



# St Augustine's News



## A message from Mrs Pierce

We have had a very busy week in school. Our House Captain election has continued throughout the week. The first round of the selection process involved candidates writing letters of application for the post of House Captain. I received a huge number of extremely well written and thoughtful applications. The staff certainly had a tricky job selecting six candidates from each House to go through to the second round during which they had to deliver a presentation to their House. The whole process has been a very worthwhile experience and I would like to congratulate all our candidates on their performance throughout. Everyone in school has now had a chance to vote and the result of the elections will be announced on Monday.

We have also had a number of guests in Collective Worship this week with news of some exciting initiatives that will be taking place this year. These will be led by Mrs Grange who has included information below.

Finally, I would like to remind those of you who bring a car to school NOT to park in front of our school gates as access is needed at all times. A member of staff whose access to the gates had been blocked by parents' cars has reported being shouted at by parents. This kind of behaviour is completely inappropriate and sets a very bad example to our children. On no account is abusive behaviour tolerated towards any member of my staff.

## CLUBS

After-school clubs began this week, many of them being hugely over-subscribed. Miss Boyer worked very hard to ensure that every child secured a place in at least one of their chosen clubs. There are now waiting lists for many clubs and should a place arise, Miss Boyer will contact you if your child is at the top of the list.

I apologise to parents and children who had a place in Father Bill's reading club on Tuesday night. This club will not be taking place this term. If this means that your child now attends no clubs, please speak to Miss Boyer and she will try her best to accommodate.

I am very pleased to be able to inform you that we have the opportunity to host an after-school drumming club on Tuesdays! Look out for further information which will be sent to you shortly.

## FRUIT TO SUIT

All of Upper School have had an exciting opportunity to work with Ann Knott from Fruit to Suit to become the business people of the future.

Fruit to Suit is a company which encourages children to run healthy tuck shops in schools and Ann was invited into school to run a business challenge day, finding two teams to run a healthy St Augustine's tuck shop. The winning teams then took part in a training morning, learning their different roles and writing a business plan. The children hope to have their orders delivered, their marketing in place, and their stall all ready within a couple of weeks. Harvey Bird and Aquila Smith our two Directors and their team have a busy term ahead of them.

### SUSTRANS

We have started working on a brilliant partnership with Eric and Gemma from Sustrans to begin a 'Bike It' initiative, which encourages children to explore and find sustainable means of travelling to school. Sustrans attended Collective Worship to talk about 'Bike It', explaining the different ways of getting to school as well as revealing the exciting events and competitions to be held in the coming months. This will be a great opportunity for the children across the school to join the 'Bike It' crew and help in organising such things as Be Seen Safety Talk, Dr Bike and Bling It (Decorating your bike) competition and Parade.

### CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

On Tuesday, our school had an assembly about Peterborough Children's University. Children's University is a national project which recognises the achievements of young children between 7 and 14 years old who take part in high quality learning outside of the normal school hours. This would include all after school and lunch time clubs at our school as well as other official learning destinations found on [www.childrensuniversity.co.uk](http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk). If your child is interested they need to bring back a letter given out on Tuesday stating that they would like to join the initiative. This needs to be given in by Wednesday 30th September. They will then receive a 'Passport to Learning' which then can be signed/stamped by the person running the club. Once they have earned more than 30 hours they will then receive a certificate in an assembly and have their picture taken in graduation clothing (a gown and a cap). Their hours can also be logged online and Miss Downs and Mr Hammond will be running a club on a Thursday after school where children can log in to add hours and browse the Children's University website to find other clubs they might be interested in. This club will start on Thursday 8th October. The children can still receive a passport if they cannot attend the club, but this needs to be stated on the letter so it is clear whether they would like to come to the club or not. If your child does not get a place in the after school club and are placed on the waiting list, they can still have a passport. If you have any questions, please ask Miss Downs.

### AN EXTRA DATE FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Since last week's publication of events for your calendar, I am delighted to inform you that we have booked a whole school trip to the Panto! As in previous years, we will walk to the Key Theatre to enjoy the matinee performance of this year's pantomime on FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER. We will inform you of arrangements in due course.

### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

This year we are fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support by joining in the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' on Friday 25th September. From 9am through to 10am you are welcome in the new hall for coffee and cakes, for a small contribution. We hope to offer you a friendly environment to meet other parents and carers, whilst supporting a really good cause. For the bakers amongst you, we would ask that you donate cakes and biscuits for sale at the event and bring your contributions to the School Office by the end of Thursday 24th September. Finally we will be holding a raffle on the morning to help boost funds raised. If you have any donations for the raffle, please feel free to drop them off at the School Office. We look forward seeing you there and raising money for a really worthy cause.

### MEDICINE IN SCHOOL

There are times when children are prescribed medication by doctors which needs to be administered during the school day, either with food, before food or 4-times a day. In these circumstances we are more than happy to assist you with this and store the medicine in school to be administered at a

pre-determined time. Please can you ensure that the relevant medication is clearly labelled and brought to the school office at the start of the day when you will be asked to complete a form giving the school permission to administer it. You can then collect the medication from the school office at the end of the day. There will be NO medication accepted by the classrooms.

## AWARDS

### Golden Pen Award

The award of a "Golden" pen is given to one child from lower school and upper school who have demonstrated impressive writing skills. This fortnightly award will be presented for the first time in Mondays' Collective Worship.

### 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: Arian, Laura, Tyson, Abraham, Jessica, Joshua, Francesca & Lily-May



### Lunchtime Cup

Lunchtime points are awarded for a weekly goal. This week our midday supervisors have given points to children who have eaten while chatting (not just chatting). I am delighted to announce that Miss Downs' 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

We have introduced a new award for the four children from each class who gained the most Housepoints each week. These children will receive a "MERIT" sticker in Fridays' Collective Worship. Our winners this week are as follows:

Miss Downs' Class - Jaime C, Kieran, Alexander, Eva  
 Mrs Ford's Class - Olivia C, Imants, Jade, Helaal  
 Mrs Potter's Class - Krzysztof, Elleyse, Maja, Grace  
 Mrs Tomlinson's Class - Liam K, Joshua C, Casey, Jake B

Mrs Ashby's Class - Jessica, Samuel, Alex, Faith  
 Mrs Brattan's Class - Theo, Gianluca, Jayden, Kamile  
 Mr Hurford's Class - Arina, Erica B, Reid, Francesca  
 Miss Wilkinson's Class - Melissa, Lily-May, Hope, Danny W

## Attendance Cup

<u>Position</u>	<u>Attendance Wk end 15/9/15</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Attendance Wk end 15/9/15</u>
1	YR3/4 EF 98.8%	4	YR3/4 KT 96.7%
2	YR5/6 RA 98.4%	5	YR5/6 JB 95%
2	YR5/6 OH 97.9%	6	YR3/4 CD 93.4%
3	YR3/4 LP 97.6%	7	YR5/6 AW 92.7%

This week's winners of our Attendance Cup are Mrs Ford's Class

