

# St Augustine's School Newsletter Friday 28 September 2018

#### Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week here at School. Each day, as I go into classes, I see children who are enthused and engaged in their learning. The displays in classrooms and the corridor are looking wonderful, what talented children and teachers we have here!

## Job at St Augustine's School

We are looking for an enthusiastic midday meal supervisor to join our fabulous staff team here at St Augustine's. The job is Monday to Friday from 12 – 1:30pm during term time. Please see the advert on our website www.staugustines.lewisham.sch.uk or enquire at the School Office for further details.

#### **Cake Sale**

Our fabulous PSA have arranged a cake sale for after School on Wednesday 17 October. More information to follow but get those recipes ready and if you can help at all on the day please do let Michelle Coutinho know, remember the more helpers we have the less work for each of them!

#### No Pens Day

Next Wednesday is No Pens Day. This is a day where we focus entirely on communication through non written forms. The children will be undertaking a range of activities which involve them using their spoken language, increasing their vocabulary and ability to articulate themselves clearly. Do ask your child what they have been doing at the end of No Pens Day.

### **Meeting with Holy Cross**

As part of our fabulous new federation with Holy Cross we held a joint staff meeting this Wednesday where the teaching staff from our School went to Holy Cross, met with teaching staff there and took the opportunity to look around the School. It was fabulous to hear all the positive, professional converstaions taking place. All staff are totally committed to making their school as impressive and successful as they can be and we all have so much to learn from one another.

#### **Home School agreements**

Many thanks to all those of you who have signed and returned their agreements already. If you have not yet done so please send them in on Monday.

#### Water bottles

These are on sale in the School Office for £1. Remember how important it is for children to stay hydrated throughout the day, it helps both their health and their concentration.

#### Class trips

Class teachers are busy organising some wonderful curriculum linked trips for this term. Each class will be going on an exciting trip as well as visiting the theatre to see a pantomime at Christmas. It is so important for our children to have these outings to further their learning and life experiences. We are only able to run the trips however with your support; we need parents to pay the voluntary contribution towards the cost of the trip and also often need volunteers to accompany the class when they go. Please do support us in providing the best we can for your children.

#### Staff

We are blessed with wonderful staff here at St Augustine's who are dedicated and talented. Staff are encouraged to go on training courses in order to develop professionally and continue to provide the excellent and up to date practise that we expect from them. This means that sometimes teachers will be out of class. When possible we cover these absences from within our own staff team through Mrs Donnelly, a familiar face to many of you and Mrs Stoneham, a new comer to our staff team, who works in Year 3 each Tuesday to cover Miss Buckland's day out of class for her NQT (newly qualified teacher) training. All staff share the same high expectations of themselves and of the children.

#### Future dates to note:

Thursday 11 October 9:15am Year 6 class assembly Monday 15 October 2pm Harvest Festival in church Tuesday 30 October 5pm - 8pm Parents Evening Thursday 1 November 3:30pm - 6:30pm Parents Evening Thursday 8 November 9:15am Year 5 assembly

Have a very happy weekend, Miss Collins

"If you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely"

- Roald Dahl