

St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Week ending Friday 09 October 2015

Attendance Matters!

This week's attendance (last week's in brackets)	Number of days missed	Number of lates
Rec: 91.33% (87.67%)	13	0
Y1: 97.00% (98.33%)	4½	0
Y2: 91.67% (91.33%)	12½	1
Y3: 93.79% (100%)	9	1
Y4: 95.89% (98.62%)	6	0
Y5: 94.29% (95.00%)	8	2
Y6: 97.41% (95.56%)	3½	1



ATTENDANCE – 94.44%

This is below the LA target of 95%. Children in Years 2, 3, 5 and Reception need to improve significantly to improve our overall figure. Can you do it? Yes you can!



PUNCTUALITY – 5 lates

Another great week for punctuality – well done, everyone – your timekeeping is almost perfect!!



ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS – Year 1 and Year 6

Well done to these 2 classes. Along with Year 4 they are the only ones above the LA target of 95+% attendance. Keep up the good work!

☆ Stars of the Week ☆

Rec: Alan Adamkowski	Jubilee Evbadoloyi
Y1: Maya Borkowska	Alexandra DaCosta
Y2: Avaani Johnson-Carroll	Grace Irwin
Y3: Amelia Wrukowska	Paulina Michalowska
Y4: Kacper Kawecki	Jessica Johnson
Y5: Callum Gaynor	Jaskaran Singh
Y6: Shanae Jeffrey	Piotr Zapolny

Attendance/Punctuality

As you are aware there is a big government drive to improve attendance in schools and to ensure every child is accessing the right to an education. Punctuality is also a problem in some cases and a child arriving late to school misses out on the vital introduction to lessons and therefore may be left behind in their understanding. The school day begins at 09.00. A child arriving late has their name recorded and if there is an accumulation of late arrivals it is seen as a cause for concern. If a child arrives after registration closes they are marked as an 'unauthorised absence' unless we see evidence of a medical appointment. All medical appointments need to be shown to the school office so that a medical code can be recorded on the register. Please ensure good practice of attendance and punctuality so that your child will make the best progress possible.

Leave of Absence Requests

For quite some time now, Head Teachers have not been able to authorise leave of absence during term time unless for very exceptional circumstances. These **do not** include:

- visiting relatives who are seriously ill
- celebrating religious festivals not previously agreed by the local authority
- family holidays.

The government has now instructed that taking holidays in term time is illegal and Head Teachers have to be more vigilant. Fixed penalty fines may be issued to parents of children who are absent from school for a period of time and children can be removed from the school roll if persistently absent from school.

Work of the Week, Year 3

Thursday 8th October, 2015.

Stories with Familiar Settings

Quickly laying out my warm, baby blue, cosy towel out of the shadows of the leaning rocks, I flew into heap and my teeth are shivering. Swiftly, I wrapped my azure towel around me hoping to warm up. The sea was ~~terrible~~ strangely still today however it was still FREEZING. As time wore on, I felt the burning sun beating down on me.

Ellis, I can see a big improvement in your work - You have re-drafted your work from Tuesday very well. Super Wow words.

Shp.

What wonderful writing Ellis - super adjectives!
Well done! Mrs. Stanley

We think Mrs Stanley's comments say it all! Ellis's handwriting is lovely and his work is very descriptive. Well done, Ellis.

Fact of the Week

Rec'n	A square has 4 equal sides.
Year 1	A triangle has 3 sides.
Year 2	Division is repeated subtraction.
Year 3	There are 1000mm in 1 metre.
Year 4	A regular polygon has all sides and angles equal.
Year 5	Charles Darwin devised the theory of evolution.
Year 6	An equilateral triangle has three sides equal in length and three equal angles.

HAIRSTYLES

Please check our guidelines on acceptable hairstyles for school. These guidelines can be found in our prospectus on the website – see the last page of the booklet.



IMPORTANT SCHOOL NEWS

- The children are due to finish for half term on Thursday 22 October as we have a Teacher Day booked for the Friday of that week.
- *Our Annual General Meeting for the Parent Teacher Association was held yesterday. It was lovely to welcome two new members. Committee membership is open to all parents and members of staff. Please see Miss McGrath or Mrs Porter if you would like to be involved in organising events for our school.*



School Dinners - £10.50 per week



In order to ensure that school dinner arrangements run smoothly and to avoid any confusion, please note that hot dinners cannot be selected on an 'ad hoc' basis. The only options are:

- school dinners on a 5 day basis or
- sandwiches on a 5 day basis or
- sandwiches for 4 days with the option of 'Pizza Friday' (£2.10 to be ordered and paid for on Mondays)

Any change in a child's meal arrangements, from dinners to sandwiches or vice versa, must be given to the school office in writing, giving 2 weeks' notice. Dinner money must be paid on Monday mornings by sending in the correct amount in a named, sealed envelope. Change cannot be given but will be credited to your account



Our special visitor came to assembly today and showed us lots of interesting things connected with Science. We know you enjoyed the activities and found out new information to help with your Science lessons.



SPECIAL EVENTS

- ☺ Next Friday, 16 October, we are having a visit from Network Rail to talk to us about behaving safely around railways.
- ☺ Parents' Evenings are planned for Monday 12 and Wednesday 14 October - please contact your child's teacher as a matter of urgency if you have not yet booked an appointment.
- ☺ 'Flu spray for pupils in Y1/2 will be given on 13 Oct.

INTERNATIONAL WEEK

During the week beginning 19 October, we plan to celebrate all the different nationalities we have in school. If you are able to help in any way, please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible.

THE WEDNESDAY WORD

Special word of the week is "Happiness" - the rich man wanted to live forever with God. But he put his trust in wealth and money rather than trust God to bring him happiness.



SAFEGUARDING

- ✦ Remember to be kind and thoughtful towards each other at all times.
- ✦ Always close doors behind you to stop fire from spreading and to keep everyone safe and secure.
- ✦ Follow the rule: keep your hands and feet to yourself.



FRED AND HIS SOUNDS!



Now is the time to "Fred in your head" then say the word as a whole.

How many words can you read without Fred's help?

How many words can you read in one minute?

Shared Lunch



Congratulations to Krista, Ridas, Blessing, Leon, Cara, Peter M, Ketrin, Daniel, Leoni, Kevin, Beatrice and Karina who all shared lunch with Miss McGrath and Mrs Porter. Children are selected for showing acts of kindness, hard work, enthusiasm and sensible behaviour this week.

Class Information

Rec: Please remember to do your homework every night and to go to bed early!

Year 1: Please practise your number bonds eg $1+9=10$, $2+8=10$

Year 2: Remember to read every night and practise your spellings for Thursdays' tests.

Year 3: Please keep working on your 4X table. Remember your spelling test is every Monday.

Year 4: Please complete homework by Thursday for marking.

Year 5: Please remember to return your Parents' Evening slips. PE kit is needed every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Year 6: Please remember to return your Parents' Evening slips if you would like an appointment next week.