

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

We have been involved with lots of community events this week and it's been so nice to speak with members of the community and hear some lovely feedback on our school.

George Hetherington from George's Food Hub kindly attended our open day event on Saturday morning, and brought some delicious food with him. He was able to spend time with prospective parents and explain his very worthy initiative to them.

Our Year 4 Acacia Class attended an intergenerational tea dance in the ballroom at Stamford Arts Centre, organised by Art Pop Up, and our Year 5 Willow Class spent Tuesday participating in a special workshop with The Conversation, Stamford. Local artist Tony Nero and performance poet Sandy Wardrop led some of the workshop and helped the children to create self-portraits as part of their learning about identity and protected characteristics. It really was a great experience.

All of our subject lead teachers are attending CMAT subject network meetings over the next three weeks - some of our teachers lead multiple subjects! This is an important time to meet with other subject leaders face to face and continue to build our curriculum design with an Ofsted focus.

We'd love some ideas from you for 'two minute shorts' videos produced by staff to go on our website. These could be to explain how we do things in school, e.g.

Phonics, Accelerated Reader, Woodland School, and how to log into things etc. If you have any ideas on what we should include, please get in touch!

Please do log in to Seesaw and have a look at the class curriculum offers. Teachers spend lots of time designing knowledge organisers, which can help your child 'know more and remember more' which is why we are linking these to homework. Ask your child if they know what retrieval means and how it links to their school learning!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,
Mrs Cox

VIRTUES CERTIFICATES

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

Cedar Class - Maisie - **Love of Learning & Determination**

Sycamore Class - Andre - **Hope & Confidence**

Olive Class - Tyler - **Hope & Confidence**

Acacia Class - Elspeth - **Love of Learning & Determination**

Willow Class - Jack - **Love of Learning & Determination**

Juniper Class - Lola - **Friendship & Kindness**

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

LET US PRAY

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Come into our presence this night, O God, as we remember our loved ones. Come to us with light. Come into our presence this night, O God, as we give thanks for the lives of our loved ones who are now in your loving care.

Amen.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Happy birthday to Lola in Juniper Class who will be 11 on 12th November, Ellie-Mae in Acacia Class who turns 9 on 14th November and to Talitha who is 8 on 15th November.

We hope you all have lots of fun celebrating your very special days!

NON-UNIFORM DAYS

Please make a note of our upcoming non-uniform days! Friday 17th November is 'Be Spotacular' for Children In Need, and we invite all of the children to come in to school in something spotty! Please don't buy anything new for this; be creative and see what you've already got or customise something! Our Green Team have upcycled some outgrown clothes using buttons, felt tip pens and fabric circles as modelled by Charlie, Lola and Kyle!



Friday 1st and Friday 8th November will be FoSA non-uniform days - please bring in something for the Christmas Fair stalls!

ODD SOCKS DAY!

Come to school in odd socks on Monday 13th November as we mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week 2023.

All you need is a pair of odd socks and a suggested donation of £1 to go towards the initiative.

You don't have to raise money to take part - the most important thing is the message of Odd Socks Day.

Please come to school in your school uniform/ PE kit as normal.



NOVEMBER - THE MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

The month of November is traditionally a time in which the Catholic community remembers those who have died.

It is related to the fact that the end of November is the end of the Liturgical Year with a new year starting the First Sunday of Advent – the four-week period of preparation before Christmas.

The Church then uses this end of the year period as a time to think of the end of life and the end of all things and the great hope that our earthly end is transition into a new life in God's heavenly reality.

We give thanks for those who have gone before us and we look with prayer and hope to their new life in heaven and the knowledge that we will be reunited again one day.



NATIONAL NURSERY RHYME WEEK 13TH-17TH NOVEMBER

Next week we are celebrating National Nursery Rhyme Week! Nursery rhymes play an important role in early childhood development and education.

As well as being fun they are excellent teaching tools: Nursery rhymes and children's songs boost vocabulary and language development, they help children to develop literacy skills, they provide a fun way to support early numeracy skills, and they help children to establish their social, physical and emotional skills.

We will be having activities linked to each of the nursery rhymes each day to celebrate.

The 5 official rhymes are Jack and Jill, Hickory Dickory Dock, Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes, Row Row Row your Boat and Wheels on the Bus.



