

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 lovely to come back to school with some sunshine this week (let's ignore the Monday morning hail!) and welcome all of our lovely pupils and families back into school for an exciting term. After launching our term's virtues – this term we're focussing on Friendship & Kindness – and updating our prayer spaces, we were straight back into learning. If you'd like to know what your children will be up to this half term, please see Seesaw where your teacher has loaded slides, timetables and a short video to talk you through the subjects; remember we also set homework each week on Seesaw so please do be sure to login!

This week I'd like to talk about clubs. Clubs are a great way for children to socialise after school, whilst learning or improving their skills beyond the classroom. For such a small school and staff, I'm immensely proud of our clubs offer, which changes each term in school and all of which are offered free of charge. Teachers commit to at least one half term delivering a club per year, but lots do even more, to ensure we have a good range on offer. Miss Bush runs sports three times a week, which includes fixtures and team training; we've had Inspire+ dance and athletics and a visiting cricket coach: Miss Bush (the other one!) and Miss Copeland have multi-skills up and running again and our parent volunteer has swapped from TTRS to Gardening Club as of this week!

I spoke with the children collectively this week about the clubs on offer, as uptake in some cases has been low – this is such a shame, especially with things such as singing and tag-rugby, as things fall a bit flat without enough people to play a game or make a great sound. I've asked Mrs Coleman to re-open the clubs on Arbor so that more can sign up, so please head onto your Arbor app to have a look. All clubs are free and generally run until 4pm; collection is from the playground gate by Mulberry Bush nursery, where the staff leading clubs will release the children one at a time to ensure they go home safely. If your child attends Little Stars Wraparound Care, they can still attend clubs, we'll just deliver them to Miss Fiona once they're finished.

I've asked Miss Griffin to put together a list below and we have printed a copy for every book bag – so I'm hoping these clubs will fill up over the weekend, ready for glorious singing/playing/gardening etc. next week!

Finally, we are delighted to let you know that our Sports Day will be on Tuesday 25th June! Should the weather be inclement on the day, Sports Day will take place on our reserve day of Thursday 27th June.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Mrs Cox



LET US PRAY

Lord help us to rejoice in the glorious victory of St. George and give us courage to follow the example of our Patron Saint.

Amen



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to Tobias in Acacia Class who is 9 today! We all wish you a lovely time celebrating your special day.



WELCOME TO THE WORLD!

Two of our St. Augustine's families have brand new Spring arrivals...



The Edwards family have welcomed baby Bernie; Eli is going to be a super big brother!

Baby River has arrived for the Clayton family; Raven and Storm will be wonderful big sisters!

Many congratulations and every blessing to both families on the safe arrival of your new babies.



Baby Bernie Edwards Baby River Clayton



ST. GEORGE

FEAST DAY 23 APRIL

According to the legend of St. George, a venomous dragon had taken up residence in a lake in Lybia. To prevent the dragon from hurting the city too, the townspeople offered it two sheep a day. After a time, they began offering it a man and a sheep. Finally, they began giving it their children who were chosen by lottery. One time, the King's daughter was chosen. He tried everything to save her even offering all of his gold and silver, but the people would not accept it; the princess was sent to the lake.

George arrived at the lake at the very same the princess did. When the dragon emerged from the lake, George made the sign of the cross and wounded the dragon with his spear. He then ordered the princess to tie her belt around the dragon's neck. When she did so, the dragon became tame.

George led the dragon back to the city where all of the people were absolutely terrified of it. George promised to kill the dragon if the townspeople converted to Christianity. Legend has it that 15,000 men converted including the King. George killed the dragon and it was carried out of town on four carts! The King built a Church to the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint George on the site where the dragon died. A spring flowed from the same site and its water cured all diseases.

Some records indicate that George was martyred on April 2, 303, while some records show that he was martyred before the year 290. He was canonized by Pope Gelasius I who said that George was a saint "whose names are justly revered among men, but whose actions are known only to God." Saint George is commonly depicted as a knight on horseback, slaying the dragon with a spear.

St. George is considered the patron saint of soldiers, boy scouts, and many countries.

GREEN TEAM & SCHOOL COUNCIL

There is no School Council on Monday 22 April due to Earth Day activities:

Mon 29 April - School Council

Mon 13 May - Green Team

Mon 20 May - School Council

ST. A'S GOT TALENT

The dates for St. A's Got Talent have changed - auditions will now be held each lunchtime during the week of June 3rd, and the grand final will take place on Friday 14th June.

LINCS COUNTY COUNCIL PARENT SURVEY

Lincolnshire County Council are undertaking a parental survey to assess the need for childcare across Lincolnshire. This is part of a wider annual assessment of the Childcare Sufficiency in Lincolnshire, where childcare providers are also consulted. They would like to hear your views; please click [here](#) to access and complete the survey.

