

November 4<sup>th</sup> 2016



# St Augustine's News

## A Message From Mrs Pierce

A very warm welcome back to you all, I hope you had a restful half-term break. A special warm welcome also to new families who have recently joined us; we look forward to working with you over the coming weeks and months to ensure a smooth transition for your child.

Next Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, we are hosting an 'Open Evening' from 6.00- 7.00pm and we are looking forward to welcoming families of Year 2 children to St Augustine's, when we hope to give them a flavour of what makes St Augustine's a very special place. I know that class teachers are hoping that some of their children will be able to return to school to help out and have asked for volunteers. I would like to thank all children in advance for helping make the 'Open Evening' a welcoming and enjoyable experience for all parents and children visiting our school.

## St AJ's Cafe

Newton class hosted our first ever story cafe on Tuesday and it was a huge success as the children and parents thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I know the parents especially enjoyed the craft activity and impressed the staff and children with their creativity. We would like to say a special thank you to those parents who joined us and can't wait to do it all again next Tuesday with Farah class, where we would love to see even more parents attend.



Quotes from parents: *'The story really came to life and it was wonderful to see the children so engaged and enjoying the experience. I would recommend all parents to attend!' 'Really enjoyed the session. It was nice to get the chance to speak to other parents. It gave me ideas about how to share books with my child at home. The children loved it too!' 'I enjoyed the story café very much. The craft session was good.'*

DATE	CLASS	DATE	CLASS	DATE	CLASS
TUES 8 <sup>th</sup> NOV	FARAH	17 <sup>th</sup> JAN	NEWTON	28 <sup>th</sup> MARCH	MURRAY
TUES 15 <sup>th</sup> NOV	GLENNIE	24 <sup>th</sup> JAN	FARAH	25 <sup>th</sup> APRIL	GLENNIE
TUES 22 <sup>nd</sup> NOV	ATTENBOROUGH	31 <sup>st</sup> JAN	GLENNIE	2 <sup>nd</sup> MAY	ATTENBOROUGH
TUES 29 <sup>th</sup> NOV	WELBY	7 <sup>th</sup> FEB	ATTENBOROUGH	9 <sup>th</sup> MAY	WELBY
TUES 6 <sup>th</sup> DEC	SIMMONDS	7 <sup>th</sup> MARCH	WELBY	23 <sup>rd</sup> MAY	SIMMONDS
TUES 13 <sup>th</sup> DEC	ROSS	14 <sup>th</sup> MARCH	SIMMONDS	13 <sup>th</sup> JUNE	ROSS
TUES 20 <sup>th</sup> DEC	MURRAY	21 <sup>st</sup> MARCH	ROSS	20 <sup>th</sup> JUNE	MURRAY

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.

## Calendar Dates

Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Aylmerton Meeting Y6 Parents 3:15pm	Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Report Cards Go Home
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Open Evening for Y2 Parents 6pm	Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Upper School trip to Bletchley Park
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Newton Class Worship in School	Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Welby & Murray Class trip to Flag Fen
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Simmonds Class Worship in School	Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Ross & Simmonds Class trip to Flag Fen
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y6 trip to Aylmerton (all week)	Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Lower School Nativity 9:15am
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Attenborough Class Worship in School	Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Lower School Nativity 9:15am
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Fayre	Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Disco (Lower School 5-6, Upper School 6.15-7.15)

### Aylmerton Information Meeting

This is a reminder that we will be holding the Aylmerton information Meeting on Monday 7th November at 3:15pm. The meeting will cover the itinerary for the week, what you will need to pack for your child and will also be a chance for you to ask any questions or discuss any issues with the staff who will be going to Aylmerton.

### Baby News!

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Ford gave birth to a baby girl, weighing 8lb 13oz, on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. There is no name as yet but both mother and daughter are doing well. We look forward to welcoming them into school soon!

### African Welly Walk

We are still collecting in the sponsorship money for the African Welly Walk. If you haven't already brought yours into school please do so as soon as possible. It looks to be another hugely successful event and we look forward to bringing you the grand total very soon.

