



St Augustine's

Catholic Voluntary Academy

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



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UNDER YOUR PROTECTION

**We fly to thy protection, O holy Mother of God.
Despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers
O glorious and blessed Virgin.**

Amen.



A MESSAGE FROM MRS COX, HEADTEACHER

On Monday at around 9.30am, Ms Griffin said the words that makes all headteachers feel a bit wobbly; "Mrs Cox, Ofsted are on the phone." After a lengthy conversation with the lead HMI inspector, in which I set out the journey our school has been on over the last year, he set out the timetable and priorities for the next two days. The school flew into action.

I cannot speak highly enough of the teamwork, love, commitment and dedication that I have both seen and felt from our entire school community over the last few days. Mrs Hibbert, my acting Deputy Headteacher, arrived within the hour, as did Mr Della-Spina from the Trust. Staff stayed late into the evening to ensure that everything was ready and we went into Tuesday morning raring to go.

Day one saw two inspectors deep-diving into Maths, Reading, PE and History. On day two, the lead inspector returned to look further at Art, Geography, SEND, behaviour, attendance, safeguarding, personal development and early years. Lots of our staff had meetings with the inspectors and - most importantly - over half of our pupils were spoken to in some way, either in lessons, at playtime or in small group meetings. They were the absolute shining light of our school - confident, chatty, polite and the most brilliant advocates of all that we do to make their time in school safe, fun and happy.

No inspection is fun and the two days were gruelling and intense. However, there were **many** moments of joy as I saw everyone pulling together to support and 'show off' our lovely school. Parents too were so supportive and my heartfelt thanks goes out to you - every parent survey was positive, without exception, with 100% of parents saying they would recommend us. Parents spoke to inspectors with huge positivity, so thanks to all who were involved.

Sadly, I'm not yet allowed to share the outcome of our inspection - not even with my staff! However, what I can say is that the inspector recognised and spoke extremely highly of just how much has been achieved over the last year. He checked, verified and approved of all of the new planning, systems and procedures that we have established, saying they were effective and robust. He also congratulated me and my staff on how quickly these things had been embedded and what an impact they are having, which was verified by the children.

The framework for this inspection is entirely different from the last time the school was inspected in March 2019. This inspection report will focus on grading five areas - quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, personal development, early years provision, and leadership and management.

Each of these areas will be determined separately, and for the school to receive an overall 'Good' judgement, all five areas must achieve that grade. The inspector has to follow a set criteria when writing his report and this may not contain all the detail that he gave as feedback to us in our final meeting. I will, of course, share more detail with parents once the report is published.

In the meantime, I **can** say that the inspector praised the journey that we have been on and just how much we have achieved over the last year, commenting on all the ways in which we have moved forward at such a rapid pace.

I'd like to thank all of our stakeholders for your involvement, support and positivity, both over the last twelve months and the last two days! I look forward to sharing the official outcome of our inspection with you once it is published and in the meantime, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all of your wonderful children, who make every effort wholly worthwhile.

Very best wishes,
Mrs Cox

APPLE DAY AT STAMFORD ARTS CENTRE!

The garland of tree networks made in assembly by Y1-Y6 with local artist Sam Roddan, along with the Y6 mosaic habitat watercolours will be on display in the Stamford Arts Centre ballroom this Saturday, 1st October, as part of Apple Day where the organisers will also be running a free art activity.

Sunday 2nd October is the last of the free Neighbourhood Nature Walkshops with a botanist & artist - it's like a treasure hunt! The walkshop leaves Blackstones Sports & Social Club at 3.30pm. Click [here](#) for more information and to book your free tickets.

ST AUGUSTINE'S CVA NETBALL TEAM



L-R: Sylvie, Rose, Ellie, Harri, Freddie, Daisy and Charlie

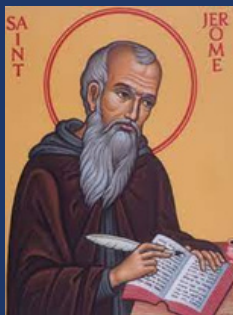
This Thursday, our year 5/6 netball team played a breathtaking match against St. George's. We started off strong with a win of 11-2 on the first game!

We are all incredibly proud of the team and are so excited for the other matches that are yet to come. Congratulations to Charlie Sinclair who won player of the match!

The sportsmanship that each individual showed was phenomenal and their teamwork was inspiring.

- Miss E Bush

PERSON OF THE WEEK - SAINT JEROME - FEAST DAY 30TH SEPTEMBER



**"Good, better, best.
Never let it rest.
'Til your good is better
and your better is best."
- Saint Jerome**

Before he was known as Saint Jerome, he was named Eusebius Sophronius Hieronymus. He was born around 342 AD, in Stridon, Dalmatia. Today, the town, which ceased to exist in Jerome's time, would likely be in Croatia or Slovenia.

The young Jerome was educated by Aelius Donatus, who was a famous Roman grammarian. From him, the young Jerome learned Latin and Greek. Little else is known of his childhood other than his parents were probably well-to-do and Christian. Around the age of 12 or so, Jerome travelled to Rome to study grammar, philosophy and rhetoric.

In or around the year 366, Jerome decided to become a Christian and was baptized by Pope Liberius. Now interested in theological matters, Jerome set aside secular matters to pursue matters of the faith. He travelled with Bonosus to Trier where there were schools for him to gain ecclesiastical training.

