

September 9th 2016



# St Augustine's News



## A Message From Mrs Pierce

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you had a lovely holiday; the children I have spoken to you this week have certainly had a great summer. A particularly warm welcome to new families who have joined us, we look forward to getting to know you.

I must say that the new year has begun very well indeed. I have been very impressed with the wonderful behaviour and great quality of work I have seen this week - a fantastic start. I would like to say a huge thank you to the wonderful team at St Augustine's who have worked exceptionally hard over the holidays to ensure that we have had a smooth and enjoyable start to the new year.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any queries or concerns about any aspect of your child's learning, however small they may seem. By working together, we can make sure that your child gets the very best education possible.

Attached to this newsletter are the following:

- Term dates
- Behaviour Policy
- Homework Policy

I realise that there is a lot of information here but we would appreciate you taking the time to read our policies on behaviour and homework so that we are all very clear about our expectations going forward, All this information can also be found on our school website.

## BEHAVIOUR POLICY

Our Behaviour Policy remains much the same as last year with one slight change. Following feedback from parents and pupils, we have amended our "Green Card Treat" arrangements. Weekly treats will remain the same however half termly treats will now be open to all children who have kept their Green Card all half term AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE LOST THEIR GREEN CARDS ONLY ONCE.

## HOMEWORK POLICY

We have a new Homework Policy in place which will begin next week. It is designed to inform and involve you in supporting your child's learning and gives your child the opportunity to consolidate their understanding. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about homework.

## AUTUMN TERM'S LEARNING

Next week, you will receive information about what your child will be learning this term. If you think that you could support this learning in school in any way we would be thrilled to hear from you.

## TERM DATES

Please find attached to this newsletter, a list of important dates for the year, which you can also find on our website.

## ICT ACCEPTABLE USE (e-safety) AGREEMENT

To ensure the safety of our children, we ask every child, member of staff and volunteer to sign an agreement at the start of the year. During your child's first ICT lesson this agreement will be explained to them. They will bring a copy of this home to you. We ask that you read and sign the parent/carer section of the agreement and return this to school. Thank you

## ROOM NAMES

We have given every room in the school a name. School Council worked with the adults in school to choose a theme and we eventually decided to name our classrooms after "Inspirational Britons"

For your information, classroom names are as follows:

CLASS TEACHER	ROOM NAME
MISS DOWNS	MURRAY
MRS TOMLINSON	ROSS
MRS POTTER / MRS ASHBY	WELBY
MRS SALERNO	SIMMONDS
MR ROCCHIO / MRS FORD	ATTENBOROUGH
MISS WILKINSON	GLENNIE
MRS BRATTAN / MRS GRANGE	NEWTON
MR HURFORD	FARAH

## DEREK THE DEER

Over the summer holidays a small deer decided to make the Paddock area his home! He seems to be escaping to the allotments as school begins before returning in the evening. We have been in contact with the RSPCA several times over the summer and have been visited by an officer who assures us that he is not injured, has plenty of escape routes and will find an alternative residence as soon as school is up and running. I would be grateful if you could reinforce the message we have given to all our children to stay away from Derek if they see him before school.

## AWARDS

A number of awards are presented during Celebration Worship on a Friday. As we have only been together for 3 days, most of them will begin next week. However I am delighted to announce that these children received our first "Star of the Week" awards of the new school year. These are given to children who have been a wonderful example to others through their effort, attitude to learning, their behaviour or kindness. This week's winners are: Istvan V, Lewis P, Casey B, Denis E, Kaitlyn F, Oliver B, Casey H and Aimee F.

Well done, we are very proud of you all.



