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# St Augustine's News



## A Message From Mrs Pierce

Happy New Year to you all!

I hope that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable break. I know from speaking to lots of children on their return that they certainly had a great time.

Book Fortnight is a wonderful way to start our Spring Term. Promoting reading for pleasure is a huge focus for us in school this year and we have incorporated many reading related events and activities into our calendar. Last night's slumber party was a huge success and it was wonderful to see adults and children enjoying reading together. I would like to

thank all the adults who made our slumber party so memorable and special thanks to Mrs Brattan who is coordinating our Book Fortnight. You have received letters detailing our Book Fortnight events and a reminder of next week's activities can be found below.



## CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY GRADUATION



I am delighted to announce that we had our very first Children's University graduation ceremony in school this week! Emily and Jaime have both clocked up 30 hours of additional learning outside school and achieved their bronze award. They were presented with their certificates by Lisa Thomas, Children's University co-ordinator, on Wednesday looking very smart in their gowns and mortarboards! I know that there are many more children who are close to achieving their bronze awards so we are looking forward to many more graduation ceremonies in the future.

## PADDOCK

You may have noticed some new additions to our Paddock area. Tyre swings have been installed over the holidays for the children to enjoy at lunchtimes. We have also purchased den building equipment for use in the Paddock area. Children wanting to play in this area will need to have their wellies and gloves in school.

At the end of last term the School Council asked their classes about the kinds of breaktime toys they would like to play with. Unfortunately, the trampoline and swimming pool suggestions were not achievable but School Council have purchased a range of games and toys such as tennis and badminton sets, pogo sticks, dressing up costumes and lots more for our children to enjoy over the coming months.

## SAFETY ON THE SCHOOL SITE

The health and safety of our children and of the school community as a whole is paramount to us. Therefore, you will have noticed that there is now signage in and around the school site stating 'The outdoor play equipment is not supervised out of school hours (before 8.50am and after 3.00pm). Any pupils and/or persons using the equipment outside of school hours are considered to be trespassing'. The contents of this signage has been

recommended and approved by the legal department of Peterborough City Council. Please ensure that outside of school hours, your child is NOT using or playing on any of the outdoor play equipment on the school site.

In addition to this, could we kindly ask that any children or parents/carers travelling to and from school on scooters/bikes dismount before accessing the school grounds. There have been several close calls where children have nearly been knocked over by cyclists! We are fully supportive of any green mode of transport but must prioritise safety on site wherever possible. We appreciate your support in looking after our children's welfare whilst on school grounds.

### SCHOOL DINNER MONEY ARREARS

As communicated to you in December, 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, if you owe 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.

### GREEN CARD TREAT

Around 175 children enjoyed toasted marshmallows and hot chocolate around the fire pit on Tuesday as a reward for keeping their green card for the whole half term. Well done to you all. I have been assured in Collective Worship that everyone is going to try very hard to keep their green card for the next 5 weeks. It would be wonderful if all 224 children could enjoy a green card treat this half term.

### CLUBS

After-school clubs will start again next week. If you are unsure of which club your child is in or which day it is now running please feel free to speak to Miss Boyer in the school office.

### LEARNING LINKS

We held our first evening session of "Learning Links" on Tuesday. Many thanks to those who attended. The feedback was very positive and all the parents who came said that they felt better informed about how we teach reading in school and how they can help their child at home with their reading. Next week's session will be led by Mrs Brattan and will be on the subject of spelling and grammar. Please come along at 6pm if you are able - no need to book a place.

Learning Links 6pm -7pm  
Tuesday 12th Jan - Spelling and Grammar  
Tuesday 19th Jan - Maths  
Tuesday 26th Jan - Maths

## SPRING TERM DATES

Mon 11th Jan - Book Swish

Thurs 14th Jan - Space dress-up day

Thurs 21st Jan - 10am Mr Hurford's Class Worship in school - parents welcome

Thurs 28th Jan - 10am Mrs Ford's Class Worship in church - parents welcome

Thurs 4th Feb - 10am Mrs Brattan's Class Worship in school - parents welcome

Weds 10th Feb - Parents' evening 3pm-5.30pm

Thurs 11th Feb - 10am Mrs Tomlinson's Class Worship in school - parents welcome

Thurs 11th Feb - Parents' evening 4pm-6.30pm

Friday 12th Feb - Break up for half term

Weds 24th Feb- Kingswood parent's information meeting in school hall from 3.00pm

## 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: Alexsanders B, Peaches S, Artaute M, Joshua B, Denis E, Martha WD, Jake Hughes and Davids 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 for keeping the hall clean above and below the tables. 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 in the new year.



## TOP 4

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

Miss Downs' Class - Yasmin M, Daniel N, Salvador F, Travis J

Mrs Ford's Class - Abel A, Noah B, Cristiano N, Norbert G

**Mrs Potter's Class** - Michael M, Quinn T, Artaute M, Caitlin W

**Mrs Tomlinson's Class** - Angel G, Joshua C, Louie T, Narcis A

**Mrs Ashby's Class** - Bartosz C, Jack C, Denis E, Renate L

**Mrs Brattan's Class** - Bilal A, Arwen K, Oliver C, Theo F

**Mr Hurford's Class** - Eva D-G, Arina R, Jake H, Ethan B

**Miss Wilkinson's Class** - Andre M, Bradley K, Lily-May S, Lorenzo C

**Attendance Cup winner this week is Mrs Ashby's Class**