In 370, he travelled close to home, ending up in a monastery at Aquileia. The monastery was overseen by Bishop St. Valerian, who had attracted some of the greatest minds in Christendom. While in Aquileia, Jerome met Rufinus and the two men became friends. Rufinus was a monk who became renowned for his translations of Greek works into Latin. Jerome himself was developing his skills as a translator, a skill he developed during his time in the Roman catacombs, translating the inscriptions on the tombs.

In 374, Jerome became ill. During his illness, Jerome had visions which made him even more religious. Despite this, Jerome made it clear that he did not want to become a priest, preferring instead to be a monk or a hermit. But Church officials in Antioch as well as Pope Damasus wanted him to be ordained. Jerome relented on the condition he would not be expected to serve in any ministry and would still be allowed to pursue his monastic life. He was subsequently ordained.

Making the most of his freedom as a priest, Jerome travelled to Constantinople where he studied under St. Gregory of Nazianzus, who was renowned as a great theologian. After St. Gregory left Constantinople in 382, Jerome travelled to Rome for a council of the Church and met Pope Damasus. Following the council, Pope Damasus kept Jerome in Rome and made him his secretary.

Of all the things that made Jerome famous, nothing was so legendary as his translation of the Bible. Jerome began work while he was still in Rome under Pope Damasus. He spent his entire life translating the scriptures from Hebrew and Old Latin.

Jerome died on September 30, 420. His death was peaceful and he was laid to rest under the Church of the Nativity. His remains were later transferred to Rome.

LITTLE STARS

Little Stars bookings must now be made via ParentPay and paid at the point of booking. All bookings must be paid for within 2 hours or the system will automatically cancel them. Only children who have been booked and paid for will be accepted into the club. Any bookings that you wish to cancel must be cancelled 48hrs before the booked session to avoid charges.

PLEASE NOTE THAT AS OF 3RD OCT, LITTLE STARS WILL NOT OPEN UNTIL 8AM.

Click [here](#) for more information on Little Stars. Bookings close 48 hours before the required session. You can book as many sessions in advance as you require. Please see the attached document with instructions on how to book and cancel sessions. The iPad in the school foyer can also be used by parents to access ParentPay if required and our office staff will be happy to assist if needed.

Happy Birthday to Harrison in Y6 Juniper class who turns 11 today! We all wish you a very Happy Birthday!



SCHOOL LUNCHES

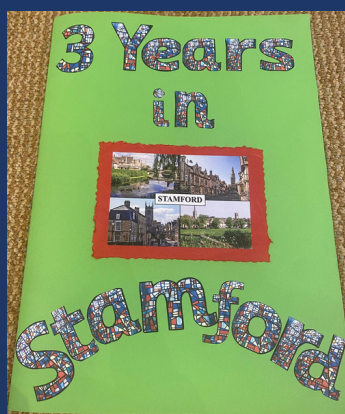
As you already know, from September 2022 our new meal provider is Ideal School Meals. Ideal School Meals are Lincolnshire's biggest and fastest growing providers of school meals. They provide thousands of healthy school meals every day, using fresh ingredients (including high welfare meats and seasonal produce) sourced locally from respected and established farms and suppliers. Meals must now be ordered online via www.schoolmealsonline.com. The deadline for orders is 9am on Tuesday for the following week. If you have any problems ordering your child's meals, please contact the school office.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"SCHOOL IS A BUILDING WHICH HAS FOUR WALLS WITH TOMORROW INSIDE."

— LON WATTERS

FATHER PETER VELLACOTT...CELEBRATING 3 YEARS OF SERVICE AT SAINT MARY & SAINT AUGUSTINE, STAMFORD



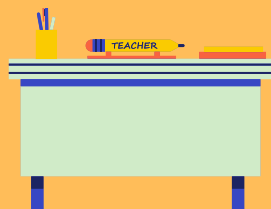
Sunday 25th September marked 3 years of Father Peter serving as our parish Priest at Saint Mary and Saint Augustine church in Stamford. The Children's Liturgy group made Father Peter a very special card and presented it to him with some chocolates. The Children's Liturgy takes place in our church every Sunday at 9am, and five of the Children's Liturgy members attend our school, ranging from EYFS to Y6! We would like to thank Father Peter for everything that he has done for us as a school since joining the parish, and for keeping us in his prayers.



COMING SOON...PARENTS EVENING

Parents Evening will be held on **Wednesday 19th** and **Thursday 20th October**. Please book a timeslot with your child's teacher via the sign-up sheets that will be on the classroom doors from today.

If you are unable to use the sign-up sheets on the classroom door, please contact our office on 01780 762094 so that we can arrange your appointment with you.



COMING SOON...READING CAFE

On **14th October**, we will be inviting all parents/carers/ grandparents to come in to school for our Reading Cafe!

You will be warmly welcomed to come and read to your child in their school surroundings, and listen to them read to you.

More information to follow soon...we look forward to seeing you!



A MESSAGE FROM GEORGE HEATHERINGTON, STAMFORD FOOD HUB

I am inviting you to join me at Stamford Methodist Church on Saturday 15th October when we will be Celebrating Africa. Please see details on the right for more details but I would like to highlight two events that are very special.

Chris Lubbe, former bodyguard for Nelson Mandela and friend of Desmond Tutu is to be our guest speaker after the meal. I have heard Chris speaking several times and he is brilliant.

Osupukiai is the Maasia village for which I set myself the challenge of raising sufficient funds for them to have a well. With the help of Power for People, a solar powered well has been installed, dramatically transforming the lives of the Osupukiai women. Come and enjoy the film!

Both so special to me and I hope you will be able to join us.

- George



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