



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

12th January 2018



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the end of last half term, our school launched its new website. It has a vibrant and modern feel and provides a wealth of useful information about our school. If you have not already done so, please visit www.staugustinesacademy.co.uk to see for yourself.



Also last term, we launched our school app. We now have 87 users and feedback from parents has been extremely positive. Again, if you have not already done so, please consider downloading the app by visiting the app store, on either Android or Apple devices, by searching for St. Augustine's Academy. You will then be able to download the app and also allow notifications to keep you up-to-date with newly added content.



If you have any questions or suggestions about either the website or the app then please contact the school and we will be happy to help.

Have an enjoyable weekend everyone and we look forward to seeing you all back at school again on Monday.

Amanda Howes
Headteacher

Christingle



This week, Rev. Ricky and members of St. Augustine's Church visited our school to help our children make Christingles and learn about their significance.



The **orange** represents the world; the **candle** represents Jesus (The Light of the World); the **red ribbon** represents the blood of Christ and the **sweets/fruits on cocktail sticks** represent the fruits of the earth and the four seasons.

On Wednesday, the children participated in a special Christingle Service at school led by Rev. Ricky. Wows of delight could be heard as children saw the beauty of the lit candles; it was a very special event.

Achievements and Awards

😊 SELF Award 😊

Reception – Betty Newport
 Year 1 – Callum Jones
 Year 2 – Xander Paddon
 Year 3 – Zak Wollington
 Year 4 – Shea Graffin
 Year 5 – Mia Keen
 Year 6 – Jasmine Massey

The SELF question for next week is:

*****What make me cross or angry?*****

Our value of the half term is:

Courage

+ - x ÷ Mathematician of the Week + - x ÷

Reception – Rico Strachan
 Year 1 – Ruby Jebutu
 Year 2 – Yasmin Travagli
 Year 3 – Kianna Robertson
 Year 4 – Nathan Sutton
 Year 5 – Leonard Cojocararu
 Year 6 – Blessing Nakueti

★ Star of the Week ★

Reception – Taya Randle
 Year 1 – McKenzie Willis-Hall
 Year 2 – Leon Allard
 Year 3 – Luke Monaghan
 Year 4 – Caitlin Weeden
 Year 5 – Beatrice Cojocararu
 Year 6 – Nikola Jakubas

🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune (Blue) – 78
 Mars (Red) – 90
 Earth (Green) – 66
 Venus (Yellow) - 83

✓ Attendance ✓

Year 1 – 96.55%
 Year 2 – 91.67%
 Year 3 – 84.87%
 Year 4 – 92.96%
 Year 5 – 97.39%
 Year 6 – 100%

**Year 6, you were our highest attenders this week.
 Well Done! You receive a mufti-day!**

Attendance

Our whole school attendance so far this year is 94.3% which is a rise from the end of last half term. This is now the best attendance figure that the school has had in more than a year.



***** Well Done Everyone! *****

As a school, as you are aware, we monitor our attendance very carefully and have done an analysis of our attendance for the Autumn term 2017.

At the end of the Autumn term, we had 26 pupils whose attainment was 90% or below, therefore classing them as being 'Persistent Absentees'.

When looking at their attainment, it was interesting to note that only 42% of Persistent Absentees were attaining the expected level in Writing showing that attendance and academic attainment really do go hand in hand.

Let's keep working together to improve attendance for all our pupils and give our pupils the best possible life chances. Attendance really does count! Thank you.

Diary Dates

Tue. 23 rd Jan.	9:00am - Parent Forum – A chance to share your feedback and thoughts with senior staff and contribute to our review of the school's Behaviour Policy
Tue. 6 th Feb.	3:30pm – 5:30pm Parents' Evening
Wed. 7 th Feb.	4:30pm – 6:30pm Parents' Evening
Fri. 9 th Feb.	Last day of the half term
Mon. 19 th Feb.	Children return to school
Thu. 1 st Mar.	World Book Day – Book character Mufti-Day
Fri. 23 rd Mar.	Sports Relief – Mufti Day
Thu. 29 th Mar.	Last day of term
Tue. 17 th April	Children return to school
Mon. 14 th May (All Week)	KS2 SATs WEEK
Fri. 25 th May	Last day of half term
Tue. 5 th June	Children return to school
Fri. 22 nd June	Sports Day
Fri. 20 th July	Last day of term