



St Augustine's Junior



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A Message from Mrs Pierce

Sadly, we had to close Welby 'bubble' on Wednesday following a positive case of COVID. With the amount of 'bubble' closures that have taken place locally, I feel that we did very well to get to almost the end of term, but it is still very sad that we will be unable to see Welby children or staff before Christmas. Huge thanks to Ms Townsend, Mrs Smith and Mrs Tomeo for their hard work at home, providing remote learning for their children - we are missing you all.

What's Cooking at St A's - Christmas Dinner Day

Booking has now **closed** for our Christmas Dinner day on Wednesday 16th December. If you have not pre-booked a lunch for your child, please provide a home packed lunch, we are unable to accept bookings on the day.

If your child would **usually** have a school dinner and you have not pre-booked a lunch for Wednesday - please contact the office asap.

Calendar Dates

16th Dec - Christmas Lunch in school & Christmas Jumper Day

18th Dec - Last day of term

6th Jan - Children return to school

Eco Explorer Challenges

Lots of you took part in the **Christmas Gift Tag Challenge** last week - well done to you all.

This week's Eco Explorer Task is to create **Christmas Trees**. All the information you need is on the **attached sheet**.

Once you have completed the task, take a picture and upload it to our new Explorer Google Classroom or email it to the school email address. All completed tasks will count towards your Eco Explorers Passport.

The Eco Explorer Google Classroom code is: **xdewlbt**.

We look forward to seeing the pictures of all the different Christmas Trees you create.



Online Safety - National Online Safety Organisation

Please see attached information for parents on **How to Clean devices**, supplied by National Online Safety Organisation for you to read and share at home.

**THE
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AGENCY**

Registered charity number 1085443 (England and Wales)

Christmas Gift-A-Book Campaign

*This Christmas, Costa Coffee together with leading charity, The Reading Agency, are sharing the joy of reading by gifting 100,000 books to some of the families and communities hit hardest by the pandemic in 2020. The **Costa Coffee Gift-A-Book** campaign is inspired by **Jolabokafloð**, the Icelandic tradition of exchanging books with loved ones on Christmas Eve. It is a Christmas Eve tradition dating back to World War II where families give and receive books and read through the night with chocolate and a hot drink.*

Having worked with The Reading Agency earlier in the year, to bring you the free book I gave away, we have been selected to be a part of the above Christmas Gift-A-Book campaign.

Next week every child in school will be bringing home a gift. I hope you enjoy them and have a very Merry Christmas.

Mrs Walker



Forest School

The children are always very busy when they're taking part in forest school activities - here's what they have been learning this week -

Lower School: the children were able to explore the area and go on a quest to find the baby Jesus! They travelled through the forest with their eyes closed and trusted their instincts. They climbed across the rope wire, swam (crawled) over the river and swung on the rope swing. The session culminated in the children creating a gift for baby Jesus and making up their own '12 days of forest school' song.



Upper School:

This week, the children in upper school created their own Forest School version of the '12 Days of Christmas' and sang Christmas carols around the campfire. They also completed a quiz about the Christmas Story by finding questions hidden around the paddock.

Here is an example of one of the songs the children wrote and performed:



On the first day of christmas, forest school gave to me a wreath wrapped in ivy leaves
On the second day of christmas, forest school gave to me 2 caterpillars
On the third day of christmas, forest school gave to me 3 red squirrels
On the fourth day of christmas, forest school gave to me 4 collared doves
On the fifth day of christmas, forest school gave to me 5 pine cones
On the sixth day of christmas, forest school gave to me 6 goldfinches
On the seventh day of christmas, forest school gave to me 7 pretty willows
On the eighth day of christmas, forest school gave to me 8 sycamore leaves
On the ninth day of christmas, forest school gave to me 9 cute foxes
On the tenth day of christmas, forest school gave to me 10 grey otters
On the eleventh day of christmas, forest school gave to me 11 wood mice
On the twelfth day of christmas, forest school gave to me 12 hopping rabbits

Learning for Next Week

w/c 14 th Dec	Literacy	Maths
Lower School	The children completed their drafts for their non-chronological reports and are preparing to write them up and edit them next week.	Children continue to master the use of the formal methods in both arithmetic and problem solving. Next week, we will be finishing off any work that is yet to be completed and then using our maths skills to complete maths based Christmas activities.
Upper School	There are many Christmas events happening across school next week. Some include a live Christingle service from Ely Cathedral, watching the recording of our Year 3 nativity and watching a virtual panto of Rapunzel.	
	They will also finish writing their narrative in English, practising their proofreading and editing skills.	In between this, the children will finish off their fraction work across both Year 5 and 6 and then will also complete some maths challenges relating to fractions, percentages and decimals.



St Augustine's Weekly Awards

11 th Dec 2020	SIMMONDS	MURRAY	ROSS	WELBY	ATTENBOROUGH	NEWTON	FARAH	GLENNIE
Star of the Week	Charlie	Alfie	Kevin	Beth	Claudia, Amelie O, Adama	Ethan	Ama-Ruth	Teja
Top 4	Gracie Ellia Hijrat Nedum	Cianna Riley Jalen Dexter	Caleb Aarav Darcey Riaz	-	Sid Valerija Jasmine Hara	Shad Bethany Grace Ethan	Kaushal Charlie Yusra Aaryan	Amelia R Teja Kamile Hannah
Learning Log of the Week	-	-	-	-	Hara	Dylan Willow	-	-
Pen Licence	-	-	-	Saffron Marta	-	-	-	-
Maths Award	-	Naman	Beth, Freddie, Joshua	-	Patrick, Dasha, Adama, Smayan, Zainab, Hara, Sid	-	Natalia, Lontien, Oghosa	Jana, Archer David
Golden Pencil	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eco - Pringle Award	-		-	-	-	-		
Attendance Cup	99%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Top Readers Award	-		-	-		-	-	-
Termly House Point Totals	St. John		St. Mark		St. Luke			St. Peter
	6006		6142		5244			5181

* **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.

* **Learning Log of the Week** - Every week, each class teacher will nominate a child for their hard work and effort in their home learning.

* **Top 4** - These are the children who earned the most House points in their class this week.

* **Attendance Award** - This is awarded to the class with the highest attendance each week.

* **Eco - Pringle Award** - This is awarded to the class that have achieved the most during their Outdoor Learning lesson.

* **Top Readers Award** - This is awarded to the class with the highest percentage achieved on Accelerated Reader each week.