

St. Augustine's

Catholic Voluntary Academy



Let all that you do be done in love.

1 Corinthians 16:14



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A MESSAGE FROM MRS COX

It's been another wonderful week of learning at St. Augustine's! Here's what our children have been doing this week;

Miss Darby's EYFS Cedar class have been learning about repeating patterns and practicing their letter formations.

Mrs Donington's Y1/2 Sycamore class have role-played a trip to the supermarket to learn all about how important different aspects of technology are in real life!

Mrs Mumford's Olive class have enjoyed immersive maths lessons and the children have all been brilliant at joining in and sharing their knowledge with each other.

Mrs Oliver's Juniper class wrote their own letters based on their class book, The Golden Horseman of Baghdad. I was delighted to read through their amazing work and to give out some headteacher awards.

Miss Copeland's Willow class found out about how animals evolved to live in a desert environment.

Miss Lee and Mrs Worrick's Acacia class researched and made Stonehenge from biscuits...yum! They learnt about how Stonehenge was built and the different types of stone used.

A reminder that we are opening our classrooms up to families on Wednesday 18th October and look forward to welcoming you all from 3.30pm until 5.00pm.

There's lots going on in the world that can be unsettling for children; going online or even switching on the tv can expose our children to current world events that are very worrying. We are sending out a flyer with the newsletter that can help you support your children if they have seen or heard unsettling stories, images and ideas. Please keep reinforcing these important cyber-safety messages at home.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend ahead; we look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

Mrs Cox

VIRTUES CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to all of the recipients of this week's Virtue Certificates:

Sycamore Class - Delilah - **Friendship & Kindness for being a selfless helper.**

Olive Class - Emilia - **Hope & Confidence in her wonderful learning this week.**

Acacia Class - Jacob P. - **Love of Learning & Determination in swimming.**

Willow Class - Lilly-Mae- **Love of Learning & Determination in completing her maths work.**

Juniper Class - Evie - **Hope & Confidence in her maths work this week.**

Well done to you all! We are all very proud of you.



LET US PRAY

A Prayer for the Way to Peace

Father of love, hear my prayer.

Help me to know Your Will and to do it with courage and faith.

Accept my offering of myself, all my thoughts, words, deeds, and sufferings.

May my life be spent giving You glory.

Give me the strength to follow Your call, so that Your Truth may live in my heart and bring peace to me and to those I meet, for I believe in Your Love.

Amen.



RIBBON RUN & COLOUR RUN

We are celebrating One World Week in school from 16th October – 20th October. During this week, we will be celebrating Diversity. The theme of the festival is Freedom, and we have been invited to showcase some of our week's activities at The Arts Centre in Town.

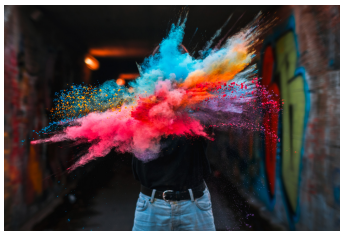
On Thursday 19th October, our KS1 children will take part in a sponsored school Ribbon Run. This will take place straight after lunch. Every child will be given a different colour of ribbon/material, and they will walk/jog/run around the school field twice.

On the same day, our KS2 children will take part in a sponsored school colour run. This will take place at 2.30pm. Every child will be walking/jogging/running around the school field twice, whilst having powder paint thrown into the air, which will then land on the children. On the day, your child will need to come into school in old clothes, e.g. plain white t-shirt, shorts/leggings and trainers.

Sponsorship forms have been sent home with your child; please ensure that it is returned back to school in an envelope with any Sponsorship money by Tuesday 31st October 2023. Any money raised by the children will be put together and used to purchase new Sports Equipment across the whole school for everyone to use.

Please could you log in to your Arbor account and give your consent to your child's photo being used.

- Miss B



GREEN TEAM

Green Team will get together on Monday 16th October from 3.15pm until 4pm.



SCHOOL GATES

A reminder that our front gates are locked every afternoon between 3pm and 3.30pm.

The gates to our school playground are locked at 3.30pm every afternoon. If you are visiting George's Food Hub after this time, please leave the school grounds via the front gate.

Many thanks for your cooperation.



POPE CALLIXTUS I Feast Day

SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER

Pope Callixtus I was the bishop of Rome from c. 218 to his death c. 222 or 223. In 217, when Callixtus followed Zephyrinus as Bishop of Rome, he started to admit into the Church converts from sects or schisms. He was martyred for his Christian faith and is venerated as a saint by the Catholic Church as the patron saint of cemetery workers. It is possible that Callixtus was killed around 222 or 223, perhaps during a popular uprising. According to the apocryphal Acts of Saint Callixtus, Asterius, a priest of Rome, buried Callixtus' body at night. Asterius was arrested for this action by the prefect Alexander and then killed. Callixtus was buried in the cemetery of Calepodius on the Aurelian Way and his anniversary is given by the 4th-century Depositio Martirum and by subsequent martyrologies on 14 October. The Catholic Church celebrates his optional memorial on 14 October. His relics were transferred in the 9th century to Santa Maria in Trastevere.

E-SAFETY UPDATE WITH ALAN MACKENZIE

For Parents - Fortnite Guidance

Epic Games (which includes Fortnite, Fall Guys and Rocket League) provide some really useful features for parents to manage their child's gaming experience. This includes 'cabin accounts' which are accounts where the child is under 13 and certain restrictions are applied by default, e.g. talking to other players. It's possible some parents aren't aware of this feature so it may be worth a look in the settings. You can find further details and a downloadable guide from Internet Matters [HERE](#).

