



## St Augustine's School Newsletter

### Friday 30 November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, the costumes are out of the loft, the displays are being created, Christmas is definitely on its way at St Augustine's! As we begin Advent this weekend we will light the first candle on our wreath and each week we will watch the light grow as we get closer to the special celebration of the birth of Jesus. It is such an exciting time for our lovely children.

#### Headteacher awards

Mekhi in Year 1 for his kindness towards Mrs Bagnall when she needed some help.  
Elaine in Year 2 for her fantastic writing, it was amazing!

#### Raffle

Our fabulous PSA have organised their traditional Christmas Raffle and will start selling tickets next week. Tickets will be sold before and after school for £1 a strip. There are some fabulous prizes including hampers, restaurant vouchers and lots more.

#### Police visit

The children were all very excited on Thursday when three police men arrived at School to see them. This is a wonderful initiative from our local Police who intend to be regular visitors to all the local schools now so that the children are familiar with them and also to help community relations in the area. The three policemen went into the playground and spoke to the children about their important jobs.

#### Stamp collection to help the Air Ambulance Service

We are still collecting stamps in School to donate to the UK Air Ambulance Service. As your stamps come in on Christmas cards, letters or any type of post please tear them off and send them into School. After Christmas we will send all donations to the service who can turn them into much needed funding. None of us know when we or any of our loved ones may need this vital service.

#### Advent friends

We have a new initiative in School this year, Advent friends! Children in each year group have been given the name of another child in their class and the idea is that, in secret, we need to be extra kind and considerate towards our Advent friend. This is a way of the children preparing for Christmas throughout the season of Advent and getting themselves ready in heart and mind. The staff have joined in too and each have another staff member to be extra lovely to!

#### Christmas

Cards can be brought into School from Monday and put into the collection box from where Year 6 will deliver all cards addressed clearly with the name and the class of the recipient on the front.

After each of our wonderful Christmas performances this Christmas we will be collecting for charity. Our chosen charity this year is the Duffus Cancer Foundation which helps children and young people deal with the effects of cancer whether it be them or a member of their family or friend who is suffering. A very worthwhile charity and I am sure you will all give generously.

Enjoy your weekend,  
Miss Collins

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*“Advent increases our hope, a hope which does not disappoint. The Lord never lets us down.”*

- Pope Francis