



# St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

## 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018



### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,



Wasn't the Spring Fair fantastic? We would like to say a huge thank you to the PTFA and to everyone who came along to support the school for this wonderful event last Saturday. Despite the rain, the fair was a roaring success with £400 being raised for the school. We hope you enjoy the photomontage at the end of this Newsletter which shows you how much fun we all had.

We are in the process of purchasing outdoor table tennis tables and a reading hut for the school garden and are looking forward to having these additional features for the children to enjoy at break and lunchtime. Thank you to everyone who has helped make this possible.

This week at school we also held our half termly Parent Forum. At the meeting, we talked about KS1 and 2 SATs and the Phonics screening check, what they are and how they are run at school. We also talked about our new Behaviour Policy, and everyone agreed that it was proving to be a big success; children enjoy receiving the prizes and overall behaviour at our school has been very positively impacted.



We also received another visit from our School Improvement Partner. This involved: looking at teaching and learning across the school, discussing the progress that our pupils are making and talking with staff and Governors. It was a very positive visit and it was noted how the school has made rapid improvements during this academic year.



The Big Pedal was a big success and we are currently 23<sup>rd</sup> in the local area. Well done to everyone who scootered or biked to school

Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend everyone!

Amanda Howes  
Headteacher.

### Science Curriculum



This week, some amazing Science lessons have been taking place throughout the school. Children have been testing the conditions that seeds need to grow in Year 3; and in Year 4, pictured above, the children have been investigating the 3 states of matter and learning what happens to materials when they are heated or cooled.

### School Packed Lunches

Packed lunches are now being provided as an alternative to a school dinner by our school's contracted catering company GMC Signature Catering Limited.



Lunches will consist of a ham or cheese sandwich, fruit, vegetable sticks and either a cake, biscuit or yogurt. On Fridays, a crisps option is available instead of a biscuit or cake.

Packed lunches are priced at £2.20, the same as for school dinners. They must be ordered with the consent of parents/carers by filling out a request form available from the kitchen. Please hand completed forms to a member of the kitchen team with your child's name and year group, along with your circled choices from all categories. For further information or questions, Gary is available every morning.

### Football Club Notice

Year 5 and 6 Football training on Tuesday 8th May has been cancelled; Wednesday training will take place as per usual.



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## Achievements and Awards

### 😊 SELF Award 😊

Reception – Matylda Wolak  
 Year 1 – Damian Browne  
 Year 2 – Cameron Keane  
 Year 3 – Melisa Duduianu  
 Year 4 – Ross Angove  
 Year 5 – Leonard Cojocar  
 Year 6 – Nicola Jakubas

The SELF question for next week is:

**\*\*\*What makes you feel like giving up or stop trying?\*\*\***

Our value of the half term is:

**Friendship**

### ✍️ Writer of the Week ✍️

Reception – Carlos Aveiro  
 Year 1 – Tyler Smart  
 Year 2 – Lilly Devlin  
 Year 3 – Zak Wollington  
 Year 4 – Kacie Cook  
 Year 5 – Cienna Daly  
 Year 6 – Tiphonie Reynolds

### ★ Star of the Week ★

Reception – Alfie Price  
 Year 1 – Finn Griffiths  
 Year 2 – Xander Paddon  
 Year 3 – Luke Monaghan  
 Year 4 – Jordan Allard  
 Year 5 – Mia Keen  
 Year 6 – Blessing Nakueti

### 🏠 Housepoints

Neptune (Blue) – 151  
 Mars (Red) – 177  
 Earth (Green) – 172  
 Venus (Yellow) – 166

### ✓ Attendance ✓

Year 1 – 97.14%  
 Year 2 – 92.41%  
 Year 3 – 99.23%  
 Year 4 – 95.19%  
 Year 5 – 93.04%  
 Year 6 – 95.63%

**Year 3, you were our highest attenders this week and receive a Mufti Day. Well Done!**

## Attendance and Punctuality

Our whole school attendance so far this year is 94.16%. This is higher than last year but we still need to aim higher. Our attendance target is 96%!

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



## SATs and Phonics Testing and Year 6 Breakfast Club

As you are already aware, end of Key stage 1 SATs and Key Stage 2 SATs and Phonics testing will be taking place in May and June.



The Department for Education have produced booklets and videos about the tests especially for parents and these can be accessed by following the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-and-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents>

Year 6 SATs will take place in the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> May. Each day, at 8:00am, Year 6 pupils are invited to a free Breakfast Club. A wholesome breakfast and time to relax with friends before the tests aids their focus and well-being. It is important that all children are in school for the SATs and for Breakfast Club.



If you have any questions about any of the tests then please do not hesitate to contact the school.

## Diary Dates

Sat. 28th Apr	PTFA Spring Fayre
Tue. 1st May	9:00am – Parent Forum
Mon. 7th May	Bank Holiday
Mon. 14th May - Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>KS2 SATs WEEK and Breakfast Club from 8:00am</b>
Fri. 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of the half term
Tue. 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school
Fri. 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Sports Day
Mon. 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Bikeability (Years 4 and 6)
Fri. 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term

## Spring Fair



Fabulous Fancy Dress!



Fantastic Football!



Fierce Face-painting!



Crazy Candy Floss!



Great Games!



Brilliant Burgers!



Terrific Tombolas!



£400 Raised! Thank you PTFA!



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