### Samaritans Purse - Operation Christmas Child

As a school we would like to support the Samaritans Purse project 'Operation Christmas Child' and therefore would like to ask our children and their families to help us. The idea is simple - to wrap and pack shoeboxes with a range of gifts for children between the ages of 2-14 years old. We hope to fill as many shoeboxes as we can, supporting the mission statement that "Every shoebox gift packed helps Samaritan's Purse to reach children worldwide with the good news of God's love and the true meaning of Christmas". We have set up a communal donation bin for items to be donated; if you wish to assemble a complete shoebox we will also be collecting those in school (please mark on the box whether it is for a girl or a boy and the target age and include a £3.00 donation for postage). Some ideas for donations are skipping rope, ball, sweets, yo-yo, toy car, doll, cuddly toy, chalk, crayons, pens, pencils, play-doh, drawing paper, hat, scarf, gloves, soap, sponge, hairbrush, toothbrush etc. The deadline for despatching the shoeboxes is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November so can we please ask for any donations to be with us before Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November. For more information please visit their website <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>



### Christmas Fayre

We have now set a date for our Christmas Fayre and it will be held on Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 3pm - 4pm. It was a hugely successful event last year and we look forward to seeing you all there!

### Wet-play Provisions

As we have now had our first frost, our midday supervisors are turning their attentions to sourcing interesting indoor activities that the children may like to participate in should we have a wet lunchtime break. We would very much welcome any donations of board games, jigsaw puzzles or short DVDs that you feel the children could benefit from and are in a good working condition.

### Alleyway leading to school premises

We would like to remind parents/ carers and children to refrain from using the cut from Palmerston Road to the school premises and would ask that this route is not used for the foreseeable future. There have been reports of illicit activities taking place in this alleyway and AMEY, the local authority rubbish collection contractors, has been to the alleyway several times to remove drug paraphernalia. If you have any concerns, please contact the School Office directly and we ask all of you to be vigilant in keeping our children safe.

### The Royal British Legion - 'Poppy Appeal'

As from next week, we will be selling poppies in school to help raise money for the 'Royal British Legion' in remembrance of Armistice Day, when peace was declared on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918 at the end of World War I. It is also to remember and honour the members of the armed forces who have given their lives in the line of duty and to further commemorate the contribution of British and Commonwealth military. If you would like for your child to buy a poppy in school, please send a minimum of 20p in with your child. Poppies will be sold during the morning break times.

### 'Children in Need' - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

In support of 'Children in Need' this year we are inviting children to come into school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 'spotty' for a suggested donation of £1. This can be as elaborate as you would like, from a few extra freckles on their face to a full 'spotted' outfit; please do remember that the children will still have to participate in their normal school activities. In addition to this there will also be an opportunity for the children to guess the number of spots on a cake. For just 50p a guess the child with the closest number will then be able to take the cake home with them that afternoon!

### Lunchtime Menu

The dinner menu when we return after the Half-Term 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:** Gabriel, Atharva, Norbert, Daniel, Narcis, Mustafa, Rohat and Mia B-R

### Lunchtime Cup

I am delighted to announce that the lunchtime cup was won by Attenborough 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** - Leo, Rhys, Abel, Gabriel  
**Ross Class** - Mya, Sienna, Olivia, Evie  
**Welby Class** - Akshaya, Neve, Adam, Tife  
**Simmonds Class** - Amy, Kieron, Millie, Ruby  
**Attenborough Class** - Andriana, Jake, Michael Martin, Liam  
**Glennie Class** - Oliver, Eva, Jade, Dylan  
**Newton Class** - Samuel, Ollie, Hollie, Addison  
**Farah Class** - Sammy, Cameron, Dakota, Piotr

#### House Point Totals

<b>St John</b> 3,097	<b>St Mark</b> 2,899
<b>St Luke</b> 3,041	<b>St Peter</b> 2,919

### Attendance Cup

Our Attendance Cup winner's this week is Attenborough Class!

