

# St Augustine's News



## A message from Mrs Pierce

A very warm welcome to the new school year! The children have certainly returned looking very smart and ready to learn. If you are a new parent to St. Augustine's, I look forward to working in partnership with you and hope to meet you in person over the course of the term. Our Y3 children seem to have settled into life at St. Augustine's incredibly well and have quickly got to grips with our routines. Many of them have asked me to remind you that they are allowed to wear their own clothes on their birthday or close to their birthday if it happens to fall on a weekend or school holiday!! I intend to send you a weekly Friday newsletter to keep you informed of school events and share our children's successes with you. We have made a few changes to school over the holiday, which you may have heard about from your children. The most exciting changes for the children have been the installation of lockers to replace pegs in the cloakroom areas and our brand new reading areas which look amazing. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the whole team, especially our caretaker Mrs Ovenall, who has worked exceptionally hard over the summer to make the school look amazing for your children's return. Please pop in to school at the end of the school day to see our "makeover" if you can; I'm sure the children would love to show you their locker!

I am delighted to welcome Mr Ed Fisher to the team. He will be teaching predominantly in lower school this year teaching groups and covering class teachers release time. I am confident that he will become a very valuable member of the team.

We have also got some familiar members of staff who have changed their names over the holiday. Miss Courten became Mrs Loizou and Miss Wildman became Mrs Ford. A huge congratulations to them both on becoming married women!

## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR POLICY

We have reviewed and updated our Positive Behaviour Policy for the start of the new year and you should have received this already via Parent Mail. There have been a couple of changes made so please take some time to read this and discuss it with your child. High expectations of behaviour are vital to good learning and we value your support in this.

## HOMEWORK POLICY

We have also reviewed and updated our Homework Policy in light of feedback from parents. I am very aware that this is an area which causes concern for some parents; some worry that their child is getting too much homework and some worry that their child doesn't get enough! I hope that you will agree with us that we have achieved a sensible balance of appropriate homework. I will be asking for your views about homework in a parents' questionnaire around half-term but please feel free to share your thoughts about this, or any other aspect of school via email:

head@st-augustines.peterborough.sch.uk

## CLUBS

All after-school clubs begin next week. Some clubs were very popular and consequently not everyone who expressed an interest has been successful. Your child will bring home a letter today informing you which clubs they can attend. However, if your child has been unsuccessful on this occasion, please be aware that they have been put on a waiting list and should a place become available later in the year, you will be notified.

## CURRICULUM INFORMATION

You will receive information about this term's planned learning from upper and lower school teams next week. We have decided to start the year with a whole school topic, "What Makes St. Augustine's Special?" in which the children will be learning, amongst other things, about our school context, our Christian distinctiveness, our Eco values and celebrating the cultural diversity of our school.

## THEMED WEEKS

We intend to start and end each half term with a whole-school themed week this year. The first of these will be "Africa Week" during the final week of half-term. Mrs Grange is organising this week and would be delighted to hear from any parents, family or friends with African heritage or knowledge of Africa who would be willing to participate in this week in some way. Please get in touch with her via the school office - we would be very grateful for your support.

## HEAD BUMPS

Via Parentmail, we asked for your opinion about our "head bumps" policy at the end of the summer term. The overwhelming majority of you felt that it was not necessary for us to contact you every time your child bumped their head. Therefore, we will continue to give children who bump their head at break or lunch time a "keep an eye on me" sticker and your child will come home with a letter of notification. Of course, if we have any concerns at all, we will contact you.

## TRIM TRAIL

While the weather stays dry, we will continue to use the Trim Trail at break and lunch times. Please be aware that children are only allowed to play on the Trim Trail if they change into trainers/plimsolls. I would also ask that you do not allow your child to play on the Trim Trail after school.

## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

I have attached a list of dates for your information. Please note that we have changed the time of Collective Worship which now takes place at 10am. Family and friends are very welcome to join us for Class Worship on Thursday mornings. Each class will lead two Class Worship over the year; one in school and one in St. Augustine's church.

Please be aware that Y6 SATs will take place during the week beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May and it is vital that all Y6 are in school during that week and the important revision weeks running up to it.

## AWARDS

### Golden Pen Award

The award of a "Golden" pen is given to one child from lower school and upper school who have demonstrated impressive writing skills. This fortnightly award is presented in Mondays' Collective Worship.

### 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 , Helaal, Evita, Saniya, Piotr, Ollie, Danny & Melissa



### Lunchtime Cup

Lunchtime points are awarded for a weekly goal. This week our midday supervisors have given points to children who have lined up for lunch quietly and sensibly. I am delighted to announce that Mrs Potter'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 Worships next week.



### TOP 4

We have introduced a new award for the four children from each class who gained the most Housepoints each week. These children will receive a "MERIT" sticker in Fridays' Collective Worship. Our first winners of the year are as follows:

Miss Downs' Class - Michael, Eva, Jaime, Dylan  
 Mrs Ford's Class - Noah, Justin, Luke, Jade  
 Mrs Potter's Class - Adam, Jasmine, Jakob, Elise  
 Mrs Tomlinson's Class - Casey, Karolina, Abraham, Saniya

Mrs Ashby's Class- Renate, Emily, Angelina, Oliver  
 Mrs Brattan's Class- Amir, Nicole, Anurag, Isabelle  
 Mr Hurford's Class- Matiss, Victoria, Eva, Jaiden  
 Miss Wilkinson's Class- Panche, Piman, Ricardo, Skaiva



<u>Position</u>	<u>Attendance Wk end 11/9/15</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Attendance Wk end 11/9/15</u>
1	Y5/6 RA 100%	5	Y5/6 JB 95.4%
2	Y3/4 EF 99.2%	6	Y3/4 CD 94.6%
3	Y3/4 LP 98.3%	7	Y3/4 KT 93.5%
4	Y5/6 OH 97.5%	7	Y5/6 AW 93.5%



### Attendance Cup



The first winners of our Attendance Cup this year are Mrs Ashby's