



St Augustine's School Newsletter

Friday 7 December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another lovely week at St Augustine's! The children are all working hard and preparing for Christmas too. We have talked in some classes about what it is to be a St Augustine's child and we know that they are polite, well behaved, thoughtful and kind. Let's see next week who shines out and behaves in exactly that way.

Nativity Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

On Thursday 13 December we will proudly present our Nativity play in the School Hall. There are two performances. At 10am we have a performance for adults only and at 2:30 there is a performance for people who have babies and young children with them. The children have been practising hard and I cannot wait to see the play. How exciting! Please do come along.

Aladdin!

Next week Years 1-6 will be going to see Aladdin at the Lewisham Theatre. It is a long standing tradition to see a pantomime at Christmas and I am delighted that our children are able to enjoy this tradition.

Christmas Lunch

Next Friday we will enjoy our Christmas lunch. This is always a special occasion for the children. If your child usually has packed lunch but would like to have Christmas dinner on that one day please arrange payment with the School Office.

Reading at home

I am aware that an alarming number of children are not reading regularly at home. It is essential that children read each evening or have a story read to them – ideally do both! Children in Years 5 and 6 are expected to read for at least half an hour per night. It is a wonderful way for children to relax but also to extend their vocabulary. Regular readers become great writers. We want children to develop a love of reading and build good habits that will become embedded for life. Please do encourage this at home.

Headteacher awards

Kordi in Year 6 for her kindness – the perfect reason to get a Headteacher award!

Reception Applications

We are now receiving applications for Reception Class in September 2019. If your child is in Nursery you have been sent the information but if you know friends or family who have a child who will turn five between September 2019 and August 2020, please let them know that they can apply to our lovely School! Pop into the School Office for more information.

Raffle

Our fabulous PSA will continue selling tickets next week for the Christmas raffle. Tickets are sold before and after school for £1 a strip. There are some fabulous prizes including hampers, restaurant vouchers and lots more.

Stamp collection to help the Air Ambulance Service

Please keep sending in those used stamps 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.

Nursery and Reception

Just a little reminder that Nursery starts at 9am and Reception children can be taken into their classroom from 8:45am. This is an invaluable time to give teachers little bits of news you might have and to settle the children well to start the day in a calm and happy way. Children in Years 1-6 can be left in the playground from 8:30am but Reception children need to be with a parent or childminder until 8:45am.

Christmas

Children can now bring in Christmas cards to School and put them into the collection box from where Year 6 deliver all cards addressed clearly with the name and the class of the recipient on the front.

Academic Review Day

A bit of advanced notice but on Friday 15th February we will be having an Academic Review Day. This is a chance for you to come in and speak to the teachers with your child about their attainment and progress. This is an inset day and so children only come in with parents for their appointment. A sign up sheet for each class will be available nearer to the time but I wanted you to save the date!

How are you getting on with the Christmas shopping? Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Collins

*“Kindness is a language which the deaf
can hear and the blind can see”*

– Mark Twain