



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

8th February 2019



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,
It has been an especially busy and exciting week to end the half term here at St. Augustine's.



We celebrated Chinese New Year with a special Chinese meal; learned about safe online usage during Internet Safety Day; discussed Mental Health and Well-Being and supported CHUMS on our Shine Bright Wear Bright Mufti Day; held a 'Stay and Play' session for our Early Years parents and were visited by the headteacher of Manshead C of E Academy, who spent time touring the school and meeting our Year 6 pupils. So, as you can see, a very busy week!

Parents' Evenings were held and we would like to thank all those who came along to look at their children's work and talk with their teacher. It is essential that parents and school work together to support children's learning. If you were not able to attend the evening then please arrange an alternative appointment, with your child's class teacher, as soon as possible. Your child will be longing to show you their work.

Amanda Howes - Headteacher

Safer Internet Day

Reminding pupils about the importance of using the internet safely, is of huge importance to us at St. Augustine's. Technology can be dangerous if children do not have the correct knowledge to help keep them safe.



Safer Internet Day provided us with an additional, focused day to talk about safe internet use with our pupils. A special assembly and class activities took place to bring the message home.

Chinese New Year Dinner



Chinese New Year was celebrated at St. Augustine's with a special Chinese dinner. Year 1 pupils (who are learning about China at the moment) decorated the canteen with paper Chinese lanterns and flags, and the children enjoyed a delicious meal of rice or noodles; chicken curry or sweet and sour chicken, and vegetables. It was a truly delicious meal! Huge thanks go to chef and the kitchen team for creating such a special dinner for us.

Attendance

Our attendance so far this academic year is...

95.86%

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 – 94.54%	Year 2 – 95.14%
Year 3 – 97.21%	Year 4 – 97.28%
Year 5 – 94.15%	Year 6 – 97.24%

Years 3, 4 and 6 were our attendance winners this week. Well Done!



Celebrations

Well Done to the following children.

☺ 'SELF' Pupil of the Week ☺

Reception – Maisie
 Year 1 – Bathujan
 Year 2 – Chaynee
 Year 3 – Logan
 Year 4 – Lillyanna
 Year 5 – Lewis
 Year 6 – Charlie

+x÷ Mathematician of the Week ÷x+

Reception – Alexander
 Year 1 – Karla
 Year 2 – Ethan
 Year 3 – Kyle
 Year 4 – Zak
 Year 5 – Lidia
 Year 6 – Regan

★Star of the Week★

Reception – Ella
 Year 1 – Rico
 Year 2 – Finn
 Year 3 – Yasmin
 Year 4 – Peyton
 Year 5 – Nathan
 Year 6 – Emily

🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune - 182
 Mars - 212
 Earth - 192
 Venus - 247

Word of the Week

Our word for the week is...

Cacophony

Cacophony means 'an unpleasant mixture of sounds'.
 Can you use the word 'cacophony' in your speaking and writing this week?

Dangerous Driving



DO NOT LET THIS BE YOU!

On several occasions we have asked parents and carers not to drive onto the school site unless authorised. It is essential that our children's safety is protected. Driving onto the site is discourteous, selfish and uncaring. Please park considerately on Oakwood Avenue or surrounding roads.

Diary Dates

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
Mon. 13 th May- Thu. 16 th May	KS2 SATS WEEK
Fri. 24 th May	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.

'SELF' Question of the Week

What does self-sufficient mean?



Our Value for this half term is...

PERSEVERANCE



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

Philippians 4:13

"I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

Philippians 4:13

In the Bible it urges us to turn to God, to give us the strength that we need, when times are tough.

Maybe that is something we can try when we next find ourselves in a difficult situation.

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

