



## St Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy

*We grow and learn as a family in the footsteps of Jesus*

# Newsletter

2<sup>1st</sup> January 2019

# Happy New Year!

Dear Parents,

The children have all settled back into school really well and are working hard after the Christmas break. In the first week, we remembered the importance of the Epiphany and we reflected upon the star that guided the three kings and how we become closer to God when we follow His guiding light. Please read on to find out all the news, information and upcoming dates for the term ahead.

### New Staff

A very warm welcome to Mrs Littler and Mrs Harwood, who are now teaching the Dung Beatles in Year 5/6. They are experienced primary teachers who have planned an exciting and challenging topic for the class. They have replaced Miss Moon, who made the decision to leave at Christmas to pursue new ventures. Staff presented Miss Moon with gifts at the end of term and we thanked her for all her hard work and dedication at St Augustine's over the last 6 years. We truly wish her every happiness and success moving into 2019.

We also welcomed Miss Senior, who is our new Administrative Assistant in the office. She will be on the front desk on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings to assist with phone calls, queries, lunches and all the other jobs that help to keep the school running smoothly.



### e-Safety

At school all staff place the highest importance on the happiness and safety of our pupils and this includes on the internet. Alan Mackenzie visited school last week and spoke to all the children in key stage 2 about e-safety. Most of our pupils are engaged with technology in a wide variety of ways; as well as using the internet for education, they also play games, socialise and invest a lot of their personality in the social and ever-changing place that is online. But as well as enormous opportunities, there are risks too. The teachers are following Alan's visit with activities to educate their pupils in ways to stay safe online. Alan also led 2 parent sessions after school. As the parent or carer, you play the most important part. Look out for the safety bulletin 'Ditto' that we will send to you on a regular basis to keep you up to date with e-safety information for parents.

### Clubs

I am delighted to say that this term we have been able to increase the amount of clubs on offer to all our pupils. There was a real buzz of excitement as children attended their chosen club for the first time this week. We can now offer; construction, football, netball, games club, homework, eco, guitar, chess, Lego, dance and drama!

## Uniform

We believe a uniform gives a child a sense of identity, pride and belonging. All children should wear our school uniform everyday including black/navy school shoes not trainers. Please also ensure your child has their correct P.E. kit in school for the week.

## Jewellery and Hair

Children should not wear jewellery, other than watches or a single pair of stud earrings, at school. Children must be able to remove their earrings without help for P.E. Children with long hair need to wear it tied back neatly throughout the school day. Hair accessories should be small in size and plain or very gently patterned.

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR ARE CLEARLY NAMED.**

Thank you for your cooperation!

## Crich Fundraising

Last term, Jack in year 6 held a Christmas Quiz with some fantastic hamper prizes. He managed to raise a fabulous £58.85, which will go towards costs, treats and extras to benefit all the children on the trip.

## Parent Governor Vacancy

Are you interested in joining the Governing body to support St Augustine's and help to ensure our pupils get the very best education that they all deserve? If the answer is yes, please see the website for more details. The deadline for nominations is 28<sup>th</sup> January.



### Stars of the Week

Congratulations to Abel, Charly, Wren, Rocco and Nacho.

They are our first set of stars for 2019 and have already shown they are **Ready, Responsible, Resilient, Resourceful, Risk-Taking** and **Reflective** in their learning!



## Chaplaincy Team

The Chaplaincy team awarded 2 certificates to pupils who have been following in the footsteps of Jesus; Riley in year 3 has been noticed as being very polite and always holding doors open therefore 'loving thy neighbour' and Luke in EYFS has been spotted helping others.

## Match Report by Liam and Jack

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January, St Augustine's played a football match against St Gilberts. Unfortunately, we lost 1-0. The man of the match was Charlie, who was the goalie. He saved us from losing 5-0 as he dived all over the pitch to save the ball. We all hope to win the next match.

### Dates for the diary

24 <sup>th</sup> January at 2:30pm	Parent Forum
27 <sup>th</sup> January	School Mass at Church 9am
29 <sup>th</sup> January at 5pm	Governors Meeting
4 <sup>th</sup> February 3:30-5pm	Parent-Teacher Meetings
5 <sup>th</sup> February 5-7pm	Parent-Teacher Meetings
14 <sup>th</sup> February	5 year olds dental check (permission slips will be sent out)
18 <sup>th</sup> February – 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
6 <sup>th</sup> March at 9am	Ash Wednesday Mass in school
7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Week Beginning 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Multi-Faith Week
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2/3 trip to Nene Valley
26 <sup>th</sup> March at 2:30pm	Open Classrooms
31 <sup>st</sup> March at 9am	School Mass in church Mothering Sunday
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Holy Week Liturgy in school
8 <sup>th</sup> April-22 <sup>nd</sup> April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS Week