

# St Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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

## Newsletter

8<sup>th</sup> November 2019

### All Saints Mass

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November, we celebrated our first mass of the school year at our local parish church St. Mary's and St. Augustine's on Broad Street. All the classes were really excited and even though the walk down to church was rather wet and gloomy, the children were in very good spirits. It was the very first time in our beautiful church for some of our youngest pupils in Lambs class. Each class prepared some impressive pieces of display work on some of our favourite Saints, St Augustine, St Anthony, St Bernadette, St Therese of Lisieux and St Francis. Lots of the pupils had the chance to introduce the mass, read the bible readings, prayers and present the gifts. Our newly-formed choir led the melodic 'Litany of Saints' after communion. The super work was presented at the beginning of mass and laid out on the altar. Thank you to the ladies of the parish, who provided the much-appreciated drinks and biscuits for the children before they headed back to school.



House Points			
St Matthew	St Mark	St Luke	St John
			
68	104	122	143

### School Gates

We take the safety of our pupils seriously and so **we shall be locking the gates to the playground promptly when the bell goes at 8:55am.** Please make sure the children arrive in the playground before 8:55am so they are ready for the school day and can come into class with their friends. After this time, latecomers will have to use the main entrance but this should be rare and not the norm. Thank you for your cooperation.



## Attendance This Week

This week, the highest attendance was Lions class with 96.4%  
Well done to Miss Smith's class! We need every child in school every day so we can teach them. Please only keep your child at home if they are genuinely too ill for school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Lambs Mrs Cartwright	Camels Mr Martin	Lions Miss Smith	Doves Mr Squires	Eagles Mr Atter
				
95.7%	96.2%	96.4%	94.7%	95.7%

## A Paratrooper Visits St Augustine's (by Lucy and Oscar)

We had a visitor called Smudge who was from the Army. He is actually called a Paratrooper which means he jumps out of planes (34 to be exact).

He told us he had been to lots of countries outside of Europe with his job. Smudge has badges on his uniform and two of them mean he can jump out of both American and British planes. He told us that soldiers don't just go to battle they do so many other jobs like, building mini hospitals in places like Africa, they help people and their homes when there are bad floods in and around England. Smudge told us that the training he has had to do and the tests he has had to pass were so so hard to become a Paratrooper. He has had to do massive assault courses 90 meters off of the ground and run 20 miles with huge logs in teams and that was only on day one! We were in awe of him and have a lot of respect for him doing his very hard and selfless job. The amazing thing is that Smudge was a pupil at St. Augustine's and he even brought in a photo of himself in the St. Augustine's school uniform.



**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November is Children in Need Day. We shall have a non-uniform day in school in return for cash donations. Please give generously to this very worthy cause.**



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### 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.

12 <sup>th</sup> November	3.15pm and 6pm SATs Meeting for Parents of current Y2 children
13 <sup>th</sup> November	3.15pm and 6pm SATs Meeting for Parents of current Y6 children
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need - Whole School Non-uniform Day (voluntary cash only donation to Charity)
15 <sup>th</sup> November	FOSA Quiz Night in school 6pm
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccinations ( <b>Reception to Year 6</b> ) – <b>consent required.</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Open morning for new and prospective parents 9.30am - 12pm
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5/6 start swimming lessons on Fridays until 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
9 <sup>th</sup> December	"Awe and Wonder" Nativity Play dress rehearsal (EYFS and KSI) 2pm
10 <sup>th</sup> December	"Awe and Wonder" Nativity Play performances to Parents and Governors (EYFS and KSI) 2pm and 6pm
13 <sup>th</sup> December	FOSA Christmas Fayre
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
15 <sup>th</sup> January	National online closing date for primary school applications.
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 2/3 start swimming lessons on Fridays until 15 <sup>th</sup> May.
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 1/2 start swimming lessons on Fridays until 17 <sup>th</sup> July.
10-12 June 2020	Year 6 Crich Residential Visit

