



# St Augustine's Junior



## A Message from Mrs Pierce

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. The children I have spoken to since our return certainly had a wonderful time.

We have begun our learning in earnest this week as we have embarked on new topics. Upper School kicked off the term with an Anglo-Saxon battle yesterday and has a trip to West Stow planned. Meanwhile Lower School is planning to visit Woburn Safari Park to see African lions in real life as part of their spring term topic. What an exciting start to 2018!

## School Trips

Your child should have brought home a letter detailing the school trips taking place this month. As mentioned above Years 3 and 4 are going to Woburn Safari Park - this trip is taking place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January. Years 5 and 6 will be going to the West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village and this is being split into two separate trips. Year 6 is going on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January and Year 5 will be going on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Can you please ensure that all permissions slips and payments are returned to the school office as soon as possible for these outings.

## Next Week's Learning

w/c 08 Jan	Maths	English
Year 3	Next week, our maths focus will be on addition and subtraction. During lessons, there will be lots of opportunities to apply our mental and written methods to word problems, puzzles and investigations.	This week, we have introduced our topic which is based around Africa and the question: Where should lions live? Next week, we will be continuing with our class book 'The Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo and will be looking at the characters and themes within the book during our English lessons.
Year 4		
Year 5	Year 5 and 6 will be learning about fractions next week	The whole of upper school will be learning how to write a non-chronological report (information text) about the Anglo Saxons. We also have our exciting trip to West Stowe on Tuesday.
Year 6		

## Changes to Spelling Homework:

You will notice that the spellings your children will be bringing home will look very different to what you have been used to. This is because we have made the decision to focus and embed a spelling rule rather than learn a list of words. In order to help with this, the children will be given a spelling rule with three examples. Their homework will be to find and record as many other examples of the rule as they can. They will still be given a weekly spelling test on the rule, therefore the more words they collect, the more

prepared they will be for their test.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting your children with home learning as it really does make a big impact on their work in class.

### **Choir / Singing Club- 'Nene' project**

Our singing / choir club will be starting again after school on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January (3.00-4.00pm). The choir has been accepted to participate in a bespoke project called the 'Nene' where the children will join several other children's choirs in a 'Massed Choir' to perform at the Peterborough Cathedral in March (organised by Northampton Music and Performing Arts Trust). Therefore, the singing club through to March will be dedicated to rehearsing this material. We would ask that you please contact the school office to express an interest if your child would like to participate in this event. They must be committed to attending every session and the concert at the Cathedral. The singing club will be run by Miss Lees and Mr Robinson; we will update you with full details of the concert once available.

### **After-school Clubs**

As we have entered into the new Spring Term there are a few amendments to the after-school club timetable. I will try to summarise everything for you here but if you have any questions at all then please speak to the school office.

Unfortunately there is no longer a **Computer Club**. The previous company that offered the club is no longer offering the service and we are unable to facilitate it ourselves. We have been making some enquiries into alternative options but do not have any information to share with you at this time.

**Magical Maths** is returning this term! It will run on a Wednesday and as before you will need to register your child online. This proved an incredibly popular club last term and I know the children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions. This club is beginning on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January and so please ensure your child is registered in time.

We are offering an **Art Club** to the lower school children this term only and it is due to start on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January. Those children who returned their reply slip to express interest in this club should have received confirmation of their place prior to the Christmas Break.

All of the other clubs will begin on the week commencing Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January. If you would like your child to continue with the paid clubs, **Street Dance, Musical Theatre & Football**, we will require payment for the Spring Term. Letters have already been distributed for Street Dance and Football but if you require another copy please speak to the school office. Letters regarding Musical Theatre should be coming home this afternoon. These 3 clubs are available to everyone - there is no automatic roll over from last term, so please do not assume your child will continue to have a place without completing the relevant forms and making this terms payment.

### **Calendar Dates**

**8<sup>th</sup> Jan** - Y4 Swimming starts

**9<sup>th</sup> Jan** - Y6 Trip to West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village

**16<sup>th</sup> Jan** - Glennie Café @ 9.15am

**18<sup>th</sup> Jan** - Glennie Class worship (in school) @ 10.15am

**18<sup>th</sup> Jan** - Y3&4 Trip to Woburn Safari Park

23<sup>rd</sup> Jan - Farah Café @ 9.15am  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan - Y5 Trip to West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan - School Nurse Drop-In Session  
 26<sup>th</sup> Jan - Murray Class worship (in school) @ 10.15am  
 30<sup>th</sup> Jan - Attenborough Café @ 9.15am

### Lunchtime Menu

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheesy potato bake	BBQ chicken	All day brunch	Roast Turkey or Beef strips and Yorkshire pudding with gravy	Golden fish fingers
Quorn dippers and yoghurt mint dip	Veggie burrito	All day vegetarian brunch	Roasted Quorn fillet with gravy	Cheese & tomato pinwheels
Southern Quorn fajitas	Ham baguette	Falafel wrap	Tomato, mozzarella and basil toasted bruschetta	Jacket Potato & Beans Cheesy scone

### Alice's Monthly Recipe Spot

**Fudge Tart** (makes 10 portions)

#### **Pastry**

45g Margarine  
 175g Flour  
 45g Lard  
 32ml Water  
 Alternatively, buy a ready-baked pastry case or use ready rolled pastry



#### **Filling**

20g skimmed milk powder  
 250ml water  
 100g margarine  
 50g plain flour  
 75g Granulated Sugar  
 5ml Vanilla Essence  
 4g chocolate

1. Make pastry following basic method. Roll out pastry on a lightly floured surface; line a shallow tin. Prick the base and bake blind for 10-15 minutes at 180C.
2. Mix the milk powder with half of the water and heat in a double saucepan with the margarine until nearly boiling.
3. Add the sugar
4. In a separate bowl blend the remaining water with the flour and beat to a smooth paste.
5. Gradually add the flour mix to the saucepan, whisking all the time until the mixture is smooth. Cook for a further 5 minutes.
6. Flavour with vanilla essence.
7. Pour into a mixing bowl and whisk on high speed until the mixture is cold. (to check this feel the underneath of the bowl)
8. Spread the mixture over the pastry and decorate with grated chocolate.
9. Delicious served with chocolate custard.

**Enjoy!**



