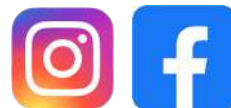


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A MESSAGE FROM MRS COX

The first full week back at school has been a busy one in every classroom, with so much exciting learning happening across the school already. We've also been very excited to welcome our new EYFS pupils to the school, who have all settled in brilliantly and are already showing Miss Darby and the early years team how beautifully they can behave, get along, play and learn together – we're so proud of you all! Our classrooms feel very full this year, with new children joining us all the time – we've already had three new pupils join us this week, with another application today. It's so heart-warming to know that our community are recognising all of the great things we're doing here in school and that our pupils are happy and thriving; we are privileged to be chosen as the school of choice for so many families and hope to continue to grow and fill.

In the spirit of welcoming new members to our St. Augustine's family, we hosted our first weekly coffee morning today in Shiloh. Mrs Garland, Mrs Reeves and myself enjoyed tea and biscuits with current parents and visitors, in the warm and welcoming wellbeing room, Shiloh, until 9.30am. Please do put this weekly event in your diary if you're available and pop along – we had babies and toddlers this morning too, who were very welcome and enjoyed playing together. They were also joined by Baxter our nurture dog, who thoroughly enjoyed the crumbs!

Swimming has started up again this week for some of our Year 6 pupils, with a view to ensure that ALL pupils can swim at least 25 meters unaided by the time they leave us. Miss Gamble, our qualified swimming instructor, went along to help and told me how much our pupils enjoyed their assessment session and are raring to get going. Year 6 are also looking forward to their residential at The Briars retreat centre in Crich, coming up very soon. We decided to move the trip from the Summer term to September this year as we see the children really flourish, both as a class group and in their love and understanding of Christ, that we wanted to give them time to bring everything they have learned back to school to share with our other pupils for the rest of the year. Thank you to all of the parents who have supported the trip this year, and to FOSA who have agreed to pay for the coach!

Over the weekend, please do have a look at your Arbor app for our newly released clubs list – there are at least two clubs available for every age group, all of which are free and available to book now. We really value the opportunity to broaden our pupils access to wider curriculum activities, and feel proud of the clubs that we offer over the course of the year. Drama and dance clubs will be running until Christmas to rehearse and prepare children for our Christmas production in December, and the Spotlight Dance festival in February, so if your child would like to take part, please sign then up.

I'd like to let you know that we have made the decision to return to the ClassDojo app from next week, to record your child's virtue points. We try very hard to keep the number of apps that we use to a minimum, as we know that it can be confusing, however the newly updated features in ClassDojo mean that not only will it be easier to track and monitor the point totals each week ready for Celebration Assembly, but will also allow the children to be more engaged in their points as they can see their avatar on screen and their totals rising with each point awarded. Please do sign up when invited by your child's class teacher, so that you can talk with your child each time they earn a virtue point, celebrating their successes at home.

Finally, I'd like to thank you for your overwhelming support with our new uniform – the children have come back looking amazing and I am so proud of how smartly they are representing our school. I hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Mrs Cox



LET US PRAY

Loving God,
We thank You for our school,
For our teachers, our friends,
and our families.

Help us to grow in faith, hope,
and love each day.

Guide us to be kind and caring
to everyone we meet.

Give us the courage to do what
is right
And the strength to always try
our best.

Bless our school community
with peace and joy,
So that we may learn together
and share Your love in
everything we do.

Amen.



THE FUTURE SAINTS CHAPLAINCY TEAM

This week, we celebrated
Education Sunday during our
whole school Celebration of the
word.

We discussed all of the things
that we think make our Catholic
school such a special place, and
we prayed with thanks for all of
the people who make our
community such a wonderful
one.

Please [click here](#) to
watch our new
Catholic Life
video
to find out more
about us.



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HOLY COMMUNION

In his parish newsletter last week, Canon Peter wrote:

Throughout the Mass we express our need to be healed spiritually as we prepare ourselves to encounter God in Word and Sacrament. In a final preparation for receiving Our Lord in the Eucharist, we acknowledge our unworthiness for this great gift and ask Him to forgive our venial sins and heal our souls: 'Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof but only say the word and my soul shall be healed'.

We echo the faith and humility of the centurion who came to Jesus, asking for his servant to be healed (Matthew 8:5-10). He believed that Jesus could heal, and he recognised his unworthiness to have Jesus under the roof of his house. What Jesus offered to do for the centurion is similar to what he does for those who receive him in Holy Communion. In Matthew 8, Jesus offers to go to the centurion's house to bring healing there. At Mass, Jesus lovingly comes to us in the Eucharist to bring healing to our souls and fill us with his life. We should imitate the centurion by approaching the reception of Holy Communion with the same reverence and humility that he exhibited when he approached Jesus, recognising it is a great privilege to have Jesus 'under our roof', to be called to this intimate union with Our Lord: something we should never take for granted

Receiving Jesus 'under our roof', one whose very Eucharistic body enters into ours in the most intimate way possible, means though that we should at the very least be in a state of grace to receive Him

Anyone conscious of grave sin should receive the Sacrament of Confession before coming to Holy Communion.

St Paul himself urges us then to examine our conscience:
'Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgement upon himself' (1 Corinthians 11:27-29).



GREEN TEAM & SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our Green Team and School Council
will be meeting on alternate Monday's starting
on Monday 16th September, from 3.15pm until
4.00pm.

