

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

I'm delighted to let you know that we have made two important appointments to our school staff team this week! On Thursday, through a rigorous and robust process involving members of our CMAT, diocese and governing body, I happily appointed Mrs Mumford to the position of Deputy Head. Mrs Mumford currently teaches our Year 3 Olive Class and leads Key Stage 2, so already understands the vision, priorities and journey of our school.

Today, Mrs Garland and I interviewed three applicants for our new Pastoral Teaching Assistant role. All three candidates performed exceptionally well and it was a difficult decision, but in the end Mrs Paula Reeves was appointed. Mrs Reeves is currently an Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA), working in a Nurture Hub across three other schools; when she joins us, she will be working closely with Mrs Garland to support lots of pupils and families with their learning and wellbeing.

We are very excited to be welcoming both Mrs Mumford and Mrs Reeves to their new positions in school and hope you will join us in extending our warmest congratulations to them both.

I'd like to mention our clubs offer in school. Each term, we try to offer a range of free clubs to all year groups, all of which can be found and signed up to on the Arbor Parent App. Unfortunately, we have had to cancel some great clubs this term due to poor uptake, which is such a shame. Please could I ask that you have a look at the clubs on offer as detailed on the next page - it's not too late to sign up! If your child is eligible for a club, you can register easily on your Arbor app.

We do have places available in our new Wednesday afternoon Cricket Club. This club is run by an external provider, Chance to Shine, and is not available to book on Arbor. If you have a child in Year 4, 5 or 6 who would like to take part, please get in touch with Mrs Donington through enquiries@st-augustine.lincs.sch.uk. If you'd like to give us any suggestions regarding which clubs you or your children would like to see on the menu next term, please send an email to the same address.

Finally, please join us in wishing our seven cross country runners good luck for tomorrow, as they take part in various long races at Burghley Park. I will be there, cheering them all on!

Whatever your plans are, I hope you have a great weekend.

Mrs Cox



WEEKLY CLUBS AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S

BOOK NOW!

BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE ON YOUR ARBOR APP

MON

SCHOOL COUNCIL

3.15-4.00PM
Y2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
FORTNIGHTLY

MON

GREEN TEAM

3.15-4.00PM
Y2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
FORTNIGHTLY

TUE

T.T. ROCKSTARS

3.15-4.00PM
Y3, 4, 5 & 6
WEEKLY

TUE

FOOTBALL

3.15-4.00PM
Y4, 5 & 6
WEEKLY

TUE

CHOIR

LUNCHTIME
ALL YEAR GROUPS
WEEKLY

THU

COUNTRY DANCING

3.15-4.00PM
Y3, 4, 5 & 6
WEEKLY

THU

FRENCH IS FUN!

3.15-4.00PM
Y1, 2 & 3
WEEKLY

FRI

INSPIRE+ ATHLETICS

3.15-4.15PM
Y3, 4, 5 & 6
WEEKLY



LET US PRAY

God, may Your light guide my day, and Your spirit bring me peace.

Amen



SCHOOL COUNCIL & GREEN TEAM

A reminder that Monday 4th March is our next Green Team meeting, and Monday 11th March is our next School Council meeting. Please collect your child at 4pm.

IT'S BIRTHDAY TIME!

Happy birthday to Bow-Blue in Year 2 Sycamore Class who celebrates her 7th birthday on Thursday 7th March!

We all wish you a wonderful time celebrating your special day!



HOW ARE YOU TODAY?



WHY IS LENT 40 DAYS LONG? BY CANON PETER VELLACOTT

In his parish newsletter last week, Canon Peter wrote: "Lent is forty days long because Jesus fasted in the wilderness forty days and forty nights before embarking on His public ministry. But Jesus did not select the length of His fast at random. Throughout the Old Testament, a stretch of forty days (or years) has always carried a deep meaning often related to punishment, penance, and/ or preparation.

For example, during Noah's time, God sent rain for forty days and forty nights to punish the earth with flood. In consequence of their lack of faith, the Israelites wandered in the desert forty years before reaching the Promised Land. The people of Nineveh fasted and repented to avert the wrath of God which the prophet Jonah predicted would come upon them in forty days.

Both Moses and Elijah fasted forty days before or during important conversations with God. And when the time came for Jesus to begin His public mission, He utilized this tradition. His mission was of an all-encompassing nature that taps into—and fulfils—all the biblical reasons for forty-day events.

