

# St Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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

## Newsletter

6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents,

### Welcome to the Academic Year 2019-20

I hope that everyone had a fantastic summer!

It has been wonderful to see all of the children back in school looking so smart in their uniforms and ready to learn. The new Reception children have also made a positive start and we welcome new families and new teachers to the school community.



A very important reminder that good attendance at school is crucial to your child's social, emotional and academic success. Punctuality is also a life skill that we should be teaching our children from a very young age

so please arrive at school on time. Late arrival causes missed learning, disruption to the office staff and to the teaching staff as well as being unsettling for the children.

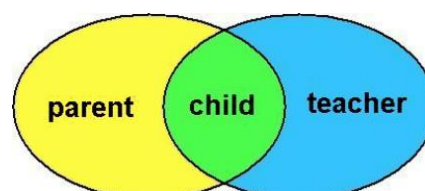


**On Time, All Day, Every Day**

**ATTENDANCE COUNTS**

As your child is settling into their new classes;

EYFS/Year 1 Lambs  
Year 1/2 Camels  
Year 2/3 Lions  
Year 4/5 Doves  
Year 5/6 Eagles



remember that if you have any questions or concerns, the class teachers will be happy to meet with you before or after school. You can also leave a message for them to contact you with the staff on the doors in the morning or at the school office.



We shall celebrate the beginning of our school year with a whole-school mass, where Father Simon will bless each class and their animal mascot on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 11am. It will be Fr Simon's last school mass at St. Augustine's so do come along if you can and join us for this special occasion.

## **Improvements to the School Site**

Lots of changes have taken place to the school site this Summer. We secured a significant amount of investment from our Trust and Diocese and have managed to improve all the areas of the school that we requested funding for:

- The heating piping has been completely replaced and is now located above ground throughout the school. Cosmetic work to box in will be completed at half term.
- We have a brand new perimeter fence running the length of the back and side of the school.
- Brand new soffits and fascias have been installed, running the length of the back of the school above the classrooms
- New Roof with covered ceiling and LED lights for KS2



## **Cummins, Stamford**

Cummins, a Stamford based engineering company, came in with a team of staff who do outreach work and repainted the trim trail, benches, picnic tables etc. I think you will agree they have done a fantastic job and we are very grateful for the work they have done.



## Diary Dates

**Celebration Assembly:** Every Friday at 2.45pm (unless otherwise notified) there will be a Celebration Assembly in the School Hall (enter via main reception) which all families are welcome to attend.

9 <sup>th</sup> September	11am-12pm Opening Mass in School (All Welcome)
11 <sup>th</sup> September (am)	Year 4/5 to visit Stamford Library
18 <sup>th</sup> September (am)	Year 5/6 to visit Stamford Library
25 <sup>th</sup> September (am)	Year 1/2 to visit Stamford Library
26 <sup>th</sup> September	Years 5 and 6 - Wilds Lodge Festival of Music and Arts
27 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5/6 Bridge Taster Session
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Year 2/3 to visit Stamford Library
7 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent/Teacher meetings 3.15-5.15pm
8 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent/Teacher meetings 5.00-7.00pm
9 <sup>th</sup> October	Book Bus in School
15 <sup>th</sup> October	School Open Morning for prospective families
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of term
21 <sup>st</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> October	HALF TERM
28 <sup>th</sup> October	First day back to School
1 <sup>st</sup> November	Mass in Church at 10am (whole school)
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccinations (Reception to Year 5) – consent required.
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Christmas Lunch
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec to 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	School Holiday
6 <sup>th</sup> January	Training Day for Staff
7 <sup>th</sup> January	First day back at School