



# St Augustine's School Newsletter

## Friday 11 January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great start to the new year here at St Augustine's. The children arrived full of delightful stories of their Christmas celebrations. We have made a positive start to 2019 by jointly making it our new year resolution to 'be the best we can be' and make 'good choices'.

### **Good to be Green**

We have introduced the positive behaviour system of 'Good to be Green' in School this week through a series of assemblies. As of Monday, children will start the day showing a green card on the class display and will be encouraged to make good choices and uphold our School responsibilities to remain green. There will be rewards for remaining green for a week and a half term. However, there are also consequence cards for those children who make wrong choices. In the first instance a letter will be sent home informing parents and carers of negative behaviour.

### **Headteacher Awards**

Juan in Year 2 for his great Maths work with money.

Rocky in Year 3 for his super multiplication work.

Nora in Year 4 for being an excellent role model to others by being reliable, mature and helpful.

### **Termly Overviews**

Today your child will bring home their termly overview. This document will tell you all about what they will be learning this term in class. Please do read through with your child and talk to them throughout the term about what they have enjoyed discovering. Our School is developing a creative curriculum which teaches children in an exciting and engaging way.

### **School Fund**

We would like to open a School Fund here at St Augustine's to help out with all the extra niceties we want our children to enjoy. The suggested donation is £20 per family per year and must be paid via parent pay. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Food Bank**

We are aware that times are very difficult for some of our community here at St Augustine's and as a caring, Catholic community we want to do all we can to help. We are going to open a food bank here for families within our School. Donations of dried foods such as tins, pasta or rice as well as toiletries would be gratefully received in a box in the entrance hall by the office. If you need to receive items from the food bank please speak to a member of staff who will show you to the store of items. This will all be dealt with with the dignity and decency we would expect from our School. Many thanks for your support with this.

### **Second Hand Uniform**

We all know how quickly children grow and so many families have a stash of uniform that no longer fits their children but is still in good condition and could be used by others. If you do have School uniform that could benefit someone else can you please bring this along and place in a second box in the entrance hall. If you would like to have some items from the second hand collection please ask at the Office from next week.

### **Cricket Coaching**

Year 4 have participated in the Platform Cricket Programme aimed at getting young people involved in cricket. I spotted some talented young cricketers in the playground.

### **Safer Neighbourhood Team**

We had a visit from the safer neighbourhood team in school this week. They led an assembly which

informed the children about all the hard work the police carry out in order to keep our neighbourhoods safe. They also held a workshop with Year 6 on online safety, which was very informative and helpful in ensuring our children are aware of the steps they need to take to stay safe.

### **School Mass**

Whole school Mass will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 10:45. All are welcome.

### **School Photographs**

Our School photographer will be in school on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019. They will be taking individual and sibling photos throughout the day. If you would like family photographs taken please arrive at 8:30 AM and wait your turn with the photographer.

### **School Clubs**

After School clubs begin this week from Tuesday, letters went out this week and we have some exciting clubs on offer. Netball is a great sport for learning team participation, strategic thinking and coordination. England's netball team have celebrated great success this year! it would be great to think we could have some fabulous netball players here at St Augustine's, so if you are interested please go to the office to sign up. Please be prompt at collecting children from the clubs which will all finish at 4:30pm.

### **Year 2 Assembly**

Year 2 will be sharing their learning through an assembly on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 9:15 am. It would be lovely if parents and carers of this class could attend to find out about the children's creative learning.

It is great to be here at St Augustine's full time now and I am looking forward to getting know you all. Your children are delightful and I am keen to ensure they have a great experience of primary school life, which is what the children of St Augustine's deserve.

Wishing you a great weekend!

Mrs Duffus

*A message from Miss Collins:*

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas with friends and family and created happy memories for yourselves and your children. It has been fantastic to see the children back in School this week looking smart and working hard. Our children regularly show such beautiful manners and natural acts of kindness it is a joy and a privilege to spend time with them.

My regular days at St Augustine's will now be Monday, Thursday and then Friday morning too. During the other times in the week I will be at Holy Cross. I look forward to continue working with you all to create a successful, exciting and happy School here at St Augustine's which encompasses all we hold dear as Catholics.

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*"Faith is seeing light with your heart  
when all your eyes see is darkness"*