As God made man, He was embarking on His mission to be our Mediator—to intercede with God our Father on our behalf, as Moses and Elijah did in a prefigurative way. As the one who came to bear the punishment due to all men, He evokes the repentance of Nineveh that averted the punishment of God. His time in the desert—reminiscent of the Israelites' forty-year sojourn—proffers the idea that He is deliberately taking on the punishment due to our faithlessness, which otherwise would keep us away from the Promised Land of Heaven.

The season of Lent is our great opportunity to enter into the desert with Christ for forty days and gain the incredible graces they offer us. If you have not already started your Lenten practice, or have slipped in your resolutions already, it is never too late to begin or begin anew within the forty days provided for us – a sacred time for the renewing and purifying of our hearts and minds."

UKRAINE APPEAL

Stamford's Jack Bon Holly has been volunteering with IDPs (internally displaced people) including children, and has been to visit what is left of schools that have been destroyed in the conflict. Stamford Diversity Group are collecting tech for the children of Ukraine and are appealing for donations of any old phones, laptops and tablets that you might have. These will go directly to the children to help them with their education.

Our St. Augustine's children will be sending messages of hope and love to the children of Kharkiv on special postcards to let them know that we are keeping them in our hearts.





ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 93.94%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - 97.53%

Sycamore - 96.46%

Olive - 87.5%

Acacia - 93.59%

Willow - 92.13%

Juniper - 96.3%

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](https://www.gov.uk) website here,

VIRTUES CERTIFICATES

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

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

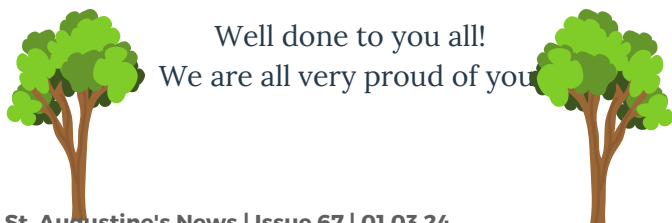
Sycamore Class - Matilda - **Love of Learning & Determination**

Olive Class - Remy - **Love & Respect**

Acacia Class - Molly-Rose & Jake - **Hope & Confidence**

Willow Class - Lola - **Friendship & Kindness**

Juniper Class - Archie - **Love of Learning & Determination**



~~TEA WITH MRS C.~~ Mrs M this week!

Our top virtue points winners for this week are:

Cedar Class - **Adam**

Sycamore Y1 Class - **Matilda**

Sycamore Y2 Class - **Ben**

Olive Y3 Class - **Talitha & Logan**

Acacia Y4 Class - **Jake**

Willow Y5 Class - **Mia**

Juniper Y6 Class - **Oscar**



YEAR 5 & 6 BIKEABILITY TRAINING

Children from Year 5 Willow Class and Year 6 Juniper Class have completed their Bikeability training this week! Despite some dreadful weather conditions, the children showed real determination and battled the elements to get through their intense training. We are so proud of you all and can see such a difference in your confidence on your bikes - well done! Thank you to Miss Hawkins, Mrs T, and Stephen and Matt from Outspoken Training.



FLOWERS	BREEZE	RAINBOW	BEE
BLOSSOM	SUNNY	LADYBIRD	RAIN
BUTTERFLY	PICNIC	SPROUTS	GROW

E-SAFETY WITH ALAN MCKENZIE

For Parents and Teachers - Interactive Stories

Internet Matters have put together some great interactive stories/lessons covering a range of issues from self-image and identity, online bullying, relationships and more. The interactive stories can be used in the classroom and would also be really useful for parents to go through with their children.

More information can be found [HERE](#).

For Parents - What is Palworld?

Palworld is a new game similar to Pokemon and Digimon with a PEGI rating of 12 for fantasy-character-style violence. Given its similarity to Pokemon there's every likelihood that younger children will be playing this game and so Internet Matters have compiled some advice and guidance for parents about the game: what it is, how it works, safety settings etc.

You can find the article [HERE](#).



ST. AUGUSTINE'S OUTSIDE SPACE

We would like to say a big thank you to Olivia Atkinson's parents, Charlotte and Jason, for building a raised allotment bed and for organising all of the materials at a reduced cost for us. The whole family spent last Saturday building, weeding and clearing for us and we are very grateful for their time and help. The area looks wonderful and all ready for us to welcome in the spring season!



