



St Augustine's Junior



A Message from Mrs Pierce

I hope you all had a great half term break. We seem to have got rid of most of the bugs that were hanging around before the holiday and I am pleased to say that staff and children have returned looking healthy and happy.

We launched "Mind To Be Kind" this week; a project which aims to develop a culture where kindness, without an expectation of reward, becomes a way of life for staff as well as children. Rather than focusing on performing acts of kindness for a reward, we are aiming to shift the focus to how it feels. By doing so, we hope that the giving and receiving of kindness becomes the norm and that St Augustine's will be a happier, calmer and a more productive place for everyone. Throughout the project, kindness will be explored through Collective Worships and PSHE lessons. Please ask your child about "Mind To Be Kind", I hope over the coming weeks they will be able to share with you what we have been learning.

School Council News

We are having a toy sale on Friday 20th April to raise money for the Book Bus. Please bring in good condition toys to sell and give them to your School Councillor. Thank you very much. Lewis P (Glennie).

Discontinuation of old £10 notes

Please be aware that the old £10 note will no longer be classed as legal currency after the 1st March 2018. So with effect from Thursday 1st March we will no longer be accepting the old paper £10 note in school. Can I also please stress that we do not accept the old £1 coin either - there have been some instances during tuck shop that children have tried to pay for their tuck with these coins.

Mother's Day Lunch 9th March

Your child should have brought home a letter this week advising you that we are inviting all of our mums to come into school on Friday 9th March to enjoy a 'Roast Dinner' lunch with the children. Reply slips are included on the bottom of the letter and need to be returned to school by Tuesday 27th February to take part in this event.

School Uniform- Return of items to school

As we all appreciate, at times your child may return home from school having accidentally picked up someone else's belongings! We have had reports of several clothing items that have gone missing e.g. coats, football boots, school trousers- we have been assured by these parents that these items are named and therefore easily identifiable. We would ask all parents and carers to be vigilant and promptly return any items of clothing to the School Office. As we all can fully understand, it is not sustainable for parents to have to constantly replace items that go missing - we appreciate your cooperation on this.

World Book Day

You will have received a letter informing you about our celebrations for this year's 'World Book Day' this week. The children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character on Thursday 1st March (please note that there is no voluntary contribution for this and they can also recycle their 'Book Week' outfits). We will also be holding our annual Slumber party from 6pm-7:30pm in the new hall. This is always an enjoyable event, we look forward to welcoming as many children back to school as possible.

Kingswood Residential Trip - Year 4

If your child is taking part in the Kingswood Residential Trip and you have not already returned your medical information to school, can you please ensure this is done as soon as possible. If you require another copy of the form then please speak to Miss Boyer in the school office. Can we also take this opportunity to remind you that the Parent's Information Evening is taking place on Wednesday 7th March.

Student Information

Over the next couple of weeks we will be sending home a copy of the student information we have on file, this includes home address, emergency contact information, medical / allergy information. Can we please ask that you take your time to read through the information to ensure that it is accurate and up to date. You will be able to notify us of any changes on the form and return it to school for it to be updated. If you have any questions / queries in relation to the information sent home then please speak to the school office or your child's class teacher. I am sure you understand how vitally important it is that your child's records are correct and we thank you for your assistance.

Upper School Cathedral Saxon Day

Upper School had a fantastic trip to Peterborough Cathedral on Thursday for a Saxon Day. The trip was part of the Upper Schools topic on Anglo Saxons. The children were fortunate to try 5 different activities; Meet a Saxon Lady - finding out what the Saxons wore, Tour - Learning about the Cathedral as a Monastery from Saxon Times, Archaeology - Trying out their archaeology skills, Treasure Making - Creating Brooches and Preparing for Battle - Warriors in training! It really was a fabulous day of learning and fun.



Fairtrade Fortnight

At St Augustine's we will be observing Fairtrade Fortnight starting on Monday 26th February. Lower School will be having a workshop with Co-Op learning about Fairtrade products and where they are produced and grown. All children will have the chance to learn about the work of the Fairtrade organisation and take part in Fairtrade Activities.

