



St Augustine's

Catholic Voluntary Academy

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



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LET US PRAY

Come Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove,



With light and comfort from above.

Be Thou our Guardian, Thou our Guide,

Stay close by every child's side.
Amen!

FOOTBALL

Last night we played our first league football match against St. George's. It was such a good game and the team stayed strong despite the weather and pitch conditions.

I'm so proud of how the team played and how we only conceded one goal.
Congratulations to Aaron Down who won 'Man of the Match'.

- Miss E. Bush



Premier League
Primary Stars

A MESSAGE FROM MRS COX, HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

We have had another great week at St. Augustine's; please see below for more details on the sporting events that some of our children have taken part in this week!

Thank you all so much for your support of our Community Open Day last Saturday - it was wonderful to see so many of you here, and very exciting to meet some new members of our school who will start in September! I would like to thank all of the staff who made the event such a success, along with Mrs Frisby for delivering breakfast and refreshments, and Mrs Armitage for coming in to read to the children in our new library snug.

I attended a chaplaincy retreat at The Briars in Crich this week with Mrs Donington. It was led by Jo Boyce, singer, songwriter, musician and co-founder of CJM MUSIC, a UK-based Catholic music ministry, who talked about and demonstrated the power of worship through song. Click [here](#) to see Jo singing 'Magnificat' on Songs of Praise.

The Briars is a youth retreat centre that does amazing work to promote youth work within our diocese. Our Year 6 class go on a residential trip to The Briars during their last year with us, and have the most wonderful time away. Our Year 6 Juniper class are currently fundraising towards the cost of their trip later in the year with a weekly raffle. Tickets are on sale in the playground at break and lunchtimes and there are some amazing 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes each week! The tickets are 50p each or 3 for £1, and the raffle will be drawn during our celebration assembly each Friday.

The Briars raise money for their youth work from the hire of glamping pods and cosy bungalows in their grounds at Saints Meadow that overlook the beautiful Matlock scenery. 100% of the profits go to charity - click [here](#) if you would like to see further details.

Even though it feels like we have only just returned to school from the Christmas holidays, our February half term is in sight! Please be advised that our last day of term is Thursday 9th February as Friday 10th is an inset day for our school. We will reopen after half term on Monday 20th February.

As always, please log in to your Seesaw app to see what's been happening in your child's class this week.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend, and look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Mrs Cox



CELEBRATING SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD - 22ND JANUARY 2023



Pope Francis

Pope Francis will preside over Mass on the "Sunday of the Word of God" in St. Peter's Basilica. The theme this year is a verse from John's Gospel, "We proclaim to you what we have seen" (1 Jn 1:3).

In 2019, Pope Francis established the Sunday of the Word of God to be celebrated each year on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. As the Holy Father stated in his apostolic letter instituting the observance, "Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world"

BOOK CORNER

Did you know that Tuesday was National Winnie the Pooh Day?

January 18th is the day chosen to celebrate our favourite "chubby little cubby all stuffed with fluff" in honour of his creator's birthday, author A.A. Milne, born January 18, 1882.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Celebrating birthdays over the next few days are:

Jake in Year 6 who will be 11 on 23rd January

Delilah in EYFS who turns 5 on 23rd January

Harry in EYFS who will be 5 on 25th January

We all wish you a very Happy Birthday, and hope you have a wonderful time celebrating your special day!

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 95.14%. Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - 90%
Sycamore - 97.92%
Acacia - 97.3%
Willow - 92.59%
Juniper - 97.08%



83 of our pupils had 100% attendance at school this week.

Please click [here](#) to link to the gov.uk website for more information on attendance and absence.

ATHLETICS AT BORDERVILLE

On Tuesday, children from Y4/5/6 went to the Borderville Sports Centre in Stamford to take part in an athletics competition!

Miss B and I are so proud of each and every one of them, especially with Year 3 and Year 4 pupils from our school competing against Year 6's! We placed 5th in the overall competition, but they all tried their best and gave the competition everything they had.

A huge 'well done' to Ellie, Charlie, Jake, Aaron, Harrison, Harri, Emilia, Holly, Mia, Rose, Sylvie and Luke!

- Mrs Sinclair



FUNDRAISER FOR STAMFORD'S NEW SCOUTING HQ

The 2nd Stamford Town Scouts are hosting a table top sale on Saturday 18th February at Stamford Free Church, Kesteven Road, from 1pm-3pm. They are raising funds for their new Scouting HQ.

There will be bric-a-brac, children's toys, toddler equipment, clothing, daffodil bulbs in pots and books on sale.

Entry is free, and refreshments will be available.



E-SAFETY RESOURCES FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

New Resource - 5 to 8 Year Olds - Jack Changes the Game:

CEOP have released a new learning activity and picture book (PDF) for 5 to 8 year olds which can be used in the classroom or be used by parent/carers at home. The book is all about online friends and how online friends are not always as they seem. You can see all the resources for free download [HERE](#).

For Parents - Find the Fake

Internet Matters have a great little quiz for parents and their children to test their knowledge around areas such as fake news, disinformation, misinformation, and how to stop it from spreading. You can find the quiz [HERE](#).

For Parents - Epic Games Store Parental Controls

Epic is a games store and also games-playing platform where children can play games such as Fortnite, Fall Guys and Rocket League. There are a number of good parental features available for under 13's which some parents may not know about including: chatting, in-app purchasing, inappropriate content and more. Please have a look at [THIS](#) guide for parents.