



St. Augustine's Academy Newsletter

15th September 2017



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

Another week has flown by and the children have been working hard with their learning and enjoying school.

You may have noticed, on our school website, that a teacher recruitment advertisement has been placed. Sarah Ball has secured a promotion at a local school and will be taking up post after the autumn half term holiday. We invite you to join with us in giving Mrs. Ball our warmest congratulations; she has been a valued member of staff at St. Augustine's for many years and making the decision to leave has been very difficult for her.

We are committed to providing the best possible education for our pupils and are seeking to appoint staff who share that commitment and passion. Please share our advertisement with anyone you know who may be interested in applying for a teaching position at our school.

We would also like to draw your attention to European Day of Languages which takes place on Monday 25th September. Children may wear clothes, in the colours of a European flag, to school on that day; they may also wear European costume. It will be a super day!

We wish you all a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday.

Amanda Howes
Headteacher

Teaching and Learning – 'RAG' cards

This week, children have been given a set of Red, Orange and Green cards to indicate their understanding in lessons. If teachers see a red card displayed on the desk, they will know that the child needs support; a green card indicates full understanding. This method maximises learning time and encourages pupils to be reflective learners.



Website

Our school website has now been overhauled. New documents, pictures and information will continue to be added in the future so please visit our site regularly at www.staugustinesacademy.co.uk.



Phonics Workshop

We will be running a Phonics Workshop for parents and carers at 9:00am on Tuesday 19th September in the school hall.



This is one of the most important workshops that we will run this year as you will learn the phonic sounds which are the basis for helping your children to read.

Reading opens the door to a world of imagination and opportunity; once a child learns to read their confidence blossoms and they are able to access other Curriculum subjects more easily.

We very much look forward to seeing you there.

Parking and Driving Safety

At our Parent Forum this week, we were made aware of the concerns that many parents and carers share regarding the use of cars on the shared driveway between the school and the Children's Centre.



Please avoid using the driveway if at all possible during busy pedestrian periods and if you do, please drive with caution, making sure that you are considerate towards children and parents using the narrow path. Thank you.

Choir News

This year, instead of choir being run on a weekly basis, special choir rehearsal times will be organised at various points in the school year to prepare children for specific festivals and events.



When an event is near and a choir is needed, children will be asked to commit for a certain amount of weeks leading up to the event. Details will be made available to you as different events arise.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance so far this year is 94.93%, which although considerably better than last year, is still below where we need to be – a minimum of 96%. Let's keep working together to improve attendance and give our pupils the best possible life chances. Attendance counts! Thank you.

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Achievements and Awards

😊 SELF Award 😊

Reception – Alan Beard
 Year 1 – Noah Turner Dahr
 Year 2 – Summer-May Graur
 Year 3 – Peyton Egbegi
 Year 4 – Tyler Willis
 Year 5 – Cienna Daly
 Year 6 – Tiphonie Reynolds

The SELF question for next week is:

*****How would I describe myself and how would others describe me?*****

📖 Reader of the Week 📖

Reception – Blake Willis-Hall
 Year 1 – Kai Lloyd
 Year 2 – Cameron Keane
 Year 3 – Zak Wollington
 Year 4 – Nathan Sutton
 Year 5 – Charlie Creasy
 Year 6 – Nakita Lawrence

★ Star of the Week ★

Reception – Matylda Wolak
 Year 1 – McKenzie Willis-Hall
 Year 2 – Reuben Jolly
 Year 3 – Jessicka Antony Vijay
 Year 4 – Lidia Suchar
 Year 5 – Emily Rudy
 Year 6 – Dylan Walker

🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune (Blue) – 193
 Mars (Red) – 152
 Earth (Green) – 222
 Venus (Yellow) - 234

✓ Attendance – Mufti Day Winners ✓

Year 1 – 99.67% - FANTASTIC!

Fire Drill

This week we had a fire drill and are pleased to report that all pupils evacuated the building safely. We will continue to work on the efficiency of our evacuation processes over the coming months to make them as slick as possible.



Parent Forum

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our Parent Forum this week. It was good to see so many of you there; to share the school's vision with you and listen to your views and comments.



Your positive comments about the start of the school year were kind and very heart-warming. Thank you.

PE and Football Club

Please ensure that for all PE and sports activities, including football club, that children have both indoor and outdoor PE kit in school; this includes plimsolls for indoor use and trainers, jumpers and jogging bottoms for outside games.



Earrings should either be removed for PE or taped if ears are newly pierced. In addition, may we remind you that no hoop earrings are allowed to be worn at school for safety reasons.

Peanuts

As stated in our school prospectus, peanuts are not allowed in school. We have pupils who are severely allergic to nuts and coming into contact with peanuts can cause serious harm. Please avoid sending children to school with nuts in their snacks and lunches; this includes the use of peanut butter. Thank you for your cooperation.



Hair Health

There has been a reported case of head-lice at school. Please check your child's hair and treat if necessary, this will prevent head-lice spreading. Thank you.



Diary Dates

Tue. 19 th Sep.	9:00am – Phonics Workshop for parents and carers
Mon. 25 th 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 rd Oct.	3:30pm–5:30pm – Parents' Evening
Wed. 4 th Oct.	4:30pm–6:30pm – Parents' Evening
Fri. 20 th Oct.	Last day of the half term
Mon. 30 th 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.