



Diary Dates

Sunday 15th January	Family Mass @ St Mary's Cathedral 10am
Wednesday 18th January	Year 6 Parent's Information Meeting-SATs & Carlton
22nd January	Chinese New Year-Year of the Rabbit
27th January	Holocaust Memorial day
30th January-5th February	National Storytelling Week
6th-12th February	Children's Mental Health Week- 'Let's Connect'
8th February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 9th February	Sacramental Programme Parent's Meeting- Year 4 2.30pm-School Hall
17th February	Random Acts of Kindness day
Wednesday 22nd February	Ash Wednesday-Lent begins
Monday 20th February- Friday 24th February	Half Term Holiday
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day
10th March-19th March	British Science Week
21st March	World Poetry day
22nd March	World Water Day
Sunday 2nd April	Palm Sunday
3rd April-16th April Easter Holidays	Easter holidays

Evelyn R

Charlie W-R

Ruben D S-L

Theo V

Georgia L

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

Ivie-Diana C

School Website

Please log on to our school website, all information, copies of letters and newsletters are easily accessible.

www.staugustines.npcat.org.uk

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 Tuesday 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.

I am really looking forward to enjoying every moment of my final term here at St Augustine's.

Mrs Rehbohm



Your child may have mentioned that we introduced a new **whole school curriculum** in September. We trialled elements of this in the summer term and have now introduced the whole curriculum across school from Years 1-6.

All staff have carried out a great deal of training over the last year around how children learn. They have studied the latest research around cognitive development and neuroscience in order to unpick the most effective ways to ensure our children know more and remember more. We have been very excited about this new whole school approach and we are already seeing a significant impact.

We have invested a great deal of money on new texts to support the reading spine and the increased enthusiasm for reading, particularly in Key Stage 2, is very clear.

The new approach is unapologetically ambitious and children are being challenged to think as scientists/historians/geographers etc. Staff aim to keep our families informed with each classes curriculum termly so please look at for class newsletters over the coming weeks. We also update our curriculum pages on our school website so please take the time to have a look at these as long term plans are uploaded to them.

If you have any further questions please feel free to make an appointment to chat to your child's teacher about the best way to support them at home.

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).

Please continue to support us with our high expectations of attendance; our whole school attendance is currently at 95%, this is 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 with a hood.

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.



Reception places

Please be aware that the online application form for Reception Year group places for September 2023 closes on Sunday the 15th January 2023. If your child was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 and they are due to attend Reception class in September 2023 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 2023.



Mental health & Wellbeing



We continue to see an 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 or family break ups. 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 Thursday 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.

As a school we are also able to buy into higher level outside services with trained counsellors. We currently access 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 is our qualified Senior Mental Health Lead and Mrs Nicholson supports her in this role, 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.



What a busy start to 2023!
Scientific investigations, ukulele lessons, dodge ball winners, tag rugby and puddle jumping!
Great work everyone.