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St Augustine's News

A Message From Mrs Pierce

A book filled fortnight draws to a close today! It has certainly been an action packed couple of weeks and I would sincerely like to thank Mrs Brattan for all her hard work in organising our Book Fortnight events - she must be exhausted!! It has been wonderful to see so much enthusiasm and enjoyment for reading around school. I know that there are more events planned throughout the year to ensure that we keep our focus on promoting reading for pleasure in the weeks and months ahead.

BOOK FORTNIGHT

The whole school has participated in a fun filled book fortnight in which the joys of reading have been shared in lots of exciting ways. This week the children have swapped books at the book swish, performed the poems they wrote as a class, dressed up as sci-fi characters and watched a live performance of 'Sleeping Beauty'. We also hosted our annual inter-house book quiz which was won by St Mark. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support with these successful events and have tried to capture some of the excitement in the photos below.

COOL MILK

Next week sees the launch of our 'Cool Milk' scheme with our first delivery taking place on Tuesday 19th January. The purpose of this scheme is to make available to every child in school a drink of milk during their morning break, if they decide to take up this provision at a cost to you. For those of you that are entitled to Free School Meals, this scheme is fully funded by the school - please notify the school office if you would like your child to be included. If you are not entitled to Free School Meals, then you can still register with 'Cool Milk' and pay to have milk delivered to school for your child. You will need to individually register and pay for this provision directly with 'Cool Milk'. Please note that no payments are accepted at the school office for the provision of milk. For your information, the milk is delivered in individual cartons specifically for the number of children who have pre-registered for the scheme. Please speak to the school office if you have any questions or need help in registering your child.

SCHOOL NURSE DROP-IN

Stephanie Kidd, our school nurse will be in school on the morning of THURSDAY 21st JAN. If you have any concerns about your child's health which you would like to informally chat with her about, please contact the school office and they will make an appointment for you to see her.

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

Weather permitting we will be allowing the children to make use of the paddock area during lunchtime starting from Monday. Each year group will be taking it is turns to be allowed access to the paddock and this will be determined by whoever is in lunch first sitting. Next week will be Year 5's turn and in order to use the paddock area the children will need to have a pair of wellies to change into. On the subject of a change of shoes can we also please remind all parents that all of the children must have trainers to change into during lunchtime as in this wintery weather it can become very slippery out there!

GOLDEN TABLE

We have introduced a new lunchtime award this week. The names of children who are following our lunchtime rules will be placed into a jar and at the end of the half term, 6 will be drawn out. These children will be able to sit at the Golden table for lunch. Many thanks to Mrs Steel for making the Golden table look so beautiful!!

PETERBOROUGH DRAMA FESTIVAL

Some children from Drama Club will be taking part in this event which is held on the first weekend of March. I am hoping to enter a Lower School choral speaking group but need 10 volunteers. I currently have 6 children who have expressed an interest but I need more! Despite many requests for volunteers in Collective Worship, no one has come forward. So, if you have a child in Y3/4 who you think might be interested, even if they don't go to drama club, please contact me ASAP and I will send you a letter with more information. It would be a great shame if we couldn't take part due to lack of numbers.

MUSIC LESSONS

As you know, we currently host music lessons in the violin, flute, clarinet and saxophone, on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon during the school day. Following significant levels of interest in a parent questionnaire, we are now in the process of organising guitar and drumming lessons which will be held in school on a Wednesday afternoon. As for the other instruments,the lessons are fee paying and although you will be invoiced directly by the school, the money collected is paid directly to the tutors. The guitar and drumming lessons will be delivered by highly qualified musicians from the Tano Music Academy. We are fortunate that the tutors will be showcasing their talents in a whole school assembly on Tuesday 19th January. We will send out a music letter next week where you can register your interest in either guitar or drumming lessons.

LEARNING LINKS

We held our second evening session of "Learning Links" on Tuesday which focussed on how we teach spelling and grammar in school and ways you can help your child at home. Many thanks to those who attended, the feedback received from parents was very positive indeed. The next two weeks will be led by Mr Hurford and will be on the subject of maths. Please come along at 6pm if you are able - no need to book a place.

Learning Links 6pm -7pm

Tuesday 19th Jan - Maths
Tuesday 26th Jan - Maths

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

The response as always to the after-school clubs has been overwhelming and many of the clubs are now fully subscribed. Please note that there are still some spaces available in the ECO and Choir clubs run on a Monday after-school. There is also additional capacity in the Samba and Drumming Club that takes place on a Tuesday and costs £1 per session per child and the Street Dance club on a Friday that costs £2 per child per week. If you are interested in any of the above clubs, please let the school office know and we will register your child in the club.

SPRING TERM DATES

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
Mon 22nd Feb - Back to School
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 been a wonderful example to others through their effort, attitude to learning, their behaviour or kindness. This week's winners are: Daniel Nargi-Vasquez, Evie Searle-Hawkins, Evie Stewart, Marieta Adonina, Evie Boyce, Hayden Fisher, Farley Green, Shaun Watson

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 following the new set of lunchtime rules that have been displayed in the hall. I am delighted to announce that Mr Hurford'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 – Andriana R, Eva A, Jaime C, Kieran W
Mrs Ford's Class – Eva M, Kyle C, Darren E, Noah B
Mrs Potter's Class - Evita S, Rosie K, Elleyse G, Grace W
Mrs Tomlinson's Class - Casey B, Jake B, Narcis A, Abraham A
Mrs Ashby's Class - Addison S, Jack C, Evie B, Sara S
Mrs Brattan's Class - Martha W-D, Kinzie R, Ali S, Courtney S
Mr Hurford's Class - Reid T, Sabah Q, Ethan B, Jake
Miss Wilkinson's Class - Hope B, Jake B, Skaiva J, Melissa K

Attendance Cup winner this week is Mrs Ford's Class