

# St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Week ending Friday 16 October 2015

## Attendance Matters!

This week's attendance (last week's in brackets)	Number of days missed	Number of lates
Rec: 96.33% (91.33%)	5½	0
Y1: 99.33% (97.00%)	1	0
Y2: 97.67% (91.67%)	3½	1
Y3: 98.62% (93.79%)	2	2
Y4: 97.04% (95.89%)	4	0
Y5: 95.71% (94.29%)	6	2
Y6: 98.15% (97.41%)	2½	2



### ATTENDANCE – 97.56%

A huge improvement over last week - only one class below the LA target. Well done to the other six classes!

### PUNCTUALITY – 7 lates

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

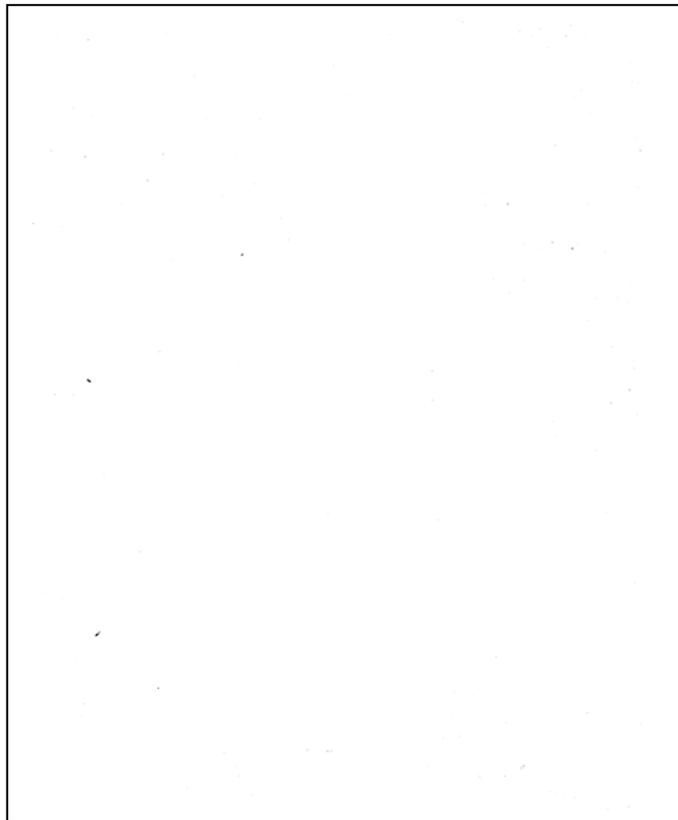
### ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS – Year 1

What a fabulous week for Year 1 - only one day's absence all week. What a wonderful group you are!

## ☆ Stars of the Week ☆

Rec: Sara Antony	Denis Farbar
Y1: Kacper Pajak	Jesika Gadova
Y2: Marcel Mazur	Charley Nguyen
Y3: Katy Nguyen	Sandra Konarzewska
Y4: Theo Shelley	Kacper Kawecki
Y5: Alesha Ebanks	Hari Singh
Y6: Natasha Kallay	Oliwia Suchocka

## Work of the Week, Year 2



Charley in Year 2 has put a lot of thought into her work about Daniel. Her writing is very good, thank you Charley.

## 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.

## Fact of the Week

Rec'n	Two halves make a whole
Year 1	A square has four equal sides
Year 2	2D shapes have 2 faces and 3D shapes have more than 2 faces
Year 3	To find the perimeter we walk around the edge of the shape
Year 4	Information sheets need headings, sub-headings, bullet points and boxes
Year 5	To calculate the area of a square or rectangle you can use the formula Area=heightxwidth
Year 6	The angles on a straight line add up to 180°

## 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 next Thursday, 22 October returning on Monday 2 November.
- Four of our Y6 pupils enjoyed their visit to the Handsworth Young People's Parliament with Mr Berry yesterday.
- Y5 pupils will be having a drama workshop day next Thursday with Mark from Konflux Theatre Company.
- Next week is our International Week when we shall be focusing on all the different cultures within our school as well as looking at some different religions from around the world. We might be welcoming some visitors but we are still awaiting confirmation!



### 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.



We really enjoyed today's special visitor who spoke to us about how to stay safe near railways. It was amazing to hear about the things that can go wrong if we make the wrong choice. Always stay safe and keep away from fences which are there to protect you.



### SPECIAL EVENTS

- ☺ Next Friday is a Teacher Day. Remember: school finishes for half term on Thursday 22 October.
- ☺ Y6 children are due to visit St Chad's Cathedral next Tuesday.
- ☺ Y1 children will be visiting Sandwell Park Farm next Thursday.
- ☺ Performing Arts' Assembly is next Thursday at 09:10 - Y4 will be sharing their special performance.

### 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 "**Greatness**" - Pope Francis said, "The measure of the greatness in a society is found in the way it treats those most in need."

### SAFEGUARDING

- ✦ Give what you can to help those in need of care and protection.
- ✦ Keep a close eye on your friends - are they looking a bit worried?
- ✦ Make sure you keep yourself safe at all times.



### FRED AND HIS SOUNDS!



Everyone has learned to "Fred in your head" and we are all improving at saying the word straight away without Fred's help. Well done!!! We shall be checking all your sounds next week so keep working hard every day.

### Shared Lunch



Congratulations to Maya B, Kacper P, Grace, Jan, Katy N, Jaden, Shea F, Oliwier S, Alesha, Brian, Shanae and Billy 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. **SUPERSTARS!!!**

### Class Information

**Rec:** Thank you to all the parents who attended Parents' Evenings this week. It was lovely to see you and great to discuss how all of your children are settling in.

**Year 1:** A square has four equal sides

**Year 2:** We have been looking out for 2D and 3D shapes this week. See if you can find any at home. Thank you, parents, for attending Parents' Evenings - it was lovely to see you.

**Year 3:** *To find the perimeter we walk all around the shape.*

**Year 4:** *Information sheets need headings, sub-headings, bullet points and boxes*

**Year 5:** *There have been some super narrative poems created this week! It was great to meet you on Parents' Evenings this week.*

**Year 6:** *Thank you for a fabulous week, I have really enjoyed reading your diary accounts. I am looking forward to our trip to St Chad's Cathedral on Tuesday - don't forget your lunchbox!*