



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

1st February 2019



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,



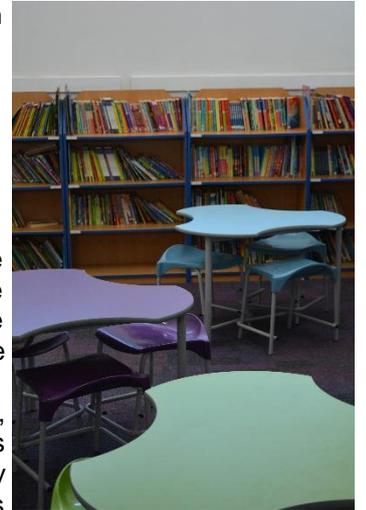
The snow caused much excitement for our pupils today. We were so pleased to be able to keep our school open and would like to thank all staff, pupils and parents who made it into school today. As you can see, our school scarecrow is dressed in his warm, winter clothes to keep him warm.

Fittingly, we met this week, with Professor Randhawa who is leading an NHS funded project called 'CHILL' (Children's Health in London and Luton). After half term, Years 2, 3 and 4 will have the opportunity to participate in an exciting experiment, to look at the air quality in our area, and how pollution can affect our lungs. We will be hosting a special assembly for all Year 2, 3 and 4 parents and pupils, at 9:00am on Wednesday 20th February, to introduce the project and we really hope that you are able to attend. More details will follow. We hope that you have a good weekend and we look forward to the last week of half term ahead.

Amanda Howes - Headteacher

School Library – Can you help?

Our new school library, which has been created from our downstairs cloakroom, now has beautiful new tables and stools and shelves full of books which compliment our Accelerated Reader scheme.



We would like to create some areas of intrigue for the children within the library. We would especially like to have a cabinet full of unusual artefacts and memorabilia, and wall/ceiling displays containing a range of visually interesting, larger objects such as cultural masks, weavings or even a plane propeller.

If you have any objects of interest that you would like to donate to the school for display in the library then please contact the school office.

It would be wonderful to have an area of the school that creates such a talking point and we really hope that you are able to help us. Many thanks in advance for your help.

Attendance

Our attendance so far this academic year is...

95.76%

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 – 96.67%	Year 2 – 92.14%
Year 3 – 99.66%	Year 4 – 94.55%
Year 5 – 85.36%	Year 6 – 98.33%

Year 3 were our attendance winners this week and receive a Mufti Day! Well Done!

Children's Mental Health Week

Shine Bright Wear Bright!



Join CHUMS Charity during Children's Mental Health Week 4th - 10th February 2019
Supporting Mental Health Improving Lives.

In support of Children's Mental Health week next week, Friday 8th February will be a mufti day! The theme this year

is **shine bright, wear bright** so come in your

brightest, most colourful clothes!

Please feel free to bring £1 into school as a donation to **CHUMS**



Celebrations

Well Done to the following children.

😊 'SELF' Pupil of the Week 😊

Reception – Terri
Year 1 – Alan
Year 2 – Jacob
Year 3 – Cameron
Year 4 – Kianna
Year 5 – Lidia
Year 6 – Frankie

+x÷ Mathematician of the Week ÷x÷

Reception – Katelyn
Year 1 – Lexi
Year 2 – Zuzanna
Year 3 – Kayden
Year 4 – Luke
Year 5 – Jordan
Year 6 – Regan

★ Star of the Week ★

Reception – Laelia
Year 1 – Taya
Year 2 – Vanessa
Year 3 – Sally
Year 4 – Lillie-Mai West
Year 5 – Sasha
Year 6 – Jessica

🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune - 242
Mars - 214
Earth - 224
Venus - 231

Word of the Week

Our word for the week is...

Amiable

Amiable means 'to have or display a friendly and pleasant manner.'

Can you use the word 'amiable' 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. This site also allows you to sign up for notifications.

Diary Dates

Tue. 5 th Feb	Parent Consultation Evening (EYFS – 5) Safer Internet Day
Wed. 6 th Feb	Parent Consultation Evening (EYFS – 6)
Fri. 8 th Feb	'Shine Bright, Wear Bright' Mufti Day Last Day of Half Term
Mon. 18 th Feb.	Children Return to School
Wed. 20 th Feb.	'CHILL' Assembly for Year 2, 3 and 4 Parents and Children
Fri. 22 nd Feb.	PTFA Valentine's Disco
Thu. 7 th Mar.	World Book Day – Book Character Mufti
Fri. 15 th Mar.	Comic Relief
Mon. 1 st Apr.	2:45pm – Years R, 1 and 2 Celebration Assembly
Tue. 2 nd Apr.	2:45pm – Years 3 – 6 Celebration Assembly
Fri. 5 th Apr.	Last Day of Term
Tue. 23 rd 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

What have I learnt about
Self-control?



Our Value for this half term is...

PERSEVERANCE



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

Philippians 4:13

"Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9

It is so important that we try to live by the values that we know are true and good. Being kind, generous and truthful is always the right way.

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