VIRTUES CERTIFICATES

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

Cedar Class - **Ash** - **Love of Neighbour & Self-Control**

Sycamore Class - **Ada** - **Hope & Confidence**

Olive Class - **Luna** - **Hope & Confidence**

Acacia Class - **Ellie-Mae** - **Love of Learning & Determination**

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

Juniper Class - **Bryony-Jane** - **Love of Learning & Determination**



Well done to you all!

We are all very proud of you.

F.o.S.A AMAZON VOUCHER WINNERS!

This week we are celebrating the winners of our F.o.S.A gift vouchers in place of Tea with Mrs C; the children will receive £10 to spend at Amazon.

Last term, the children accumulated raffle tickets with their Virtue Points, and their names have been drawn from a raffle.

A big thank you to Friends of St. Augustine's for the vouchers, and huge congratulations to:

Cedar Class - **Henry**

Sycamore Class - **Logan**

Olive Class - **Lucy**

Acacia Class - **Elsbeth**

Willow Class - **Mia**

Juniper Class - **Archie**



HAMPER WINNERS!

Well done to our lovely hamper winners! We hope you enjoy the delicious M&S contents! Thanks to everyone who took part, we raised over £130 for our 'Trips and Visits' fund.



Congratulations to the Sharp family!

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EARTH DAY!

Monday 22 April is World Earth Day! We have a whole day of fun activities planned to celebrate our remarkable planet on this extraordinary day.



Earth Day is a reminder of the importance of environmental conservation and sustainability, encouraging us to come together and take action for a healthier planet and brighter future.

MAIN SCHOOL GATE ENTRANCE

As of Monday 22 April, our main front gates will be locked between 8.30am and 9.30am in order to reduce congestion in our car park and front reception area at our busiest time.

The front pedestrian gate will remain open as usual during this time; if you are arriving to school after 8.45am, please park outside the school grounds and walk to the front reception. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



E-SAFETY WITH ALAN MCKENZIE

County Lines

Internet Matters have put together a really useful guide for parents explaining county lines, how children are targeted, how children may be vulnerable and some resources/support.

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

Roblox - How to Report

Most users of Roblox will probably know how to report content or other players on Roblox, but it's possible some (including their parents) won't. There is a 1-minute video on YouTube showing users how to report on Roblox [HERE](#). This would be useful to send home to parents, but it could also be useful in the classroom to show the children as well as a conversation starter, e.g. have they ever had to report someone, why?

Courtesy of Alan Mackenzie www.esafety-adviser.com

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 92.2%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - 92.9%

Sycamore - 91.54%

Olive - 89.54%

Acacia - 95.12%

Willow - 91.97%

Juniper - 93.16%

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](#),



EYFS CEDAR CLASS

What an exciting week for our EYFS Cedar Class! As part of their role-play learning, Cedar Class visited the garden centre at Homebase! They used their language and communication skills to learn and chat about how seeds are planted and how the plants grow. John the garden centre manager showed the children different composts and food for plants, and a range of seeds, plants, trees and flowers. The children then chose some vegetables and fruits that they would like to grow, which Homebase very generously donated to us! Thank you, Homebase, for your kind generosity.

The children walked beautifully and we were so proud of them!

Cedar Class also had a special visitor this week; Mrs Simpson, who tests babies hearing, came to talk to us about the importance of looking after our hearing. Mrs Simpson showed us the inside of an ear and how hearing is checked; she even let us listen to the sounds in a hearing test! Did you know that smallest bone in the human body is in our ears?!

Well done to Cedar Class for learning all about road safety this week. The children have a certificate and some colouring in to share with their families.

- Miss Darby



EARTH DAY

at STAMFORD LIBRARY

Let's Talk Rubbish!



Saturday 20th April, 10am-3pm.

Lincolnshire County Council Waste Services

Can you put the right thing in the right bin?
Take part in games and activities to find out.

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust

How does your litter affect the local environment?

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Uffington Scarecrow Festival 2024



Sunday 5th May & Monday 6th May 2024 11am - 4pm

A CELEBRATION OF THE BBC 101 years of broadcasting



festival Attractions

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| Scarecrow Quiz Trail | Dog Show (Sun) |
| Ice Creams | Welly Wanging |
| Craft Barn | Bouncy Castles |
| Classic Cars | BBQ and Cake stall |
| Facepainting | Bric a brac stalls |
| Book and Plant Stalls | Tombolas |
| Farm Machinery | 'Songs of Praise' |
| Miniature Steam Train | Alpacas |
| Model Railway | Traditional Games |
| Flypast | Fire engine and police car* |

*emergencies permitting!

Admission £5 per car,
including parking & quiz sheet
Quiz sheet only £2.50



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