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- Charlie W-R
- Ruben D S-L
- Theo V
- Francesco L
- Georgia L
- Jotham S
- Aidan B
- Indie-Rose M
- Talloulah M
- Isaac M
- Daisy B
- James L
- Frazer M
- Mason B
- Caleb C
- Lola N
- Mia-Chanel B-R
- Freddie P
- Carl A
- George R
- Joseph L

Diary Dates

11th January	Year 6– Sightseeing Tour of Middlesbrough
27th January	Holocaust Memorial day
29th January-4th February	National Storytelling Week
Tuesday 1st Feb 2022	Chinese New Year-Year of the Tiger
7th-13th February	Children’s Mental health Week
8th February	Safer Internet Day
17th February	Random Acts of Kindness day
Monday 21st February-Friday 25th February	Half Term Holiday
2nd March	Ash Wednesday/Lent begins
11th March-19th March	British Science Week
21st March	World Poetry day
22nd march	World Water Day
W/b 4th April	Holy Week Events
11th April-22nd April Easter Holidays	Easter holidays

School Website

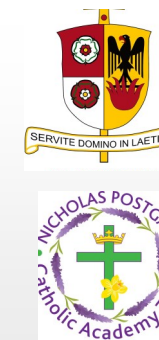
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 You can also follow all our latest news on Twitter: @StAugustinesSc1 and on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/St-Augustines-Catholic-Primary-School



School Lunch

On Monday 14th February we will be having a Valentine’s themed lunch at school. If your child doesn’t usually have a school lunch you are welcome to contact the office for them to have lunch on that day; the cost of school lunch is £2.20 per day but is free for children in Reception, Year 1 & 2.

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Welcome back and a belated Happy New Year to all of our families. I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas spent with those you love.

On behalf of all the staff at St Augustine’s, I would like to thank you for the cards and gifts you sent into school before the holidays.

Despite our first week back being only 3 days we certainly hit the ground running! My visits to classrooms since our return has seen engaged children, lively classrooms and that real sense of purpose that is the hallmark of learning environments at St Augustine’s.

Staying Safe

Our priority is to deliver face-to-face, high-quality education to all pupils, and we continue to work closely with the Trust and the Department of Health and Social Care, following the latest guidance as we learn to live with coronavirus.

Face Coverings: All visitors are asked to wear a face covering when entering the school building and moving around the school (exemptions apply).

Self-isolation and close contacts: If anyone in school develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, they will be sent home and asked to take a lateral flow test.

We do have a number of cases across school; if cases grow and we spot a ‘cluster’ of cases spreading across one year group we will inform you and ask that your child does a lateral flow test everyday for seven days. We would also ‘bubble’ the identified year group for a short period of time until cases reduce.



Attendance and Punctuality

You are reminded that school starts at 8:45am for children in Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Nursery starts at 8.30am.

Gates are open from 8:30am and are locked again at 8.50am.

Activities and learning begin across school at 8.30am; teachers set up early morning maths/English/handwriting. These early morning activities allow revision of facts and skills essential for 'sticky learning' (improving children's memories).

With all of the potential 'lost learning' children have experienced throughout the pandemic we are trying our very hardest to maximise every minute of time spent in school.

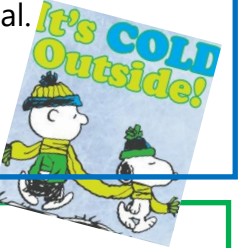
Please continue to support us with our high expectations of attendance; our whole school attendance is currently at 94.7%, this is well below our target of 97%. Please try your hardest to ensure your child attends everyday of school on time.



It looks like the colder weather has arrived and is here to stay for a while. Please ensure that all children have appropriate clothing such as a warm coat.

Last term, there was an increasing number of parents also reporting items of lost property, some of which I know are expensive. Please can you ensure that all your child's items of clothing are named so that should they get lost, they can be easily identified and returned.

Due to Covid we have to keep classrooms well ventilated so your child may benefit from wearing a vest/thermals under their uniform if they are finding classrooms colder than usual.



Reception places

Please be aware that the online application form for Reception Year group places for September 2022 closes on the 15th January 2022. If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 and they are due to attend Reception class in September 2022 you must complete this form to secure a place. If your child is currently in our Nursery, you must still complete an online application form to secure a place in Reception for September 2022.



Mental health & Wellbeing



We have noticed a significant increase in children across school needing support with emotional needs. Some of this is due to anxieties linked to the pandemic, some is due to bereavement/loss. In school we know how important it is for children to be emotionally well.

All teaching staff in school are trained in delivering the Rainbows Bereavement Programme; this is appropriate for low level support for children who may have experienced loss of a family member/close friend or parental separation. We currently run a Key Stage 2 group on a Wednesday lunchtime. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you feel they would benefit from this support; we are able to respond to need and groups can be set up right across school.

Mrs Simpson has also been employed as a specialist teaching assistant working with upper key stage 2 to support emotional health and wellbeing with selected groups and individuals. If your child is one of those targeted for ELSA support you will receive a letter from Mrs Simpson.

As a school we are also able to buy into higher level outside services with trained counsellors. We currently access Mindset (for those children suffering with emotional wellbeing issues linked to Covid) and Schools in Mind. We also have access to The Bungalow Project and CAMHs. There are often long waiting lists for these outside agencies and we have to direct children to the service most appropriate for their needs.

We are very aware that many families need support, not just children, but also parents and carers. Families can refer themselves for Early Help/Stronger Families support by emailing

MiddlesbroughMACH@middlesbrough.gov.uk. or calling 01642 726004.

Mrs Rehbohm and Mrs Nicholson are our trained mental health leads in school and Mrs Dunning is our SENDCO-if you would like a more in depth discussion around your child's emotional wellbeing please ring the office to make an appointment to speak to one of us.

