



# St Augustine's School Newsletter

## Friday 7 September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the Summer break and thank you for such a warm welcome to your lovely School. I feel very honoured to be your new Executive Headteacher and to be working with your wonderful children. St Augustine's is a fantastic school and I am absolutely loving getting to know the children and staff. The staff enjoyed an inset day on Monday with the staff from our partner school, Holy Cross. We are delighted to be working together and look forward to our newly established federation being a huge success.

### **Mrs Duffus**

The Head of School here at St Augustine's, Mrs Duffus, has unfortunately not been able to start work this week. Her husband is very seriously ill and I ask for your prayers for her and their family which are much needed at this time. She will be joining us as soon as she can but for now I am spending a greater amount of time here than I had expected to do.

### **Meet the Teacher event**

Please put Thursday 20 September in your diaries for our Meet the Teacher evening. This will give you all a chance to hear from your child's class teacher exactly what they will be learning this year and also the expectations of them as well as lots of practical tips to help the year run smoothly. A letter giving more detail will be sent home on Monday.

### **Parent and Staff Association (PSA) meeting**

We will have our first meeting of the PSA this year on Thursday 20 September. This is your opportunity to get to know people in School a little better but also to help raise some much needed funds for our lovely School which will benefit your fabulous children. I look forward to seeing you in the School Hall just after the bell goes at 8:55am, please do come along.

### **Head Boy and Head Girl**

We will now be having a Head Boy and Head Girl of St Augustine's. These children will be chosen from Year 6, voted for by the staff and will serve for one term. They have been elected on the basis that they are trustworthy, responsible and act as wonderful role models to the rest of the school population. I am delighted to announce that the first ever Head Girl of St Augustine's will be Lillian and the first ever Head Boy will be Emmanuel. I am certain that they will carry out all duties asked of them with enthusiasm and good grace. Well done you two!

### **House Captains**

In keeping with tradition we have this week elected the house captains for the coming year. Again these children are in Year 6 – it is certainly a year for responsibility!

St Jerome House - Josephine and Miquel

St Therese of Liseux House – Julia and Sheron

St Francis od Assisi – Esther and Adam

St Josephine – Hollie and Jordan

### **International Day**

This Sunday at our Church there will be the annual International Day celebrations beginning with Mass at 10:30am. All are very welcome.

### **Reading at home**

As we start this new school year can I make a plea! Please ensure that every day you put some time aside to read with your child. Sometimes your child will read to you and other times you can read to your child. Children develop wonderful reading and writing skills by being exposed to a wealth of wonderful books. It is also a lovely opportunity to sit down and have a snuggle!

### **Good manners**

We have talked in school this week about having good manners; always using please and thank you, saying good morning and good afternoon to people and opening doors for others. We are complimenting children when they do this so please do work with us and continue to encourage this at home. When we work together we always achieve more!

### **Newsletter**

We will now be sending out this weekly newsletter by email. Hard copies will be in the School Office should you require one. It is essential that the communication between home and school is good and

so I hope that by reading the newsletter you will feel informed about all that is going on here at St Augustine's.

Have a very lovely weekend,  
Miss Collins

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*“One child, one teacher,  
one book and one pen  
can change the world”* - Malala