



# St. Augustine's Academy Newsletter

## 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017



### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

Our pupils have now been back at school for almost a week and it is good to see them settling well into their new classes and routines. Through spending time in all the classes this week, it is evident that our pupils' behaviour throughout the school is excellent and they are keen to learn.

It was good to see some of you at our 'Celebration Assembly' yesterday and to share the achievements of the children with you. It was exciting to be able to introduce two new awards to the assembly, 'Reader of the Week' and a 'SELF' award. The new, colourful certificates also proved popular with the pupils.



Accompanying this letter you will have received a 'Curriculum Overview' which informs you of what your child will be learning at school during this term. We have introduced some new, exciting curriculum schemes for the pupils this year and have already purchased additional resources to help pupils with their learning. The 'Curriculum Overviews' also provide information about how you can help your child at home and we hope you find the suggestions useful.

We hope that you have all had a positive start to the new school year; we wish you an enjoyable weekend and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Amanda Howes  
Headteacher

### Website

Our school website is being updated and now contains a range of new tabs and pages full of information about our school.

If you have any further comments about what would make the website easier for you to use then please let us know.

[www.staugustinesacademy.co.uk](http://www.staugustinesacademy.co.uk)



### Communication

Good communication between school and home is essential for the smooth running of our school.



The school will keep you informed of up-coming events through the following ways:

- Newsletters – A paper copy of these will be sent home on Fridays.
- Text messages – The school will send reminder messages and notices via text so please make sure that the school has your up-to-date contact details.
- Website – The website contains a wealth of information about our school including the school calendar and copies of all of our newsletters.
- Parent Forums – These meetings occur half termly and provide a good opportunity for parents/carers to come along and talk to the school leadership team about the school.
- Letters – On occasion, additional letters will be sent home to individual classes and families. Please check your child's book bag daily to ensure that these are noticed.

If you experience any difficulties with communication, please contact the school and we will be happy to help you.

### Teaching and Learning - Phonics

From the start of this school year we have introduced a new Phonics Programme called Read Write Inc. Please visit the Curriculum - Phonics tab on our website to find out more about how Phonics is taught at St. Augustine's.



### Social Media

Social Media is a very useful tool for sharing information and we are aware that it is often used by parents and carers to ask each other questions and share information about their schools.



Please can we ask that if you have any problems or concerns that you please speak to the school rather than solely sharing these on social media. We are always happy to listen and to help where we can.

Headteacher: Mrs. Amanda Howes

## Achievements and Awards

A huge, 'Congratulations!' goes to the winners of our awards this week. Our winners are listed below.

### 😊 SELF Award 😊

Reception – Stephen Amaritei  
 Year 1 – Caiden Evans  
 Year 2 – Chancenes Nakueti  
 Year 3 – Luke Monaghan  
 Year 4 – Amara Lai  
 Year 5 – Courtney Impey  
 Year 6 – Amy Sutton

The SELF question for next week is:

\*\*\*What makes me me?\*\*\*

### 📖 Reader of the Week 📖

Reception – Tyler Murphy  
 Year 1 – Aaron Watts  
 Year 2 – Kayden King  
 Year 3 – Jane Walker  
 Year 4 – Reegan Green  
 Year 5 – Channelle Ireson  
 Year 6 – Ben Allard

### ★ Star of the Week ★

Reception – Tarebi Egbegi  
 Year 1 – Jake Warman  
 Year 2 – Skye Waterson  
 Year 3 – Ashton Thomas Keen  
 Year 4 – Riley-May Patmore  
 Year 5 – Leonard Cojacaru  
 Year 6 – Blessing Nakueti

### ✓ Attendance – Mufti Day Winners ✓

Year 1 – 100% - FANTASTIC!

## Attendance

Last year our school attendance fell far below the national average of 96% and we all need to work together to help attendance improve – for our children's sake.



It is proven that good attendance and high academic achievement go hand in hand; in order for our pupils to learn, they need to be in school.

Our school attendance policy was updated in the summer term and can be found on the school website.

If you have any questions regarding attendance then please do not hesitate to ask; we would be more than happy to talk our policy through with you.

Chair of Governors: Councillor Carole Hegley

## Hazard Alley

Teaching children about safety is a key element of our Curriculum here at St. Augustine's. Following an exciting trip to Hazard Alley last academic year, this week, our Year 4 pupils had a follow-up visit from the safety team.



The children, this week, have been learning about E-safety. They have learnt important skills that will stay with them for life and help them to keep safe online.

## Junior Wardens

Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils are invited to join Junior Wardens which is an exciting and popular community project group. The aim of the project is to promote citizenship, pride of place and personal safety.

A letter about Junior Wardens has been issued to pupils today and the project group will begin again on Wednesday after school in the school hall.

Further details about Junior Wardens are contained in the letter.

## Football Club

Football club will be starting again next week.



Please note the days and times below:

- Years 5 and 6 – Tuesday 3:20pm – 4:30pm
- Years 2, 3 and 4 – Wednesday 3:20pm – 4:30pm

## Diary Dates

Tue. 12 <sup>th</sup> Sep.	9:00am – Parent Forum in the school hall – Come along and meet the new Headteacher
Tue. 19 <sup>th</sup> Sep.	9:00am – Phonics Workshop for parents and carers
Mon. 25 <sup>th</sup> Sep.	European Day of Languages – This will be a Mufti Day where children may come to school dressed in European costume or in the colours of one of the European flags
Tue. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct.	3:30pm–5:30pm – Parents' Evening
Wed. 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	4:30pm–6:30pm – Parents' Evening
Fri. 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Last day of the half term
Mon. 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Children return to school

\*\*\*Celebration Assemblies\*\*\* take place every Thursday morning at 9:00am in the school hall. Parents and carers are welcome to attend and share in the achievements of our pupils.

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