

17th November 2023

## **Lest We Forget**

Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been a very busy few weeks here at St. Augustine's and I am sure you will agree that there have been some wonderful things going on across school.

Last week, the whole school gathered together to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have died as a result of war. There is a beautiful display in the school chapel that each child has contributed to. Some pupils from our pupil leadership team took part in Remembrance Services at The Cenotaph and Postgate House. As always, the children were excellent ambassadors for St. Augustine's. Thank you to everyone who was able to support us at Family Mass on Sunday; it was lovely to see so many of our families and young people at church on Remembrance Sunday.

Monday of this week saw the beginning of anti-bullying week which was marked with odd socks to show our uniqueness and what makes us kind; our anti-bullying ambassadors delivered an assembly too. Wednesday was Break the Rules Day, which was a great success, and all went well!. Thank you to one of our Y6 pupils who suggested this fun fundraising event. It is great to know that our children think of new initiatives and make them happen! Movie Night was another great success on Tuesday. Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising events and thanks must go to our great PTA members who organise them. As a school we are truly grateful. All money raised goes back into the school and our children

Last week, I'm thrilled to say that our Y6 Dodgeball team brought back a bronze medal! Well deserved.

## **Important Staffing update**

I am sad to inform you that Mrs Farley will be leaving us at the end of December. After 32 years of working at St. Augustine's, Mrs Farley has decided it is time to retire and spend lots of quality time with her family. I am sure that you will join me in thanking her for her dedicated service to our school and wish her well for her future.

Sadly, both Mrs Manton and Mr Robbins will also be leaving St. Augustine's at the end of December. I know that the decision was incredibly difficult for both of them but they are leaving to spend more time with their young families. Mrs Manton and Mr Robbins have brought so many qualities to our school in their time here and will be sorely missed. They have dedicated themselves to making sure the children in their care have always been looked after and given the best opportunities possible. We really will be sad to see them go and I would like to thank them for their dedication to our school, parish, children and parents. I wish them well for their futures. The recruitment process for both teaching positions is underway and I will inform you at the earliest opportunity of any updates regarding this.

Have a lovely weekend. God bless

Mrs Coe

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