

St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Week ending Thursday 22 October 2015

Attendance Matters!

This week's attendance (last week's in brackets)	Number of days missed	Number of lates
Rec: 97.08% (96.33%)	3½	0
Y1: 96.67% (99.33%)	4	2
Y2: 99.17% (97.67%)	1	2
Y3: 96.12% (98.62%)	4½	1
Y4: 95.83% (97.04%)	5	1
Y5: 99.11% (95.71%)	1	3
Y6: 100% (98.15%)	0	1



ATTENDANCE – 97.67%
We are so pleased with our ever-increasing attendance! There was only one class below 96% and that was due to one child who has been unwell all week – the rest of the class was fantastic as was the rest of the school!



PUNCTUALITY – 10 lates
We are very happy with your punctuality – most of these 'lates' were children arriving within 10 minutes of the bell. If you get up a few minutes earlier, we may get a week with NO late arrivals and that would be wonderful!



ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS – Year 6
100% attendance and only 1 late – so close to perfection! Well done, Year 6! Mrs Warren is very proud of you.

☆ Stars of the Week ☆

Rec: Noah Penman-White	Igor Pawlowski
Y1: Maja Majrowska	Catherine Onodyova
Y2: Virginia DeLa Cruz	Kelsi Taggart
Y3: Peter Pham	Niko Mucha
Y4: Oliwia Baran	Dylan Shortall
Y5: Omoruyi Osa	Rihanna Brazier
Y6: Shanae Jeffrey	William Irwin

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: 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. Children arriving late have their name recorded and if there is an accumulation of late arrivals it is seen as a cause for concern. When children arrive after registration closes, they are marked as an 'unauthorised absence' unless we see evidence of a medical appointment. Proof of all medical appointments needs to be shown to a member of staff in 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, Headteachers 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 Headteachers 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, Reception



The children in Reception Class have had great fun helping each other to make models from 'junk'. They have also been very busy in the pet shop. We hope they took all the dogs for long walks!

Fact of the Week

Rec'n	$9 + 1 = 10$
Year 1	A hexagon has six sides.
Year 2	We measure length in cm and m.
Year 3	We can use a number line for addition.
Year 4	There are 3,600 seconds in an hour.
Year 5	20×20 can be calculated as $20 \times 2 \times 10$.
Year 6	A dodecahedron has 12 faces.



Live, Love and Learn with Jesus

IMPORTANT SCHOOL NEWS

- The children finish for half term today and are due to return to school on Monday 02 November: be on time by ten to nine!
- Our Y1 pupils enjoyed their visit to Sandwell Park Farm today.
- Y5 pupils learned so much about British Values in their drama workshop day today with Mark from Konflux Theatre Company.
- Pupils in Y2 and Y5 had a super time with Ula from Ex Cathedra on Monday learning different songs to support their work in English and Maths.
- Children in Y6 were privileged to visit St Chad's Cathedral on Tuesday to learn about the Archdiocese of Birmingham and the history of the cathedral.

E-SAFETY!

Be e-safe: use internet sites that are safe for children and follow the rules you have agreed with your parents.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- ☺ Assembly on Wednesday 11 November will be themed on Remembrance.
- ☺ Children in Need Day will be Friday 13 November. Watch for details of how we plan to help others.
- ☺ Our next disco will be on Thursday 19 November - "Dress to Impress!"

SAFEGUARDING

- ✦ Be safe during the holiday - wear your reflectors and make sure your parents know where you are.
- ✦ Stay away from railways and open water.
- ✦ Only go with people that you know and with whom you are safe.

THE WEDNESDAY WORD

Special word of the week is "Courage" - this word comes from the Latin word for "HEART" and means that you are brave. Courage is a gift from the Holy Spirit which makes us strong. Putting our faith in Jesus gives us the courage to do the right thing.



FRED AND HIS SOUNDS!

Read Write Inc.

We are delighted with the results of your phonics checks this week. Well done to everyone for improving so much. Keep up with your daily sound and word practice.

Mrs Tran is most impressed with all our 1:1 tutors from different classes who are helping younger children to improve their reading skills.



Shared Lunch



Congratulations to Katie, Oliwier M, Elyssa, Eryk, Bryan, Theo, Elouise, Krystian, Oliwia S and Piotr 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: The children have enjoyed International Week, playing music and listening to stories from around the world. Enjoy the holiday!

Year 1: We really enjoyed our trip to Sandwell Valley. It was great fun.

Year 2: The children enjoyed learning about cultural festivals this week. Remember your PE kit for the first day back.

Year 3: We have enjoyed learning about Hinduism and Black History this week. I look forward to seeing your fact file of a chosen person after ½ term.

Year 4: Have a super holiday! Practise your X tables.

Year 5: Have a super holiday! Practise some word problems to help your mental maths skills.

Year 6: Thank you, everyone, for your impeccable behaviour at St Chad's Cathedral on Tuesday. You all made me very, very proud. Thank you. Have a wonderful break and stay safe!