

St. Augustine's CE Primary School

Newsletter - 10th September 2021



Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to a new school year at St Augustine's Primary. I hope that you and your family have had a fun-filled summer break and that your children are ready for the exciting year ahead. I have really enjoyed welcoming them back and hearing about their summer adventures. It has also been fantastic to see the children returning to school with so much energy and enthusiasm and they are clearly enjoying school. They have settled into their new classes really well and are extremely engaged and eager to learn as they begin their new topics. I am looking forward to sharing with you, over the coming year, all the wonderful things that are happening across the school.

As I mentioned in the return to school letter last week, I am hopeful that we will have an uninterrupted school year and that we will be able to provide a more normal school experience for all of our pupils. In line with DfE guidance, we have returned to normal drop off and pick up times for the whole school (8:45-8:55am drop-off and 3:30pm pick-up) and we no longer have 'bubbles'. We continue to maintain high levels of hygiene and children are continuing to wash/sanitise their hands regularly throughout the day. Please remember to keep your child at home and book a PCR test if they are showing any of the COVID symptoms. The full letter can be found on the school website by clicking on this link: <https://augustines.secure-primariesite.net/letters-to-parents-1/>

As we start the new year, we welcome some new faces to the staff team. I would like to welcome Ms Bettoni- our new Assistant Head who is also teaching Year 4; Ms Ludolf who is teaching Year 1; Mrs Arab, who will be teaching alongside Mrs Toussaint in Year 3; and Mrs Chowdhury and Ms Jane who have joined our support staff team. At this time of year, it is also great to be able to welcome all of the new families who have joined us at St Augustine's Primary. I hope that you will all have lots of opportunities to get involved with school life this year.

I know that we are going to have a great year at St Augustine's Primary and I look forward to sharing with you all the amazing things that our children learn and achieve over the coming year.

Ruth Vince, Head of Primary

This week's Shining Stars



Year 1 – Ahmad

Year 2 - Amanda

Year 3 - Ali

Year 4 - Aseel

Year 5 - Isaiah

Year 6 - Ayman



Music Mark Award

I am delighted to share with you that St Augustine's Primary was nominated to become a Music Mark school and has been presented with the Music Mark award. This award recognises and celebrates our commitment to a broad and balanced curriculum and the value that we place on music. Music Mark is the UK Association for Music Education, which champions and supports access to music for all children and young people.

We are very proud and would like to thank Mr Turner for his passion and enthusiasm for teaching music to all children across the school, which has led to us receiving this award.

Attendance: Congratulations to Year 5 who have won the attendance cup this week for the best attendance.

To be the best that we can be in faith, hope and love so that we may live life in all its fullness

Our Value This Half Term is Friendship



This is a value that is at the very heart of any community. As a school, we are proud of how inclusive, welcoming and supportive we are of all those in our school community and the wider community.

Christians believe they can call God their friend because of the relationship made possible through Jesus. Through exploring this value further, we will work with the children to explore what makes a good friend and how we can nurture friendships and overcome the challenges we may face together.

Topics this Half Term

Nursery and Reception: All About Me



Year 1: The World of Our Senses



Year 2: Time Detectives



Year 3: Footprints From the Past



Year 4: Masks and Minotaurs



Year 5: A Victorian Education



Year 6: Magnificent Mountains



Meet the Teacher

We would like to invite you to our Meet the Teacher meetings which will be taking place next week. The purpose of these meetings is to inform you about the work that your child will be doing during the year and to share their teacher's expectations for a successful year. The meetings will also explain how you can support your child at home with their home learning. These meetings will be taking place in your child's classroom from 3:00-3:25pm on the following days:

Monday: Year 5

Tuesday: Year 2 and Year 3

Wednesday: Year 1 and Year 4

Thursday: Year 6



Attendance and Punctuality

At St Augustine's, we believe that regular school attendance is the key to enabling children to maximise the educational opportunities available to them and we are very grateful for your support in ensuring that our attendance continues to be above the national average. Attendance and punctuality are incredibly important, as every day that your child is absent from school, or arrives late, is an opportunity missed. Good attendance is therefore essential if children are to achieve their full potential. Please make sure that your child is in school, on time, every day!

Ofsted Monitoring Inspection Report

Please remember to read the Ofsted Monitoring Inspection report that your child brought home earlier this week.

You can also find the report on our school website, in the Key Information section: <https://augustines.secure-primarysite.net/key-information/>

www.st-augustines-primary.co.uk



Macmillan Coffee Morning and Cake Sale

We will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday, 24th September 2021 from 9:00am to 10:00am. Annual coffee mornings across the country have been highly effective in making sure that nobody faces cancer alone and St Augustine's Primary would also like to embrace this wonderful project, welcoming parents and the local community to catch up over a cup of coffee or tea, while enjoying some scrumptious treats!

By joining Macmillan's biggest fundraising event, we will be collecting funds to provide medical, emotional, practical and financial support for people facing cancer, as well as campaigning for better cancer care. It would be great if you could come along to this wonderful event and even bring along other family and friends to sponsor the cause.

At the end of the day – 3:30pm – we will be holding a cake sale in the playground. We would be incredibly grateful for any donations. If you are able to contribute any cakes, please bring them to the office on Thursday or Friday morning. Cakes will range from 50p – £1 and 100% of the money we make, will go to Macmillan Cancer Support.

School Uniform

Most children have returned to school, looking very smart in the correct uniform. This really instils in the children a sense of pride in being part of the St Augustine's community, so please do ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform. This includes the correct PE kit, as some children have been wearing the wrong colour trousers for PE. PE trousers are **navy** blue (not black). Please also make sure that your child's shoes or trainers are **all black** and do not send your child to school in shoes or trainers with coloured trims.



It is also important that your child comes to school with a waterproof coat with a hood.

Don't forget to write your child's name on every item of their uniform with a laundry marker or a personalised name tag.

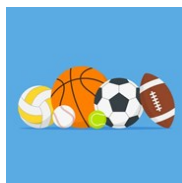


PE Days

Year 1: Monday and Tuesday

Year 3: Wednesday and Thursday

Year 5: Monday and Wednesday



Year 2: Wednesday and Thursday

Year 4: Monday and Friday

Year 6: Monday and Friday

Packed Lunches

Please remember, if your child brings packed lunches to school, you must ensure that they are **healthy** packed lunches. Please do **NOT** send any nuts, crisps, doughnuts, cream cakes, chocolate bars, fizzy drinks, American muffins, jam, peanut butter, chocolate spread, fruit juices or food purchased in fast food restaurants. If you do send any of these items, your child will not be allowed to eat them and they will be sent back home with a note.

