

September 23rd 2016



# St Augustine's News



## A Message From Mrs Pierce

I am delighted to announce our House Captains for the new year have now been elected. Many congratulations to everyone who applied for these positions; the quality and quantity of candidates was extremely high. Every child voted and the results are below:

<b>St John</b>		<b>St Mark</b>	
Vice - Captain	Gracie W	Vice - Captain	Theo F
House Captain	Eva D-G	House Captain	Martha W-D
	Alexander R		Addison S
<b>St Luke</b>		<b>St Peter</b>	
Vice - Captain	Oliver B	Vice - Captain	Samuel J-M
House Captain	Shea G	House Captain	Hollie W
	Sammy F-N		Alfie B

Well done to you all. I am confident that you will do a fantastic job for your House and look forward to working with you all in the coming year.

We encourage leadership at all levels at St. Augustine's and there will be many opportunities for children from all year groups to become leaders over the year, whether as a member of our School Council, Green Army, School Librarian Group or Bike-It Crew, to name but a few!

## Parent Governor Vacancy

Our Governors play a vital and active role in leading our school. We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If you feel that you are:

- Committed to our school's ongoing development;
- Are able to attend regular Governor meetings; and
- Are happy to be the school's 'Critical Friend'....

Please express your interest to the Head teacher in writing by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October. If you would like to discuss the role further, Mrs Widmann- Dardis, who currently acts as a Governor in school, would be happy to discuss the role and time commitment involved.

## School Nurse

The school nurse will be in school Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September from 11.00am running a drop in session for any parents and carers who might have any concerns or issues they would like to discuss regarding their child. Please contact the School Office if you would like to book an appointment.

## School Dinners

As you are all aware, the school offers nutritious and varied hot dinners daily to our children, rotated on a 3 week cycle, at a cost of £2.20 per meal. There are copies of the school dinner 3 week menu available from the School Office and we advertise the upcoming weekly menu in the newsletter. Please be reminded you are able to pick and choose whether your child would like a school dinner or a packed lunch on a daily basis. There is NO requirement to notify the school if your child wishes to change from packed lunches to school dinners. Your child is welcome to have a packed lunch one day and swap to school dinners the very next day.

## School Dinner Payments Reminder

It is normal and expected practice that children pay for their school dinners (£2.20 per meal) in advance on a Monday. However, many children pay for their school dinners on a daily basis and others may pay a lump sum on their account and the school dinners are drawn down against this balance.

School dinner monies owed to the school are checked regularly on a Friday afternoon and a dinner money statement is sent to the parents where money owed to the school is greater than £11.00 (being the cost of a full week of school dinners). Unfortunately, only two weeks into the new term, we are in a position where several parents and carers owe more than £11.00 to the school. Please note that there is an expectation that whilst in arrears, the parent/carer must provide his/her child with a packed lunch until the outstanding balance is settled. If a packed lunch is not provided to the child in this situation, a telephone call will be made to the parent/carer to ask for a packed lunch to be brought into the school that day, where practicable. Where parents/carers do not respond to the school dinner money letter and statement, the debt recovery policy is adhered to. Whilst the matter is being settled and the debt has not been recovered in full, your child unfortunately is not allowed to participate in any paid activities at the school (e.g. residentials, music lessons), and in the cases of school dinner money arrears, is not able to have a school dinner and must bring in a packed lunch. As you will understand, we do not wish to be in this position of chasing arrears and the Office Staff spend considerable time making sure that monies owed to the school are paid in full. The school cannot subsidise school dinners out of the school budget. Many thanks for your attention to this matter.

## Donations of magazines, wellies and rubiks cubes!

As the season has officially changed to Autumn, we would welcome any donations of unwanted wellies to make available to our children at lunchtimes. The paddock area in school is very popular but gets quite muddy as the weather changes -we want the children to enjoy this area at lunchtimes to the full and for as long as possible throughout the school year! We would also welcome any contributions of used children's magazines (e.g. football, sports etc) which are still in a fair state to be read and games such as rubik cubes, which may be used in the designated quiet area at lunchtime. We thank you in advance for your generosity and please bring any donations to the School Office.

## MacMillan Coffee Morning Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September

A gentle reminder that next Friday we will be hosting a coffee morning in support of MacMillan. We would welcome any cake donations in the School Office either Thursday or first thing Friday morning. We really hope you can join us for coffee, tea, refreshments and cake (for a donation) from 9am in the Peterborough Hall to help make this worthwhile fundraiser a great success.

## After School Club Letters

If you have shown an interest in your child joining an after-school club(s), there will be a letter sent home today detailing which club your child has been successful in getting into. Please be reminded that the clubs run from 3.00-4.00pm and you should collect your child from the School Office promptly at 4.00pm, unless instructed otherwise. Please note all children who have applied for externally run clubs have, so far, been successful in gaining places in these paid-for clubs. However, please be reminded that these are NOT school funded clubs and your child will only be able to participate in the external clubs if you have paid for the fees in full. If you have any queries whatsoever, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office. Miss Boyer has worked incredibly hard to try and ensure that all children have been successful in getting into at least one of their preferred choices and there are waiting lists where clubs have been heavily subscribed.

## 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: Mariella A, Evie S, Mason B, Amy J, Rose F, Olivia C, Kamile P and Piotr A.

Well done, we are very proud of you all.



### Lunchtime Cup

I am delighted to announce that the lunchtime cup was won by Newton Class which earned the most lunchtime points this week and was awarded our Lunchtime Cup. The children have the privilege of going into lunch first every day next week.



## TOP 4

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

**Murray Class** - Mariella A, Marieta A, Layla C, Rhys S-H

**Ross Class** - Benjamin C, Giulio D, Joshua C, Riley B

**Welby Class** - Tife O, Safi S, Kevinas V, Rosie K

**Simmonds Class** - Logan B, Ruby C, Tiffany C, Stephanie H

**Attenborough Class** - Grace W, Michael M, Zahra A, Ayesha A

**Glennie Class** - Evita S, Kieran W, Imarn C, Maddie S

**Newton Class** - Jaiden G, Francesca L, Angelina D, Rocco A

**Farah Class** - Denis E, Aleksandra S, Piotr A, Katie C

## House Point Totals

**St John 773    St Mark 821**

**St Luke 837    St Peter 869**

## Attendance Cup

Our Attendance Cup winner's this week is **Simmonds Class!**

