

December 11th 2015



St Augustine's News



A Message From Mrs Pierce

As we approach the end of term, we have focused on Christmas traditions in Collective Worship this week. Father Bill led our Collective Worship on Tuesday and we will be joining him at St Augustine's church next Friday for our Christmas Service which is always a very special way to round off our Christmas events.

GREEN CARD TREAT

Those children who have kept their Green Cards all half term will be enjoying marshmallows and hot chocolate by the fire pit on the first day back after Christmas. Following Parent responses in our October survey, we have slightly altered the way we reward children who have kept their Green Card all term. These children deserve recognition in school so rather than posting a postcard home, they will receive a postcard in school in front of their peers so we can celebrate their achievement together and they will then bring it home to share with you.



AYLMERTON TRIP

We welcome back the Aylmerton party today. I know from my visit mid-week that they have all had a fantastic time. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the adults who gave up their time at this very busy time of year to enable this trip to happen. Without them we would not be able to offer such amazing opportunities to our children so my heartfelt thanks go to Mr Hurford, Mrs Grange, Mr Corbino, Mrs Dines and Mrs Massey for their commitment.

INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION

Last Friday saw the latest inter-house sports competition, with dodgeball as the chosen sport. The children braved the cold conditions to put on a great show of spirit and skill. The sportsmanship and support was particularly impressive, meaning all children felt part of their house team.

The results:

Spirit Cup winners:

Lower school: St Mark

Upper school: St Peter

Dodgeball competition winners:

Lower school: St Luke

Upper school: St John

CLUBS

As next week is our last week before the Christmas holiday there will be no clubs running; they will start again week commencing 11th January. Some of the clubs are moving to different afternoons and you will be aware of some of these already, however please look out for a dedicated club letter that will have the new timetable included.

PE KIT

As a reminder, please can children bring in PE kit on a Monday and keep it in school all week, to be taken home on Friday. We are finding that a lot of children are missing PE kit (including footwear) on PE days and are having to borrow school kit. This also meant that children had to miss the inter-house competition on the field because they didn't have a change of footwear.

SHOPPING FOR NEW BOOKS

Our school librarians went into town this week to purchase some new books for our reading areas. They had a great time choosing and buying lots of new, exciting titles to fill their bookshelves with and worked brilliantly as a team to transport the books on the long walk back to school!



LEARNING LINKS

Please note that there will be no more "Learning Links" sessions this term. In the Spring Term, "Learning Links" sessions will take place on **TUESDAY EVENINGS** (6pm-7pm). These will be a repeat of the autumn term sessions.

- Tuesday 5th Jan - Reading
- Tuesday 12th Jan - Spelling and Grammar
- Tuesday 19th Jan - Maths
- Tuesday 26th Jan - Maths

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

We look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas Fayre on Monday 14th December at 3pm. Due to the amount of exciting stalls being held this year we have relocated to the old hall. Raffle tickets are available from the school office for £1 a strip and the draw will take place at the Fayre. Prizes include a delicious hamper, tickets to a Peterborough United football match, family pass to Big Sky and much more!



SCHOOL DINNER MONEY ARREARS

As the end of term fast approaches, the School Office is busy making sure that all school dinner money has been paid for and is up-to-date. Unfortunately, there are several parents who have not settled their outstanding debt and there is a significant amount owed to the school for dinners, despite several attempts made by office staff to chase the debt owed. We would like to remind parents that the provision of school dinners is not paid for by the school and that parents must pay for their child's school dinners **IN ADVANCE**. Therefore, we must bring to your attention that if a parent owes more than £11.00 (which as you know is the cost of a week's dinners) to the school, you will have to provide a packed lunch for your child with immediate effect until the debt is cleared. Your child's welfare is paramount to us and if you have any issues, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the School Office. Free School Meals forms are readily available and it is a straightforward check to see whether your child would be eligible for free school meals. The use of school funds is for the delivery of exciting and engaging teaching and learning for your child and I am sure you would agree that it is not acceptable for these funds to be used to subsidise school dinners.

UPPER SCHOOL DAY TRIP

Upper School will be visiting Ely Cathedral on Tuesday 15th December. Can you please make sure that your child remembers their clear jar & packed lunch on this day?



A REMINDER OF DATES - There's a lot going on next week!

Mon 14th Dec - AM, Choir Performing at Children's Centre

Mon 14th Dec - 3pm Christmas Fayre

Tues 15th Dec - Upper School Visit to Ely Cathedral

Tues 15th Dec - 9.15am Lower School Nativity for Parents

Weds 16th Dec - 9.15am Lower School Nativity for Parents

Weds 16th Dec - 4.30pm, Drama Club Performance of "A Christmas Carol" for Parents

Thurs 17th Dec - Christmas Lunch

Thurs 17th Dec - 5.00pm-7:15pm WHOLE SCHOOL DISCOs

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 5th JANUARY 2016

AWARDS

Stars of the Week

Every week, each class teacher nominates a child who been a wonderful example to others through their effort, attitude to learning, their behaviour or kindness. This week's winners are: Mustafa M, Oliwia C, Emily H, Louis R, Becky M, Anurag G, Jaiden G and Jake B

Well done, we are very proud of you all.



Lunchtime Cup

Lunchtime points are awarded for a weekly goal. This week our midday supervisors have given points to children who sat quietly in the dinner hall! I am delighted to announce that Mrs Potter's class earned the most points this week and were awarded our Lunchtime Cup. They will also have the privilege of sitting on benches during Collective Worship next week.



TOP 4

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

Miss Downs' Class - Kieran W, Dylan W, Arian G, Muhamma T

Mrs Ford's Class - Oliwia C, Eva M, Jade S, Gianluca C

Mrs Potter's Class - Rosie K, Ayesha A, Bonice V B, Artaute M

Mrs Tomlinson's Class - Faiz H, Casey B, Mya D, Aimee F

Mrs Ashby's Class - Akos V, Wajeeha H A, Livija B, Alexander R

Mrs Brattan's Class - Kinzie R, Nicole W, Kamile P, Ana I

Mr Hurford's Class - Ethan B, Jaiden G, Daniel A, Freddie H

Miss Wilkinson's Class - Melissa K, Sammy F N, Julia K, Rocco A

Attendance Cup winners this week is Miss Downs' Class