Our first Green Team meeting will be on 16th
September and School Council on 23rd
September, and will continue on alternate weeks.



INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS 2024/25

Following on from last week's email from Mrs Cox,
today is the last day to book music lessons through
our Our Lady of Lourdes Music Service Website.

Please [click here](#) to visit the OLoL music service
website and pay for lessons.



VIRTUES CERTIFICATES

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

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

Sycamore Class - **Delilah** - **Friendship & Kindness**

Acacia Class - **Clara** - **Hope & Confidence**

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

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



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

CLASS DOJO

We will soon be sending an email to you with details of how to connect to your child's brand new ClassDojo account.

We will be using the app to record your child's virtue points and hope that this will be an easy way for you to see how many points your child has earned during their school day. The child with the most points from each class will then have 'Tea with Mrs C' on a Friday afternoon.

Children will get points for great behaviour within our school virtues:

Friendship & Kindness
Love of Neighbour & Self-Control
Love & Respect
Love of Learning & Determination
Hope & Confidence
Honesty & Forgiveness



The ClassDojo app will not be able to receive or send any messages; please continue to use the Seesaw app to communicate directly with your child's teacher.

HEAD STUDENTS & SCHOOL COUNCIL LEADERS

We are absolutely delighted to present our new St. Augustine's Head Students and School Council leaders for 2024/25!

During a special assembly on Thursday, four of our Year 6 Juniper class candidates gave heartfelt speeches explaining what they would like to do to enhance the school community, how they would best represent our virtues and values, and how they could best represent all of our St. Augustine's children.

Many congratulations to Alice and Flynn who are our new Head Students, and to Mia and Lila who are our new School Council representatives.



L-R - Mia, Flynn, Alice and Lila

E-SAFETY WITH ALAN MCKENZIE

For Parents - Gaming Tips for Parents of Neurodivergent Children.

Internet Matters have released another really useful guide, this time it's all about online gaming safety tips for parents and carers of neurodivergent children. It's a simple 5-page guide covering the research, example games, some of the challenges which parents face and the all-important benefits.

It's a great little guide which you can download [HERE](#).

For Parents - The ABC Online safety Checklist.

Internet Matters have done it again, this time with a really simple guide for parents using Activate, Balance and Check.

The ABC's are broken down by age to make this as simple as possible for parents: all ages, under 5's, 6-10, 11-13 and 14+. Definitely worth sharing with your parents and I'll definitely be using it in my parent training sessions.

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



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 95.58%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - 99.37%

Sycamore - 94.84%

Acacia - 95.93%

Willow - 91.81%

Juniper - 96.15%

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](#),

EXTRA-ORDINARY 'WORD OF THE WEEK'

Next week's word is 'identity'. Identity is the sense of who we are as individuals. It is shaped by our experiences, our beliefs, and our relationships. In the Catholic faith, our identity is rooted in our relationship with God. We are created in the image and likeness of God, and we are called to be his children and to respect the dignity of all people.

Take a selfie doing something that you love and that says something about who you are.



Coffee mornings at St. Augustine's C.V.A

We would like to invite you to join us in the Shiloh room on Fridays after the morning drop off!

Come and chat to other school parents and enjoy a warm drink with new friends.

Mrs Garland and Mrs Reeves will be available to support and give advice on SEND, emotions, mental health and wellbeing, finances and any other questions that you might have.

Every Friday from 8.45am to 9.30am in the Shiloh room - no need to book!



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Come and see why our school is a
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Find out more at: tab.so/staugustinesstamford-2425

Why visit St Augustine's?

During our open day tour with the headteacher, you will get an insight into the high standards our children achieve through our inspiring and creative learning environments.

You can talk with our teachers about our high-quality teaching and find out why our school is a fantastic choice for your family.

We welcome children from all cultural, religious and non-religious backgrounds whose families support our Catholic ethos and want their children to experience the caring environment of the school.

You'll also find out about:

- our child-centered early years provision
- our wraparound care
- our indoor/outdoor learning environments
- our Forest School



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PEGI AGE RATINGS EXPLAINED



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WHAT ARE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI age ratings are used to ensure that video games, are clearly labelled with a minimum age recommendation based on their content. They are designed to help parents and carers make an informed decision on the games their children play



PLAY

The PEGI rating considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty.



PEGI 3 GAMES: SUITABLE FOR KS1

FC 24 (FIFA)
Animal Crossing
Toca Boca
Fall Guys
Super Mario Kart
Rocket League
Farming Simulator 25



PEGI 7 GAMES: SUITABLE FOR KS2

Minecraft
LEGO Star Wars
Roblox
Princess Peach: Showtime!
Pokémon Scarlet/Violet



PEGI RATINGS VIDEO:

For a video on PEGI ratings check out this one made by students from Billingham School:

<https://youtu.be/qyBCs3FdZvo>



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Games are suitable for everyone



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Games may contain mild violence and scenes or sounds that younger children may find scary.



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Non-realistic violence against human characters is allowed. Sexual innuendo and mild swearing is also allowed under this rating.



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Realistic violence is allowed at this rating, and more extreme bad language. The use of tobacco, alcohol and illegal drugs is also allowed to be present in games.



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The adult classification is used when games have extreme and graphic depictions of violence. They can also show illegal drug use and explicit sexual activity



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<https://pegi.info>

