hope to roll out soon in Early Years; to answer questions, and listen to suggestions from our parents/carers.

We were delighted to host a visit to the school by MP Andrew Selous, along with our Governors Cllr. Carole Hegley and Cllr. Eugene Ghent. Mr. Selous had written to congratulate the school on the improvement to our results and upon his visit, he commented on the calm atmosphere in all the classrooms and that the children were well presented and orderly.



A wonderful, 'free' opportunity also arose this week. M&M Theatrical Productions visited us to perform Robin Hood. The children were 'wowed' by the production and it was heart-warming to receive a thank you letter from one of our pupils this morning, saying how much they loved the show. We are extremely thankful to M&M.

We look forward to another enjoyable week next week.

**Amanda Howes - Headteacher**

### Year 5 – Junior Police Squad



Our Year 5 Junior Police Squad finished their course with a special workshop/assembly which their parents and carers also attended. Each pupil was presented with a special certificate to reward them for their participation and effort. They have learnt a huge amount during the past six weeks, which we hope will help them to keep themselves safe; know the difference between right and wrong and respect the rule of law.

We hope that our pupils will grow to become positive role models in our community; that display the values of good citizenship and live out our school's Christian vision.

### Attendance

Our attendance so far this academic year is...

# 95.85%

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 – 94.33%	Year 2 – 94.29%
Year 3 – 99.31%	Year 4 – 91.82%
Year 5 – 92.14%	Year 6 – 94.17%

**Year 3 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 – Jorja  
Year 1 – Logan  
Year 2 – Ethan  
Year 3 – Erin  
Year 4 – Alfie  
Year 5 – Declan  
Year 6 – Lucas

### +x÷ Mathematician of the Week ÷x+

Reception – Amelia-Lilly  
Year 1 – Cody  
Year 2 – Elise  
Year 3 – Yasmin  
Year 4 – Peyton  
Year 5 – Harvey  
Year 6 – Tomek

### ★Star of the Week★

Reception – Shelby  
Year 1 – Alfie  
Year 2 – Ruby  
Year 3 – Skye  
Year 4 – Kayla  
Year 5 – Kaitlyn  
Year 6 – Angel

### 🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune - 254  
Mars - 242  
Earth - 223  
Venus - 239

## Word of the Week

Our word for the week is...

# Gregarious

Gregarious means 'to be sociable and to enjoy the company of others.'

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



## Snow Procedures



In the event of heavy snowfall, it is possible that the school may need to close. This is a very rare occurrence at St. Augustine's and would only be in extreme circumstances.

By 7:30am, a closure message will be posted on the school's website and app. A text message will also be sent to parents/carers (so please make sure that the school has your up-to-date contact information). The Central Bedfordshire SOS School Closure Site <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/apps/sos/>, naming schools that are closed, can also be used for information.

## Diary Dates

Tue. 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parent Consultation Evening (EYFS – 5) Safer Internet Day
Wed. 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parent Consultation Evening (EYFS – 6)
Fri. 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Last Day of Half Term
Mon. 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Children Return to School
Fri. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb.	PTFA Valentine's Disco
Thu. 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	World Book Day – Book Character Mufti
Fri. 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	Comic Relief
Mon. 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr.	2:45pm – Years R, 1 and 2 Celebration Assembly
Tue. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr.	2:45pm – Years 3 – 6 Celebration Assembly
Fri. 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	Last Day of Term
Tue. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr.	Children Return to School

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 of the Week

How can I control my words and actions?



## Our Value for this half term is...

### PERSEVERANCE



'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.'

Philippians 4:13

"Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's evil schemes."

*Ephesians 6:11*

We should be careful not to compromise our values. With God's strength we should always try to be honest and kind. For every negative, can we find 2 positives?

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