Colder Weather



The weather is expected to turn very cold running into next week, with a chance of snow on the way! Can we take this opportunity to remind you to send the children wrapped up warm with hats, scarves and gloves. Should the school need to close due to severe weather, we will set up an alert to parents via the School Website on the Info Centre Page.

<http://staugustinesjuniorschool.co.uk/info-centre/>. There will also be a parentmail sent to all registered parents and carers by 7.30am alerting you if the school needs to close due to adverse weather conditions. As always, you are able to listen to the local radio station for updates. Please be reassured every effort will be made to keep the school open in adverse weather conditions unless the health, safety and wellbeing of staff and children are impacted on.

Next Week's Learning

w/c 26 th Feb	Maths	English
Year 3	In maths next week, the children will be learning mental and written methods of division. In order to be successful, they must know their times tables up to 12 x 12 please encourage them to practise as much as possible at home.	As you know, our topic this term is 'Where should lions live?' with a focus on African lions. This week we will be working on persuasive writing techniques. We will be encouraging the children to think about animal welfare in order to answer our question: should lions live in zoos?
Year 4		
Year 5	Year 5 will be learning about percentages and decimals in which they will be learning how to convert between the two. Again we would also like to make sure they are regularly practising their times tables at home.	We will continue to learn about the techniques needed to create powerful poetry in English next week. We will be focussing on using figurative language so will be learning how to use similes, metaphors and personification.
Year 6	Year 6 will be learning how to find fractions and percentages of amounts next week. As always, this skill relies heavily on times tables so we ask that the children continue to practice them at home as much as possible.	

Lunchtime Menu

The dinner menu next week is **Week 1**:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheesy potato bake	BBQ chicken	All day brunch	Roast Turkey or Beef strips and Yorkshire pudding with gravy	Golden fish fingers
Quorn dippers and yoghurt mint dip	Veggie burrito	All day vegetarian brunch	Roasted Quorn fillet with gravy	Cheese & tomato pinwheels
Southern Quorn fajitas	Ham baguette	Falafel wrap	Tomato, mozzarella and basil toasted bruschetta	Jacket Potato & Beans Cheesy scone

Nut-Free School

Just a reminder when you're sending your child to school with a packed lunch, we are a **nut-free** school, please avoid sending any nut based items into school. Many thanks.

Calendar Dates

- 27th Feb - Welby Café @ 9.15am
- 1st Mar - World Book Day & Slumber Party 6-7.30pm
- 6th Mar - Ross Café @ 9.15am
- 7th Mar - Class Photographs
- 7th Mar - Meeting for Kingswood @ 3pm
- 8th Mar - Simmonds Class worship
- 9th Mar - Mothers' Day Lunch
- 13th Mar - Murray Café @ 9.15am
- 15th Mar - Ross Class Worship

Awards



Stars of the Week

Every week, each class teacher nominates a child who has been a wonderful example to others through their effort, attitude to learning, their behaviour or kindness.

This week's winners are: Nadia Z, Lexie L, Nikola G, William B, Kailan M, Darren E, Andriana R, Margherita



Learning Log of the Week

Every week, each class teacher will nominate a child for their hard work and effort in their home learning.

This week's winners are: Rhys S-H, Stephanie H, Adam D-G

Attendance Award

This week's winners of our attendance award are the very well deserving **Newton Class** with an impressive **99.26%** attendance. Keep up the good work!



Top 4

A big "well done" to the following children who earned the most House points in their class this week.

Simmonds Class - Jamie, Kamile, Francesca, Anthony

Murray Class - Auguste V, Scarlett, Aisha, Ruby

Ross Class - Daniel, Oliver H, Angelina, Ayla

Welby Class - Monikar, Yashica, Mary T, Ugne

Attenborough Class - Mia, Stella, Mode, Szymon

Newton Class - Travis, Darren, Krzysztof, Joshua C

Farah Class - Quinn, Caitlin, Adrei, Jasmine

Glennie Class - Jade, Rose, Natasha, Casey

House Points Totals

St John 2942 **St Mark** 2884

St Luke 2985 **St Peter** 2722

