



# St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

## 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017



### Message from the Headteacher

### Christmas Activity Mornings at St. Augustine's Church

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week! Firstly, thank you so much for your support and cooperation while we dealt with the most snow and ice we have seen in many years. We were so pleased that we were able to open the school on Tuesday; the stoic efforts, of staff and families who made difficult journeys to be at school, were very much appreciated.

When you see children dressed in tinsel and angel wings, you know that Christmas is nearly here. There is nothing that puts you in the Christmas spirit more than watching a school Christmas play; this year was definitely no exception.

Our pupils in Reception and Years 1 to 3 delighted us with their Christmas Nativity performances and our pupils in Years 4 to 6 enthralled us with their performance of the festive story, 'A Christmas Carol'. We were all so proud of them!



Finally, we would also like to take this opportunity to inform you that, from the start of January, Mr. Mark Andrews will be joining our staff team as our Year 1 class teacher. We are very excited to welcome him to St. Augustine's.

See you all next week for our last 2 days of school before Christmas! It promises to be a fun-packed time.

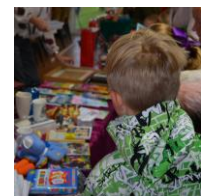
Amanda Howes  
Headteacher



Our pupils in Years 2 to 6 have enjoyed a morning of activities with members of St. Augustine's Church. They learnt about the role and significance of angels in the Christian faith and some year groups had the opportunity to spend quality time in our beautiful, community, church building.

We would like to say a special thank you to Rev. Ricky and the members of the church congregation for their hospitality and kindness and for arranging such an engaging and interesting morning for our children.

### PTFA Christmas Fayre



The Christmas Fayre was a wonderful event with the whole school community coming together to enjoy a range of games, stalls and refreshments.

The PTFA do an amazing job in helping to raise funds for the school; thank you all so much for all you do!

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**Achievements and Awards**

😊 **SELF Award** 😊

- Reception – Alayah Hinds
- Year 1 – Kai Lloyd
- Year 2 – Chancenes Nakueti
- Year 3 – Ashton Thomas-Keen
- Year 4 – Darlean Gumble
- Year 5 – Lucas Catlin
- Year 6 – Nicola Jakubas

**Attendance**

Our whole school attendance so far this year is 94.27% which is still below the school's target and National average of 96%.



To help ensure good attendance, evening events involving pupils will not take place on days when there is school the following morning to ensure pupils are not overtired for the following day's learning. Exceptions may be made for our older pupils.

The SELF question for the first week of next term is :

**\*\*\*What is self-control?\*\*\***

Our value of the half term is:

**Compassion**

**Family Christmas Service**

📖 **Reader of the Week** 📖

- Reception – Kenny Andrews
- Year 1 – Jason Holmes
- Year 2 – Jamie Pollard
- Year 3 – Alfie Knapp
- Year 4 – Amara Lai
- Year 5 – Conner Baatz
- Year 6 – Natalie Zubrycki

★ **Star of the Week** ★

- Reception – Lexi Walker
- Year 1 – Finn Griffiths
- Year 2 – Jack Shannon
- Year 3 – Peyton Egbegi
- Year 4 – Jack Barker
- Year 5 – Bianca Floarea
- Year 6 – Syymon

🏠 **Housepoints** 🏠

- Neptune (Blue) – 185
- Mars (Red) – 198
- Earth (Green) – 158
- Venus (Yellow) - 178

✓ **Attendance** ✓

- Year 1 – 88.8%
- Year 2 – 93.5%
- Year 3 – 91.3%
- Year 4 – 83.3%
- Year 5 – 94%
- Year 6 – 100%

**Year 6, you were our highest attenders this week.  
Well Done!**



**Diary Dates**

	*****Christmas Dinner*****
Mon. 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	9:00am – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Celebration Assembly (Parents/Carers invited) 2:45pm – Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Celebration Assembly (Parents/Carers invited)
Tue. 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Christmas Mufti Day and afternoon parties Last day of term
Wed. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan.	Children return to school
Tue. 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	5:30pm Phonics Workshop for Parents
Tue. 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	3:30pm – 5:30pm Parents' Evening
Wed. 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	4:30pm – 6:30pm Parents' Evening
Fri. 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Last day of term