



St Augustine's School Newsletter

Friday 18 January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great week here at St Augustine's. The children's response to 'Good to Be Green' has been amazing. It is lovely to hear and see how proud the children are of themselves and each other for making good choices and remaining 'Green'. It makes me very proud of all our fantastic children who are demonstrating good self-control.

Headteacher awards

Antoni in Reception for his excellent writing

Varshitha in Reception for her impeccable manners and knowledge of punctuation

David in Reception for following instructions

Daniel in Year 1 for his excellent reading

Esosa in Year 2 for his creative ideas in English, linking his topic to Chinese New Year!

School fund

As mentioned last week, we have opened 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

Thank you for all the generous donations made to our food bank. Please do keep them coming in. Anyone who would like to benefit from our scheme please do make yourself known to myself or Miss Collins.

Second hand uniform

Another thank you for donations to our second hand uniform collection and for ensuring all donations are in good condition and suitable for someone else to use. If you would like to save some money and take items from the box please do.

Year 2 Assembly

Year 2 will be sharing their learning at their class assembly on **Thursday 24th 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.

School Council

This week I met with our impressive school council, we discussed their ideas which would make a positive impact on the school, they really are great role models for us all at St Augustine's.

Reading

Please encourage your children to read at home. Reading each day, even for a short time is a great habit to adopt. It is also a special way for you and your child, whatever their age to spend time together.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are only necessary for children who may walk to and from school unaccompanied, for safety reasons. However, once on school premises, phones should be switched off and on entry to the classroom must be handed to the class teacher who will ensure they are kept safely in the school office until the end of the day.

Mrs Scheureman and I were fortunate to attend a conference on Thursday. Inspirational speaker, Matthew Syed gave the audience of educational professionals an important message;
“ Every endeavour pursued with passion produces a successful outcome, regardless of the result. For it is not about winning or losing – rather, the effort put forth in producing the outcome”

A great quote which I'm sure you will agree, is something for us all to be mindful of. It is often easy to focus on an end goal and forget the journey we must follow to get there!

Enjoy your weekend

Mrs Duffus

A message from Miss Collins:

It has been another busy but positive week at St Augustine's with all our lovely children working hard and being encouraged and supported by our wonderful staff.

Our School is part of a nationwide organisation called Challenge Partners which helps to develop the skills and talents of our staff who in turn help our children to achieve the very best they can. Next week staff from our School and from Holy Cross will be joining with other staff teams at an event organised by Challenge Partners to share best practise in all areas of learning. Hopefully you will see some of these new and exciting ideas appear in our School very soon!

Have a lovely weekend – try to rest and relax, we all need it!

*“Those who hope in the Lord will renew
their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles.”*

Isaiah 40:31