



St. Augustine's Newsletter

Friday 2nd February

We come to school to live and learn happily together by loving ourselves and each other as Jesus teaches us.

Diary Dates

***Important updates in purple**

Monday 5th - Friday 11th February

Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 5th February

EYFS open morning @9:15am

Reading for Pleasure 2:45-3:05pm-

Reception

Wednesday 7th February

Year 4 class assembly @2:45pm

Friday 9th February

Parent Forum meeting @2pm

SAPTA Valentines disco- See blurb for details

Monday 12th February

Reading for Pleasure 2:45-3:05pm-Year 1

Tuesday 13th February

Shrove Tuesday Pancake races

Wednesday 14th February

Ash Wednesday Mass Y3-Y6 Parents Welcome

Friday 16th February

End of half term finish @3:15pm

SAPTA Non uniform day for Rainbow Raffle

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd February

HALF TERM

Monday 26th February

Pupils return to school at 8:40am

Reading for Pleasure 2:45-3:05pm-Year 2

Wednesday 28th February

Year 5 Class assembly @2:45pm

Monday 4th March

Reading for Pleasure 2:45-3:05pm Year 3

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day



Stars of the Week

Reception - Liam

Year 1 - Max

Year 2 - Liana

Year 3 - Emma

Year 4 - George

Year 5 - Sofia

Year 6 - Carlo

Our Stars of the Week are chosen for their conscientious effort and hard work throughout this week as well as exemplary behaviour.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week here at St Augustine's and lots coming up. Please see below the exciting events that are coming up from SAPTA. Also please note the dates for your child's Reading for Pleasure session as these start next week. As a school we have introduced Intra-House tournaments this year see below for our first Intra-House Netball results. A massive THANK YOU to Mrs Faulkner, Mr White and all the staff for their great work with this initiative.



Healing

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| Reception | Jesus has healing hands. |
| Year 1 | We feel better thanks to God's healing hands. |
| Year 2 | Jesus heals us with his prayers when we are not well. |
| Year 3 | Through prayer, we heal our minds through deep reflections. |
| Year 4 | God's love brings healing to our community. |
| Year 5 | Forgiving our sins, healing our heart. |
| Year 6 | Jesus healed many people throughout the Gospel stories. |



Our Subject Learning This Week

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| Reception | In Science this week, we have been learning about the environment in the Polar Regions. |
| Year 1 | In Geography this week, we have been looking at the 4 countries that make up the United Kingdom. |
| Year 2 | In PE, we have enjoyed learning how to play Tag Rugby. |
| Year 3 | In Music, we continue to learn how to play Three Little Birds on the recorders. |
| Year 4 | In Italian, we have been learning how to write and speak about the different clothes people wear and the colour of these clothes. |
| Year 5 | This week in English, we have begun our new topic looking at some biographies of female scientists, who have overcome adversity and impacting the world positively with their achievements. |
| Year 6 | In Computing, we have been learning about Computer Networks including what LAN, MAN and WAN stand for. |

Children's Mental Health Week will take place from 5-11 February 2024.

The theme this year is 'my voice matters'. This theme is about empowering young people by equipping them with tools to express themselves and look after their mental health and wellbeing.

We will be holding a focused assembly on Tuesday led by our Mental Health Support Team practitioner, Megan Knight and in classes, children will be discussing how their voice matters and how to express themselves.

Please find a link with ideas on how to support your child's mental health and wellbeing. <https://wordsforlife.org.uk/themes/happiness-and-wellbeing/>

Intra-House Netball Tournament

Throughout last week, 40 children from Years 3-6 (10 from each house) participated in our Intra-House Netball Tournament organised by Mr White, with the teams and games being run by Mrs Faulkner.

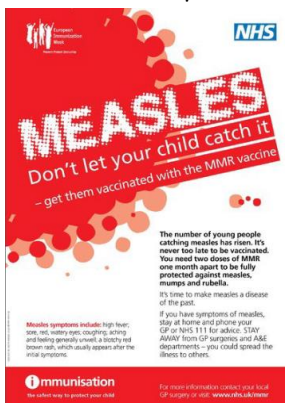
The children had only had one training session with Mrs Faulkner the week before to familiarise themselves with the rules and positions of netball, but you would never have known this by their amazing play throughout the week. They all played with such enthusiasm, joy and most importantly in the competitive, yet sportsmanlike spirit the tournament had been organised for.

On Friday morning, it was the turn of St George and St Augustine house to compete in the final, with the whole school coming out to watch and cheer their house on. With St George house being the eventual winners despite a super goal from Tyler in Year 6 right at the end of the game. Congratulations also to Eva from Year 4 in St Catherine house, Anais in Year 6 from St Agnes house, Lucia in Year 5 from St Augustine house and Alonso in Year 5 from St George house for being chosen by Mrs Faulkner as players of the match for outstanding play from their respective final games.



Donations for EYFS classes:

EYFS classes would love to create some new resources in the EYFS garden to further extend their children's play and learning. In order to do this EYFS staff would love if you could donate any of the following; plant pots, soil, seeds or plastic gardening tools to make this possible. EYFS need old pots and pans or cake tins for our mud kitchen. Please drop these off with the EYFS classes or to the office. We would like to thank you for your donations so far for the mud kitchen and for your continued support.



Measles cases in the UK have been rising since November. Measles is spread through coughing and sneezing, close personal contact with an infected person. For more information about measles and the symptoms, see

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>



Year of Prayer – 2024

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis.

There is a particular focus on the Lord's Prayer (Our Father) this year, and this presents us with a great opportunity to reinvigorate the centrality of prayer within our school.

God Bless,

Mrs Napier

HEADTEACHER

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Valentines Disco
Friday 9th February
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Non uniform day for
Rainbow raffle 🌈
Friday 16th February

Mothers day Gift sale
Friday 8th March 🌸

Easter Raffle
Tuesday 26th March 🐣

Bags for School
Friday 26th April 🛍️

Quiz Night
(Adults only)
Friday 10th May
TBC 😊

Break the rules non
uniform for summer fair
Friday 3rd May 🎡

Fathers Day Gift sale
Friday 14th June 🍷

Summer Fair
Saturday 29th June
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Nursery Places Available

Our Nursery applications are decided entirely by us and we are OPEN for applications immediately, so do contact our office on 01992 463549 or email admin@staugustines.herts.sch.uk Our details and further information can also be found on our website <https://www.staugustines.herts.sch.uk/herts/pri mary/staugustines>, which will give you an excellent flavour of our wonderful school and community. You are all welcome. Parents, please put out the word. **Last open morning Monday 5th February@ 9:15am.**



Parking and Driving

Parents, we have already had complaints to the school office regarding parking and the speed in which parents drive. Please have due consideration for our neighbours when parking and driving around the school.

