

St. Augustine's CE Primary School

Newsletter 8 - 17th January 2022



Message from the Head of Primary

As this is the first newsletter of 2022, I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year. On behalf of every member of staff, I would like to thank you very much for your cards, gifts, kind messages and good wishes at the end of last term – your generosity and thoughtfulness was very much appreciated.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Sorbello-Bali back following her maternity leave. She will be teaching the Reception class on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Begum will be teaching the class every Wednesday, as I explained in my letter at the end of last term. I would also like to welcome Ms Gordon who will be working with a range of classes on Mondays and Wednesdays.

This is going to be a very busy term and we have a lot of exciting events, including the Year 6 school journey to Cumbria this week, a five-a-side football tournament, National Number Day on 4th February and Safer Internet week. Teachers are also organising trips or visitors and will be providing more details over the term.

Finally, I would like to say that we have had a great start to the term and that the children are enjoying their new topics. Please speak to your child about their topic and what they are learning, as it's important that children have the opportunity to share and develop their knowledge.

Ruth Vince, Head of Primary



Wonderful Work



Reception - Mathias

Year 1 - Suliman

Year 2 - Maria

Year 3 - Ali J

Year 4 - Rafif

Year 5 - Jonas

Year 6 - Eyad

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance was a very disappointing 91.5% last week, which is well below our target of 96%. If your child is well enough to be in school, please make sure that they attend as the children have had a lot of disruption to their education over the past two years. Congratulations to **Year 5** who won of the attendance cup last week.



Please remember that it's important that your child arrives as early as possible, as we are beginning the day with a soft start, during which the children do a range of activities. If children arrive late, they miss these activities, which include maths games, handwriting and the opportunity for some children to read with an adult. Drop-off should be between 8:45-9:00am.

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 for this half term is Wisdom

How can we tell the difference between the path of wisdom and the path of foolishness?

God is the source of all wisdom (Proverbs 9:10; Colossians 2:2–3).

According to God, wisdom is hearing and doing what He says (Deuteronomy 4:5–6).

The Bible talks of wisdom as a gift from God, and in the New Testament wisdom is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Wisdom is

knowing the difference between what is right and what is wrong according to God. Wisdom isn't about what you know (this is knowledge/information) but about what you do with what you know – the application of your knowledge. Being wise doesn't necessarily have anything to do with age or intellect.

We will explore stories showing the use of wisdom, discuss different aspects of this value, and endeavour to improve our own use of wisdom in our daily lives.

Mrs Cunningham



Our New Topics

Nursery: Traditional Tales



Reception: Traditional Tales



Year 1 : Whatever the Weather



Year 2: The Great Fire of London



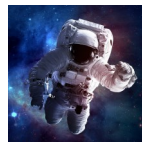
Year 3 Ancient Sumer



Year 4: Londinium



Year 5: Our Place in Space



Year 6: Superhumans



Care4Calais

Thanks to everyone who has already donated new or used coats - in good condition - for the refugee children, women and men based in Calais, France, where temperatures often reach below zero. There is still time to donate coats, as they are being collected next Monday, but please remember that we are only collecting coats. Please do not send in any other items of clothing.

Cold Weather

It looks like the colder weather has arrived and is here to stay for a while. Please ensure that all children have appropriate clothing, including a warm coat. Last term, we had an increasing number of items of lost property, some of which are very expensive. Please can you ensure that all of your child's items of clothing are named so that they can be easily identified and returned should they be lost.

Can I also remind you that children should be wearing appropriate footwear to school in the form of all black shoes. Recently, some children have been coming in trainers with coloured trim or markings and this is not correct school uniform.

Appointments During the School Day

Please do not make any appointments for pupils – medical or otherwise – during the school day. All appointments to see a doctor, dentist or optician must be made for after school hours or during the holidays. The only appointments that children are permitted to attend during the school day are hospital appointments or other specialist appointments. If you do wish to take a child for such an appointment, you **must** bring in a letter, text or email of the appointment information to the school office. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Jungle Explorers Workshops

Last Friday, children in Nursery, Reception, workshops, during which they enjoyed the had a great time pretending to be different portraying these creatures by moving like monkey from the jaws of a crocodile!



Year 1 and Year 2 took part in fun and active drama opportunity to develop their creativity. The children animals, including elephants, giraffes and monkeys, and them. Their favourite part of the session was saving the



Rights Respecting School Award

I am delighted to share with you that we have been officially recognised as a Right Respecting School and have achieved the Bronze Rights Respecting Schools award. Many thanks to Mrs Laouar who has been leading on this. We are now working towards the Silver award.

Headteacher's Award



Well done to all of the children who have been awarded the Bronze Headteacher's certificate over the past two weeks. This means that they have achieved 100 Dojos for demonstrating our school values:

Year 5: Hasan, Hadi, Amir and Zein

These children have been awarded the Silver Headteacher's certificate. This means that they have achieved 200 Dojos.

Year 1: Adam, Ahmad, Amr, Emraan, Ziad, Suliman, Shahla, Madhvi, Malek, Joud and Jasmine

Year 5: Lynn, Sarah, Sawsan and Isaiah

This child has been awarded the Gold Headteacher's certificate. This means that they have achieved 300 Dojos

Year 5: Keyaan

Covid Updates

As I am sure you are aware, from today (Monday 17th January) people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. This means that, if your child tests negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to school immediately on day 6. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.



Please remember to wear a mask if you need to enter the school building for any reason, unless you are exempt.