

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're approaching the end of term, but that doesn't mean anything is slowing down – on the contrary, things feel busier than ever! This week in school we have once again had lots of trips, visits and visitors happening to enhance our encounter-based curriculum.

On Monday, Mrs T took our 'Laudato Si' Green Team to the Mindspace Wellbeing Garden to help with a range of tasks and meet the team; we were given very positive feedback on how lovely it was to welcome such enthusiastic, polite and hardworking children.

On Tuesday, Miss Copeland took a team of staff and pupils to Grantham to take part in a Royal Opera House led 'Create Day', which culminated in a beautiful performance of dance, drama and song – the final piece was beamed live to other schools who were taking part virtually and even the local BBC attended!

Thursday brought other schools to the field for an inclusive sporting event organised by Miss Bush; it was so fabulous to see a range of children who may normally find participation more difficult coming together to enjoy the activities. Finally, today saw our EYFS and Year 1 and 2 children set off early doors on a coach to Hunstanton! Organising this trip was no easy task, but Miss Darby, Mrs Donington and all the team have ensured that the children have a super time at the Sealife Centre, ending the day with ice creams on the beach – hooray!

On Tuesday, along with our Chair of Governors, Mr Williams, I joined headteachers from across the Nottingham Diocese for Bishop's Day, an event hosted by the Nottingham Roman Catholic Diocese Education Service (NRCDES) to celebrate and thank our Catholic leaders for all they do. Bishop Patrick attended along with a very special guest, the Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, His Excellency Archbishop Buendia – and I had the great privilege of sitting next to him at lunch! It was a lovely day exploring the importance of The Arts in our faith schools and provided inspiration for all.

In October, we will once again be participating in One World Week, contributing to the exhibition being held at the Arts Centre by Jan Heatherington. This year, we have been asked to make large A3 letters spelling out community and we need you, our parents and families, to contribute. For the letter Y, we would like to make a collage of things that you feel make us a community – be it a single word, a phrase or sentence, or a drawing, please drop them in to the front office before the end of term. Please do contribute – it will be a real shame for our community if our parent letter is blank!

Finally, please do come along to our FoSA Summer Fayre on Sunday between 12pm and 3pm. We are expecting rain, so are planning to set up inside, but will still have lots of amazing games, quizzes and stalls to keep you entertained. There will also be a BBQ, a chocolate fountain, an amazing raffle with fabulous prizes and hopefully, some inflatables on the field! Every penny that FoSA raise goes towards exciting new things for the school, so please do come along and bring your friends and neighbours too!

Please drive through the front of school and park on the playground, the gates will be open! We're hoping the Car Boot can go ahead but if it rains, we'll set up a room for a table top sale so please do still come along...we are looking forward to seeing you there!

Mrs Cox



LET US PRAY

This week, our special prayer has been written by one of our St. Augustine's children in our 'Honesty & Forgiveness' Prayer Space:

Dear God,
Please help me to be honest and help me to forgive others.
Amen



CHAPLAINCY TEAM - THE FUTURE SAINTS

It's been a busy year for the Chaplaincy Team!

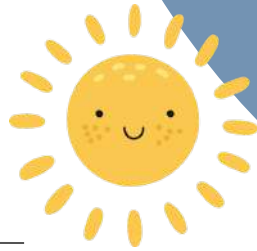
We have organised the CAFOD Big Lent Walk, been part of the stages of the cross celebration, fundraising for Mary's Meals charity and we have been helping our friends in class with their Celebrations of the word.

Our project this term has been supporting our classes to give more time to silence and meditation so they can feel a closer connection with God. We have led different types of meditation in class and some of us have even written our own!

Soon we will be finishing off our Catholic Life video so look out for it on the school website.

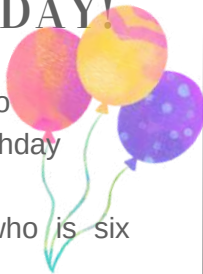
Our last ice lolly sale will happen very soon; keep your eyes peeled to help us raise money for Mary's Meals charity.

GREEN TEAM & SCHOOL COUNCIL
Mon 8 July - School Council
Mon 15 July - Green Team



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to River in Y2 Sycamore Class, who celebrates her seventh birthday today, and to Renzo in Y1 Sycamore Class who is six today!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Cole in EYFS Cedar Class is five on Monday 8th July and shares his birthday with Elliott in Y5 Willow Class who will be ten on the same day!

Tommy in Y5 Willow Class will be ten on Thursday 11th July.

We all wish you a wonderful time celebrating your birthdays!

HOT WEATHER

Please remember to send your child to school with sun cream a hat and their water bottle now that the nice weather is with us!



LOST PROPERTY!

The lost property box in the front reception area is overflowing with all kinds of items from water bottles to winter coats! If you are missing any of your child's school items, please do come and check the uniform box before the end of term!



ARRIVEDERCI MRS PISANO!

Today we said goodbye to Mrs Pisano, our lunchtime supervisor, as she is moving back to Italy! We will miss Mrs Pisano and her lovely smile very much, and wish her and her family all the very best for their new Italian adventure. We presented Mrs Pisano with some flowers and chocolates as a token of our appreciation for everything that she has done for our school.