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Mass at St. Augustine's

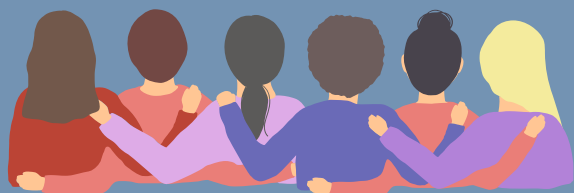
Tue 26th March 1.30pm Reconciliation Service at school with Canon Peter

Thurs 9th May 1.30pm Ascension Mass at school with Canon Peter

Thurs 18th July 1.30pm Year 6 Leavers Mass at school with Canon Peter

Can you help us support the people of Ukraine?

Mrs T is collecting tins of food to be sent with the next delivery of aid from Stamford to the Ukraine. Tins of food are needed and will be very gratefully received. If you are able to donate a tin or two, please bring them to the box in our school foyer by 12th March.



ST. AUGUSTINE'S FOOTBALL TEAM

What a busy week our school football team have had! We played St. George's on Tuesday in our first home game.- and what a match it was! A 6-1 win for us against a brilliant team, and a treat to play when it wasn't raining!

On Thursday we played an away game against Bluecoat; back to rainy weather and a defeat for us. Thank you to all of the parents for your unwavering support and thank you to Mr Sinclair, as always, for his time and coaching.

- Miss B



Top L-R - Flynn, Tyler, Bryony, Sylvie and Arlo
Bottom L-R - Tommy, Jake, Jack and Mia

Olive Class

Last week our Olive Class children made soup during their RE lesson, and then shared the story of 'Stone Soup'.

Olive Class have also created a beautiful outdoor prayer space for anyone to enjoy a moment or two of quiet prayer and reflection.



Stone Soup

One day, a poor man was walking along when he came to a village. As he approached it, the villagers thought, 'Here is a beggar and we don't have much ourselves'. They started going towards their homes, hoping he would go away, and they would not have to share anything.

The man called out that he was hoping for somewhere to sleep and a meal. The villagers told him to go away and that they had not got enough to eat themselves. The man told them he had everything for a meal and that he was thinking of making stone soup for everyone. He took a stone out of his pocket and an iron cooking pot out of his bag.

He started to build a fire and fill the pot with water. He put his stone into the boiling water. The villagers came out of their houses and watched as the man sniffed the contents of the pot and licked his lips. "That is good," he said, "it just needs a pinch of salt and some parsley."

"I can give you some," a villager responded, and she returned with parsley, salt and a cabbage.

"Thank you," remarked the man, "I once had stone soup with cabbage and some carrots and it was really delicious." Then another villager said, "Well, as it happens, I do have a few carrots." He returned with some carrots and a turnip. So, it went on until there were potatoes, onions and mushrooms. Someone even had some loaves of bread.

When it was ready everyone sat down and enjoyed a really lovely soup. There was enough for the entire village. When the man left the next morning, one of the villagers stopped him and said, "I would like to buy your magic stone. You have given us the greatest of gifts the secret of how to make soup from stones. We shall never forget." The man replied, "The stone is not the greatest gift, but sharing is. It is only by sharing that we may make a feast."

Little Stars Wraparound Care

Our Little Stars children have been busy this week! The children had so much fun making and decorating iced buns...they look absolutely delicious!

If you'd like to make your own iced buns, click the button for an easy recipe.



MULTI-ACTIVITY HOLIDAYS FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-14

Our OFSTED registered Camps are based in Stamford and Peterborough. We have been running in the area for over 25 years and offer a wide range of over 30 fun activities to keep your child entertained in the holidays.

Some of the activities that we offer include **bouncy castles, ball pit, arts and crafts, sports, food making, crossbows, orienteering, computer games and quad biking.**

All staff are DBS checked and have the necessary experience and training to deliver the wide range of activities we offer. We pride ourselves on the quality of our childcare and our excellent staff ratios.



Easter Camps

2nd-5th April (4-day)

8th-12th April

May Half-Term Camp

28th-31st May (4-day)*

Summer Camps

8th-12th July

15th-19th July

22nd-26th July

29th July-2nd August

5th-9th August

12th-16th August

19th-23rd August**

*Peterborough only

**Stamford only

9.30am-4.30pm (early and late care available)

CAMP COST - £194

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