For Parents - WhatsApp Guide

Even though WhatsApp has an age restriction of 16+ I find it is the most popular messaging app from Y4/5 upwards. Over the last year or so WhatsApp have introduced new features so that parents can ensure that the most appropriate settings are applied for their child. You can find the article and downloadable guide [HERE](#).

NOTTINGHAM DIOCESAN E-MAGAZINE OCTOBER 2023

The latest edition of our Nottingham Diocesan magazine is now available to view online – please click on the image to view.



FOSA UNIFORM SHED

FOSA's Uniform Shed is now open every Monday in the Key Stage 1 playground. They have lots of second hand uniform in great condition, and the odd bit of brand new uniform too.

Most items are just £1, and shoes and coats are just £2!

Our FOSA team are working on offering a cashless option, but until then they can only accept cash.



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 93.6%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - 95.25%

Sycamore - 92.88%

Olive - 94.68%

Acacia - 93.85%

Willow - 92.83%

Juniper - 92.97%

SYCAMORE CLASS

Our Year 1/2 Sycamore Class have been very creative this week!

In their art lesson, the children explored colour mixing to achieve a number of effects.



CHRISTCHURCH LIGHT PARTY

Our friends at Christchurch on Green Lane are having a Light Party on Sunday 29th October from 3.30pm to 5.30pm, and you're all invited! Tickets are free and are on a first come, first served basis. Please see full details on the poster on the left.

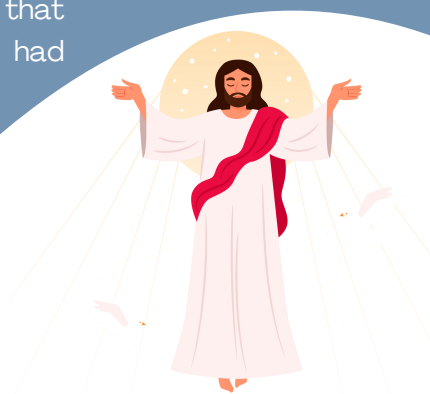
Being around teachers and friends in a school environment is the best way for pupils to learn and reach their potential. Time in school also keeps children safe and provides access to extra-curricular opportunities and pastoral care.

For more information, please visit the gov.uk website [here](#).

WHO REALLY IS JESUS CHRIST?

In last week's parish church newsletter, Canon Peter said "Wasn't Jesus just a 'good man'? Does the Bible actually say that Jesus is God and that He claimed to be God? These are questions we can be asked particularly from non-Christians. The answer is clear though, yes, the Bible says explicitly that Jesus is God. An example of such a statement is when St. Thomas says to the Risen Jesus 'My Lord and my God' (John 20:28). The Bible also records instances in which Jesus confirmed his divinity in response to statements or questions about his identity asked by others. When asked the following question directly by the high priest, 'Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?' Jesus responded, 'I am' (Mark 14:61-62). Furthermore, the fact that Jesus was then condemned to death for blasphemy shows that his listeners had understood his claim to be divine."

To read Canon Peter's newsletters and for more information on our beautiful parish church, Saint Mary & Saint Augustine, please click [here](#).



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY TUESDAY 10TH OCT

We can all struggle with how we're feeling, but sometimes things get tough and it can be difficult to cope. For so many young people, when this happens, they don't get the help they need, when they need it. But together, we can change this.

On Tuesday, we all wore something yellow to school to support this worthy cause.

Here is our JustGiving page where you can still make a donation if you would like to: [Young Minds Just Giving Page](#)

Together, we can create a brighter future for children and young people.



Hello Yellow! L-R; Mrs Cox, Mrs Jones, Mrs Ellis & Mrs Garland

STAMFORD PRIMARY SCHOOLS SINGING CONCERT

Here's our Willow and Juniper children before the Stamford Primary Schools Singing Concert last Friday! Click [here](#) to listen to the concert on YouTube.

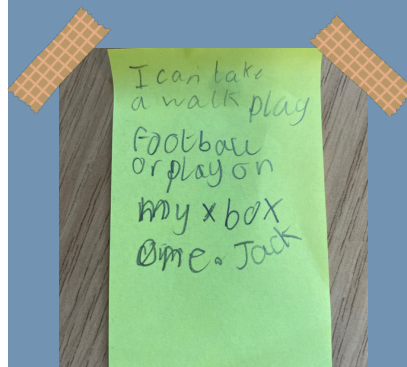


WILLOW CLASS WORSHIP

On Wednesday, our Willow class had their class worship. The theme was 'Ourselves', and the children showcased some of their unique talents that they are grateful to God for. Thank you to the children and to all the parents who came to support the children. - **Miss Copeland**



I AM BRAVE...



We recently had discussions around what it means to #bebrave and how we can help our wellbeing to mark Youth Mental Health Day. Over the next few weeks, we'll add a sticky note here from one of the children with their example of being brave or how they think wellbeing can be improved.

Sat 14th Oct -
Harry Potter
event at
Stamford
Library



Head down to the Stamford Library from 10am till 3pm tomorrow, Saturday 14th October for a wizarding Harry Potter event! Come and be sorted into a house, draw your own patronus and take part in lots more fun activities.