REMEMBRANCE LITURGY

The whole school joined in a special Remembrance Day liturgy today to honour the sacrifices made by brave men and women in times of war.

We celebrate the day to honour and pay tribute to those who selflessly served their countries, protecting the freedoms and values we hold dear.

It is also a way in which we can ensure that the memories of those who fought and died for our freedom are never forgotten. It is a time to reflect on the horrors of war, the bravery of soldiers, and the impact of their sacrifices on our lives.

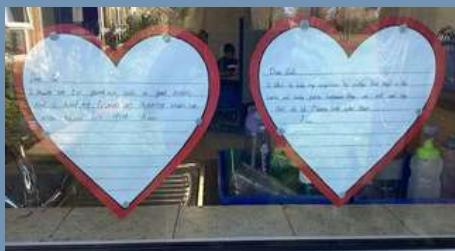


WILLOW CLASS - PRAYER GARDEN

This term's virtues for Willow Class are 'Love & Respect'. This week, the children thought about what they wanted to give thanks to God for, and wrote their own prayers which are displayed in their classroom window. They prayed for people who are special to them.

The children also worked hard to tidy up their prayer garden space and planted some lollipop stick prayer hearts to add some colour to the darker days of Autumn. It is now a very peaceful and quiet reflection area for the children to enjoy and spend some quiet moments in.

- Mrs T



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 92.69%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - 94.83%

Sycamore - 92.66%

Olive - 95.14%

Acacia - 88.33%

Willow - 94.09%

Juniper - 91.43%

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](#),

ACACIA CLASS - JESSE TREE

This week Acacia Class designed their own symbol to represent themselves on our class Jesse Tree. We discussed about why we chose those those symbols.

Elsbeth drew a tree because it was sturdy and no matter how many times it was hurt, it grew back – just like her!

- Mrs Worrick



JUNIPER CLASS

Juniper Class children have been learning about expressive dance.

They had time to think about their emotions whilst listening to music, and then had space to explore freedom of movement.

- Miss Hawkins



ACACIA CLASS - INTERGENERATIONAL TEA DANCE!

On Tuesday, our Acacia Class children attended an intergenerational tea dance in the ballroom at Stamford Arts Centre! This wonderful event was arranged by Art Pop-Up, and we all had such a lovely time dancing and chatting with other members of our community. The children represented our school beautifully, and Sam Roddan from Art Pop-Up wrote us a lovely card full of compliments from the other attendees. Well done, Acacia Class!



CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER



A reminder that we have a very exciting opportunity planned for the whole school to visit Stamford Corn Exchange during the morning of Thursday 14th December to see 'Christmas Adventure with Goldilocks and the Three Bears'.

The whole school will walk to the theatre for the 10am show which will last for approximately one hour. We will then walk back to school and continue the festivities by having our Christmas lunch...in our Christmas jumpers!

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £5 per child for this trip. If we do not receive enough voluntary contributions, the trip may not be able to go ahead.

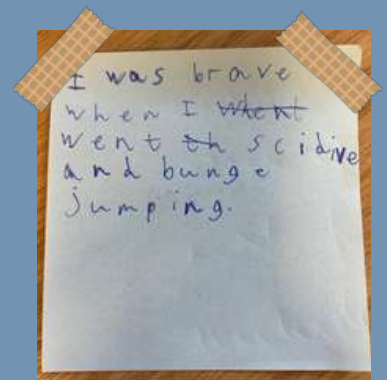
Please make payment and consent to the trip via your Arbor app by Friday 1st December.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SURVEY

Thank you to you all for taking the time to complete the consultation survey with your thoughts on our school uniform.

The forms were anonymous, so if you said yes to being part of the Uniform Working Party and would like to be contacted by Mrs Cox to arrange this, please email office@st-augustine.lincoln.sch.uk

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.

SCHOOL COUNCIL & GREEN TEAM

A reminder that after school on Monday 13th November is our next School Council meeting, and Monday 20th November is our next Green Team meeting.

GOODBYE, BLACKSTONES!

Blackstones have been using our field for Saturday football and are now moving on to the fresh fields of Ketton so that they can train in one place and not be spread out across different locations. We wish them all the very best in their new venue and thank them again for their very generous donation of goalposts for our school.





**Around 50% of
children will have
a sleep issue at
some point***

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm

Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am

