



# St Augustine's News



## A message from Mrs Pierce

I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable half term. We began the new half term with a special well-deserved treat! Every child who kept their Green Card all last half term enjoyed toasting marshmallows on our fire pit washed down with hot chocolate! Many thanks to Mr Fulstow for facilitating this very popular treat which we hope to repeat at the end of this half term.



## SAFETY WEEK

Our first week back has been "Safety Week" during which the children have been reminded about various aspects of keeping themselves safe at home, online, on the road and in water. We also had a visit from a fire engine! Many thanks to Mrs Ford and Mrs Tomlinson who planned this week's events. If you haven't already, please have a conversation with your child about what they have learned this week and help us to reinforce these vitally important messages.

## WELLIE WALK FOR FARM AFRICA

A massive thankyou to you all!! Our current total of collected sponsor money stands at an amazing £1049!! This really is a fantastic achievement. We would be grateful if any outstanding sponsor money could be sent to school by the end of next week, Friday 13th Nov.

## LEARNING LINKS

The first session of "Learning Links" took place on Tuesday 2-3pm. Mrs Brattan reported that although there were only a small number of parents in attendance, all responded very positively and found it helpful. Please come along if you can, these are informal "drop-in" sessions - no need to book a place or commit to coming every week.

"Learning Links" afternoons are an opportunity for you to:

- 1) learn more about how we teach areas of the curriculum so that you can be more informed about what your child is learning in class;
- 2) ask questions about the way your child is taught; and
- 3) find out about ways that you can help support your child's learning at home.

Next week's session will also be led by Mrs Brattan and will be about reading. The following 2 will be about maths and will be led by Mr Hurford. If you would like any further information or have any questions please pop in and have a chat.

In response to feedback in Parents' Surveys, we intend to repeat Autumn Term "Learning Links" sessions in the Spring Term during the evening. More details to follow.

## CHILDREN IN NEED

The children have chosen how they would like to raise money for "Children In Need" next Friday. The winning option was to come in Pyjamas with crazy hair!! If your child would like to participate in either or both, we ask for a donation of at least £1 for this very worthwhile charity.



## LOWER SCHOOL HOMEWORK

Please note that there will be no Lower School maths homework this week as teachers are still assessing multiplication facts knowledge and want to make sure that the homework sent correctly matches your child's ability. There will be spelling homework as normal. From next week, all Lower School homework will be given out on Fridays to be returned by Thursday.

## Y2 OPEN EVENING

On Tuesday 12th November, we will be holding an Open Evening for prospective Y2 parents 6pm-7pm. This is the first time we have held such an event and has been organised as a result of feedback from current Y3 parents many of whom, when surveyed, said that they would have appreciated more opportunities to get to know St Augustine's better before their child enrolled with us. We are planning an evening of activities which will give a flavour of the wide range of learning opportunities on offer here. Obviously, we could not hold such an evening without including our wonderful children, as they are the very best part of our school. A huge number of them have volunteered to come back to school to take part - many more than we could accommodate. If your child has been selected, they will be bringing home a letter giving you further information and requesting your permission. If you are happy for them to participate, please sign and return it as soon as possible so that we can plan accordingly. Please note that all children **MUST** be collected from school after the event

## UPPER SCHOOL PARENTS' MORNING - A CHANGE OF DATE

Upper School Parents' Morning has been advertised as being on 10th November. A number of teachers are out of school training on that day so we have moved the date to **TUESDAY 24th NOVEMBER**. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and hope that you will still be able to join us.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

You should all have received the proofs of the children's school photographs this week. Anyone wishing to order photograph's via the school should ensure that they return their order, together with full payment, to the school office before Wednesday 18th November. However, please note that orders can be placed online where a larger selection of products are also available.

## WEBSITE

A reminder that our website is now out of action for its "makeover". We will keep you posted on progress. In the meantime, please contact the school office for any information you require.

## 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: Maddie S, Luke D, Emily H, Faiz H, Theo F, Evie-Rose K & Lorenzo C

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 have been lining up quietly and being helpful to others. I am delighted to announce that Miss Wilkinson'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** - Daniel N, Jaime C, Lewis P, Stephanie H  
**Mrs Ford's Class** - Akshaya T, Peaches S, Noah B, Oliwia C  
**Mrs Potter's Class** - Evita S, Dylen Z, India W, Tyson S  
**Mrs Tomlinson's Class** - Narcis A, Casey B, Liam K, Szymon Z  
**Mrs Ashby's Class** - Addison S, Emily B, Rebecca M, Katie S  
**Mrs Brattan's Class** - Martha W, Theo F, Oliver C, Gracie W  
**Mr Hurford's Class** - Raiba A, Ethan B, Matiss L, Francesca L  
**Miss Wilkinson's Class** - Ryan M, Ricardo W, Skaiva J, Katie C

## **Attendance Cup winners this week Miss Wilkinson's Class**

