

January 13th 2017

St Augustine's News



A Message From Mrs Pierce

We will be welcoming Mr Hurford back to school next week after a fortnight's paternity leave, following the birth of his daughter Leah, just before Christmas. I'm sure you will join me in sending the Hurford family our congratulations and best wishes.

In Collective Worship this week, we have been reflecting on the Christian Value of love, particularly God's love and how this is seen in our school. I am constantly impressed by the thoughtful responses of our children during Collective Worship so please ask your child about what they have learned in Worship this week; I'm sure they'll impress you too!

Book Bus Committee

We very much hope that 2017/18 will be the year of the St Augustine's Book Bus!

As you know, space in school is very short and we had to sacrifice our library space a few years ago to be able to accommodate more teaching space. Although we created reading areas across the school, we really miss our library! We hope to remedy the problem by raising enough money to buy and convert a single decker bus into a school library which will sit in the school grounds. It is going to take a lot of fundraising in order to achieve our dream as we estimate that our Book Bus will cost in the region of £15,000!!

We held our very first Book Bus Committee meeting last week which was attended by staff and parents - many, many thanks to all who attended. A number of possible fundraising events were discussed and we aim to hold one every half term during the course of 2017, beginning with a QUIZ NIGHT for parents and friends of the school hosted by Steve Cutts, ex-head teacher and quizmaster extraordinaire!

We are hoping to hold our quiz in the spring term, and as soon as we have finalised a date with Mr Cutts, I will let you know - so start getting your team together!

Our next Book Bus Committee meeting will be held on FRIDAY 27th JANUARY, at 2.15pm, when we hope to put together a timetable of events. So please, please come along if you can, we would be thrilled to see you. If you are unable to make the meeting but feel that you could help us in any way, please get in touch with the school office; we would be delighted to hear from you.

Peterborough Cathedral

During the course of the Spring and Summer terms the children will be visiting Peterborough Cathedral. The children will walk to the Cathedral and be able to complete various workshops during the course of the day. On Monday 16th January it is the turn for our Year 5 children. The visit falls within the school day and so children will be back in time for the usual finish time of 3pm and any after-school clubs they may attend.

Voluntary Contributions for School Trips and Visits

As you know, as a school, we try to organise school trips and visits for the children which enhance their topic learning and prove to be memorable experiences for the children which they will cherish. Last term, lower school had the opportunity to visit Flag Fen as part of their Stone Age topic and upper school children were fortunate to visit Bletchley Park.

We are planning again this term for the children to have a further enriching visit to enhance their topic learning. Already we have advertised a day trip to Hamerton Zoo for the Upper School children as part of their topic on India. For all of these trips, we aim to get the best value for money for our children and Miss Boyer works very hard sourcing the most economical modes of transport and achieving value for the school community. We ask for a voluntary contribution from parents and carers towards these excursions. Although the contribution is considered voluntary, we would like to bring to the parents attention that if there are not sufficient funds raised for these trips, we may be forced to cancel the off-site visits altogether. School funds across the country are under considerable pressure as you know and we are not in a position to subsidise these trips. We appreciate your consideration of this when bringing in your reply slips and contributions.

St AJ's Café

It is the return of our Story Café next week, starting with Mrs Brattan's Newton Class on Tuesday 17th January.

DATE	CLASS	DATE	CLASS	DATE	CLASS
17 th JAN	NEWTON	14 th MARCH	SIMMONDS	9 th MAY	WELBY
24 th JAN	FARAH	21 st MARCH	ROSS	23 rd MAY	SIMMONDS
31 st JAN	GLENNIE	28 th MARCH	MURRAY	13 th JUNE	ROSS
7 th FEB	ATTENBOROUGH	25 th APRIL	GLENNIE	20 th JUNE	MURRAY
7 th MARCH	WELBY	2 nd MAY	ATTENBOROUGH		

The story café runs from 9.15am through to 10.30am- you are welcome to attend for however long you are able! Refreshments will be served and you are welcome to bring any younger children with you to participate.

Dick Wittington Panto

I am sure you all heard about our visit from M&M Productions yesterday afternoon, when they entertained all of the children with a performance of Dick Wittington. It was lovely to hear the children participating with the production, singing along to the songs and also seeing some of the teachers join in with the fun on stage!



Year 6 Bikeability

Just a quick reminder for those Year 6 children who signed up for 'Bikeability' - please ensure you bring your bikes and cycle helmets into school on Wednesday 18th January.

Lunchtime Menu

The dinner menu next week is **Week 1:**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pork Sausages, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Chilli & Mixed Rice	Chicken Pasta Bake with Garlic & Herb Focaccia	Roast Turkey Breast Fillet, Stuffing & Gravy with Roast Potatoes	Battered Cod Fillet & Chips
Quorn Sausage, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Macaroni Cheese & Wholemeal Bread	Cheesy Parsnip Bake with Garlic & Herb Focaccia	Roasted Pepper Flan with Roast Potatoes	Quorn Dippers & Chips
Salmon Salad Wrap	Jacket Potato & Baked Beans	Ham Ploughman's	Jacket Potato with Tuna & Sweetcorn	Egg & Cress on an Open Bun

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: Artaute, Gabriel, Tife, Yashica, Jake, Thomas, Rebecca and Tobi

Lunchtime Cup

I am delighted to announce that the lunchtime cup was won by Murray 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.



Attendance Award

This week's winner of our attendance award is Newton Class.

Golden Pen Award

Our two Golden Pen winners are Addison and Laura, both of whom have written some lovely stories.