VIRTUES CERTIFICATES

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

Olive Class - **Oscar** - **Love of Learning & Determination**

Acacia Class - **Jacob G** - **Love of Learning & Determination**

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

Juniper Class - **Evie** - **Hope & Confidence**

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



*Our Cedar and Sycamore class children will not have a certificate this week as they are out on their exciting school trip today.

ICE CREAM WITH MRS C!

Olive Class - **Ezra**

Acacia Class - **Elsbeth**

Willow Class - **Jonah**

Juniper Class - **Lola**



I'M A TOP VIRTUE POINT WINNER!

*Our Cedar and Sycamore classes are out on their exciting school trip today, so have not taken part in 'Tea with Mrs C' this week.

GREEN TEAM VISIT TO THE MINDSPACE GARDENS

Our Green Team took an end of year trip to the Mindspace Wellbeing garden on Uffington Road this week!

They helped the volunteers with some weeding and planting some flowers. Many thanks to Kay and her team for a lovely afternoon.

The garden is open to all from 1-4pm on Mondays and Wednesday mornings throughout the holidays - do try and visit if you can; it's such a beautiful and tranquil space.

- Mrs T



E-SAFETY WITH ALAN MCKENZIE

For Parents - Kids, Puberty and Tech:

When it comes to children growing up they face unique risks online, and when sexual exploration and technology mix this can be particularly difficult for parents, but those conversations between parents/carers and their children becomes so important.

Thorn have got some excellent information and conversation starters for parent of children of all ages as well as something I really like - some virtual flip-cards for parents of children aged 8-12.

You can find all the information [HERE](#). There are also some discussion guides about a range of issues, such as screen time and online monitoring, making friends online, consent and more. You can find these guides [HERE](#).

For Parents - Snapchat Updated Safety Features:

At the end of June Snapchat updated the app with further safety features, including updates to account blocking functionality and enhanced friending safeguards, e.g.:

- Block new friend requests sent from bad actors who were already blocked by the user, but sent from a different account from the same device.
- More frequent reminders about which friends they share their location with on Snap Maps.
- Further pop-up warnings if users add a friend who doesn't share mutual friends or is not a part of their contacts.

Further details can be found [HERE](#).



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 89.15%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - 95.32%

Sycamore - 90.86%

Olive - 80.25%

Acacia - 98.83%

Willow - 84.48%

Juniper - 86.11%

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](#),

ST. A'S COMPETITIONS!

How would you like to see your work featured in our school newsletter?! Each week we will pick a special prayer and publish it in the newsletter! Simply write your prayer and pop it in the box in Miss Griffin's office - we will choose one at random each week! Don't forget to add your name and class.

We are also having a school greetings card competition; the winning entry will have their design printed and used by Mrs Cox! Think of something that sums up how special our lovely school is and bring your design to Miss Griffin's office!

Good luck, everyone!

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE!

On Tuesday, Lea from Stamford Library came in to school to talk to the children about the summer reading challenge at Stamford Library.

The reading challenge will encourage reading over the summer holidays which is vital to your child being prepared and ready to learn in September.

The challenge is fun and engaging and it would be lovely to see if anyone joins in!

- Miss Darby



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THE READING AGENCY

Summer Reading Challenge

Delivered in partnership with libraries

Marvellous Makers

An Invitation to all children from Stamford Library!

Challenge yourself to read 6 books over the summer holidays and get cool prizes!

We will be hosting crafty activities every Tuesday at 10-11.30. There's no need to book - just come along and join in!

Sign up from Saturday 6th July onwards!

It's simple and free for every child to take part!



summerreadingchallenge.org.uk



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FOOTBALL

If your son or daughter is entitled to free school meals then they can join us FREE this Summer in STAMFORD

The days run from 9.00am till 3.00pm include FUN football, enrichment activities and a healthy meal.

Held at The Bluecoat School, PE9 1HE

www.onetouchfootball.co.uk/haf-provision/



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MRS GARLAND - SENDCO OF THE YEAR!



We're so thrilled to announce that our very own Mrs Garland has won the Term Times Family Magazine SENDCO of the year award, sponsored by Kip McGrath Tuition Peterborough South!

Nominated by The Reading Doctor, Stamford, the impact Mrs Garland has on the lives of pupils and families at St. Augustine's has been recognised by the award, and is very well-deserved.

Huge thanks to all involved and a big well done to Mrs Garland for all she does - we are so very proud.

[Read the article here!](#)

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ONE WORLD WEEK - SPECIAL PROJECT!

As Mrs Cox mentioned in her newsletter, we are already starting to prepare to celebrate One World Week! This event happens in October and we are always so proud to take part.

This year, each class will create their own artwork based around 'Community'. Each class will have A3 size letters to work on, and we would love it if any of our school parents would like to draw something small or write a word to represent what 'Community' means to you. We will then attach your creations to a letter and the whole project will be displayed later in the year.

If you would like to join in, please bring your artwork in to the front office, or email us at office@st-augustine.lincs.sch.uk

