



# St Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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

## Newsletter

25<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Parents,

We have had another busy week in school! EYFS planned and prepared a 'picnic on the moon' for their parents on Tuesday afternoon. The children made some delicious sandwiches and scones for their parents, which involved



lots of maths talk and fine motor skills. It was lovely to see so many parents in school sharing this special activity with the boys and girls.



School welcomed two visitors this week. We learned all about the work of CAFOD from a lady called Ann, who reported that St Augustine's was the only school she had visited where the children knew what CAFOD stood for! (Catholic Agency For Overseas Development). She shared different ways that Christians can follow in the footsteps of Jesus such as giving clothes to the poor and providing water to the thirsty.

Sarah Outen paid us all a visit on Thursday. Sarah is a British athlete and adventurer. She was the first woman and the youngest person to row solo across the Indian Ocean and also the Pacific Ocean from Japan to Alaska single-handedly. She completed a round-the-world journey, under her own power, by rowing boat, bicycle and kayak in 2015. Brooke and Zara commented that, 'she has inspired us and told us about her amazing once in a lifetime journey! She also told us some funny stories about seeing sharks and eating lamb's nostrils!'



### Here to Help!

All the staff at St Augustine's are very happy to help parents in any way they can. We encourage you to talk to us if any issues arise concerning your child or school. If you have questions, queries or concerns about your child's learning or behaviour in school, your first point of contact is your child's class teacher. You can catch them at drop off or hometime, when they will be more than happy to take messages or arrange a suitable time to chat. Alternatively, you can make an appointment with your child's class teacher by contacting the school office. For more serious issues and confidential matters, please contact the office to arrange to speak with me (Mrs de Wet) or to make an appointment to meet with me.

### Lego Club need a helper!

Can you spare an hour after school on Wednesdays? Mr Sinclair needs another pair of hands to assist at Lego club. If you are interested, please contact the office.



### Keeping Children Safe

At St Augustine's, we consider the safety of all our pupils to be our top priority. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all pupils. All staff follow guidelines and procedures which are set out in the school's Safeguarding policy. This document can be found on our website or, if you would like a paper copy, please ask at the office.

### Stars of the Week



Congratulations to Owen, Lucy, Daisy, Conner and Miya.

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!

### Dates for the diary

29 <sup>th</sup> January at 5pm	Governors Meeting
31 <sup>st</sup> January	Football v Bluecoat
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
18 <sup>th</sup> February – 25 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Bridge Taster for Year 5/6
6 <sup>th</sup> March at 9am	Ash Wednesday Mass in school (families welcome)
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
21 <sup>st</sup> March (am)	Tempest Class Photos
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
17 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 6 trip to The Briars

**Have a wonderful weekend!**