



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of term I wanted to share my gratitude with you all. This has been my first term as Head of School and it has certainly had its share of challenges! I am overwhelmed by the support you have shown me and all of the staff at school since returning in September. We are living through truly unprecedented times and this has been a steep learning curve for us all.

My priority this term has been to ensure our communication is excellent in school; I hope we are achieving this and I am happy to take feedback about what is working well or what we could improve. Next term we are replacing Parent Mail with a new email service called Arbor; thank you to everyone who has already provided current email addresses, this will run alongside Marvellous Me, Facebook, Twitter and our website so please watch this space.

I would like to express my gratitude for the generosity you have shown this term when supporting all of our charitable causes-Mental Health Day, Anti-Bullying Day, Christmas Jumper Day and the Cause Christmas Hamper appeal; your support is really appreciated. I am deeply aware of how many of our own families are finding life a huge challenge at the moment; we have faced losses of family members, job losses and an increase in mental health support. If school can help in anyway with a family within our St Augustine's community please get in touch.

Linked to this I am also aware that many families have had a change in circumstances which may have resulted in an increase in financial pressures; if you feel your child may now be eligible for free school meals please contact the school office. This includes children in Early Years/Key Stage One who currently get universal free school meals; the extra funding we receive in school would help us to support you in paying for trips/visits/uniform etc.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to send thanks to all of the staff at St Augustine's; we are truly a family and I appreciate the hard work and care that everyone puts in every single day.

I send you all my best wishes for a happy and holy Christmas; I will keep you all in my prayers and look forward to making new memories in 2021. God Bless.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L. Rehbohm  
Head of School

*Serve the Lord in gladness*

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