



# St. Augustine's Academy Newsletter

## 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017



### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

May we firstly say a huge thank you for the positive feedback we have received from you on a range of items this week. The Phonics Workshop was a huge success with one parent commenting that, "Having the opportunity to be shown was great." Following a request at our Parent Forum, positive feedback about the new wall decorations in the Key Stage 1 toilets has indicated that our younger pupils are now happier to use these facilities. Parents have also commented about the positive atmosphere of the school and the quick speed with which any issues have been dealt with. Your comments are much appreciated and mean a lot to the staff of the school. Thank you.

This week saw our first Governing Board meeting of the new school year. Cllr. Carole Hegley was re-elected as Chair and Gary Clarke as Vice-Chair. We also welcomed two new parents to our Governing Board Kerry Sullivan and Moira Wollington and the vicar of St. Augustine's Church, Rev. Ricky Turner. Many items were discussed including the school's plans to secure good progress and attainment for our pupils.

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

Amanda Howes  
Headteacher

### Teaching and Learning

This week has been Monitoring Week, where senior staff have enjoyed seeing the learning taking place throughout the school. We are pleased that in all classes, children behaved very well and showed good attitudes to their learning. Over the coming weeks, we will be working to improve the way in which we give feedback to our pupils in order to help them know their next steps for improvement and make rapid progress.

We are introducing 'Target Cards' for all children. Each half term, children (alongside their teacher) in Years 1 – 6, will choose targets for Reading, Writing, Maths, Science and SELF. In Early Years, targets will be for Reading, Writing, Number, Shape and Space, and SELF. These targets will be shared with you at our Parents' Evenings so that you can help your children at home. Stickers will be awarded to pupils for each target that they meet.

### European Day of Languages



On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September, we are celebrating European Day of languages.

Children should come to school dressed in either European costume or in the colours of a European flag. Please help your child to be able to say which country they are representing and be able to give a couple of facts about the country. For example, "I am dressed in the colours of the German flag which are black, red and yellow. The German word for hello is, 'Hallo' and the capital city is Berlin."

During the day, the children will be encouraged to learn various European words for, 'Hello,' and use them to greet each other throughout the day. There will be a whole school assembly around the theme, and in class, children will spend time learning about a European country. It promises to be a fun and interesting day!

### Website

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

This week, our school website has been updated with the following documents:

- Accessibility Plan
- Equality Objectives
- Resolving Complaints Policy
- Exclusion Policy
- Governing Body Information



Next week, we are meeting with our website provider to see how we can make the site look more current and appealing. The intention is to update the look and maintain the content.

If you have any suggestions, then please let us know. The School Council will also be given the opportunity to share their views and thoughts.

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## Achievements and Awards

### 😊 SELF Award 😊

Reception – Poppy Roberts  
 Year 1 – Ruby Jebutu  
 Year 2 – Sally Zatorska  
 Year 3 – Liam Hardacre  
 Year 4 – Harvey Waterson  
 Year 5 – Regan Jones  
 Year 6 – Nathan Ince

The SELF question for next week is:

**\*\*\*What are my strengths and weaknesses?\*\*\***

### 📖 Reader of the Week 📖

Reception – Taya Randle  
 Year 1 – Amelia Sullivan  
 Year 2 – Xander Paddon  
 Year 3 – Alfie Knapp  
 Year 4 – Kacie Cook  
 Year 5 – Bianca Floarea  
 Year 6 – Amy Sutton

### ★ Star of the Week ★

Reception – Betty Newport  
 Year 1 – Vanessa Teaca  
 Year 2 – Ciaran McClements  
 Year 3 – Morgan Williams  
 Year 4 – Charlie Langley  
 Year 5 – Karol Sokolski  
 Year 6 – Jessica Hopper

### 🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune (Blue) – 129  
 Mars (Red) – 120  
 Earth (Green) – 131  
 Venus (Yellow) - 164

### ✓ Attendance ✓

Year 1 – 97.9%  
 Year 2 – 96.8%  
 Year 3 – 87%  
 Year 4 – 94.9%  
 Year 5 – 96.4%  
 Year 6 – 94.5%

**Well Done to Year 1 who have been our highest attenders for 3 weeks in a row!**

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Our school uses Dojos as a means of communicating children's behaviour, effort and attitude to learning in the classroom.



In order to keep consistent channels of communication throughout the school, the app will not be used for one to one correspondence with teachers; even where this may have occurred in the past. We are always happy to help with any issues or concerns you may have but ask that you please make an appointment to talk with your child's class teacher, send an e-mail or a letter instead.

Class teachers are working behind the scenes to produce informative class pages for the school website which will tell you more about the life and learning in your child's class.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

## Attendance

Our whole school attendance so far this year is 94.95%, which is a rise from last week. Well done everyone! Just remember though, although this is considerably better than last year, it 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.

## Diary Dates

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
Thu. 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	7:00pm – PT FA Annual General Meeting
Fri. 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Last day of the half term
Mon. 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Children return to school
Tue. 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Grammar Workshop
Tue. 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov.	Parent Forum

**\*\*\*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.