



St Augustine's Newsletter

Friday 7th February 2025
Newsletter No.20

Dear Parents and Carers,

Tonight we have the PTA Movies and Munchies Evening. The PTA work incredibly hard to organise enjoyable events for our school community and to raise funds for us. Next week we have the Smartie Challenge where the children need to try to earn 20p pieces through doing odd jobs! Then on **Friday 21st March we have a quiz night**. Please save the date. It would be lovely for classes to organise teams and it's a fun way to get to know other parents! Just a reminder that if anyone needs a coat for their child there is rack of donated coats in the school entrance so please do help yourselves.

This week pupils have had an assembly on mental health. There's also been lots of lovely artwork taking place across the school. Pupils have all been looking at Canaletto's 'A regatta on the grand canal' and producing their own artworks which have been inspired by the painting. This is a project run by the National Gallery called, 'Take one picture'. A company is going to frame the artwork and display it on Monday 3rd March in an art exhibition in the school hall. Parents can choose to buy their children's artwork should they wish to do so. More information to follow on this.



Volunteers Needed

We are looking for some volunteers during the week of the 24th February to help us with an audit of our Little Wandle (our phonics and reading scheme) resources. This would involve checking books and cards, replacing broken wallets for packs, making book repairs where possible and creating a list of missing/damaged books that need replacing. Please let us know if you can help. If you have already offered to help, thank you, Mr Harding will be in touch by the end of next week.

Upcoming Events – PLEASE SEE SOME NEW DATES BELOW	
Tuesday 11 th February	Year 3 Ministry of Chocolate Visit
Wednesday 12 th February	PTA Smarties Challenge
Monday 17 th - Friday 21 st February	Half-Term
Monday 24 th & Tuesday 25 th February	Year 4 Residential PGA Trip
Wednesday 26 th February	PTA Smarties Challenge returned
Monday 3 rd March	Art Gallery Exhibition
Wednesday 5 th March	Ash Wednesday Liturgies – KS1 (am) and KS2 (pm)
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day - pupils can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Pupils can also bring a book to school to swap with someone else if they want to.
Friday 7 th March	Mid-Year Reports to parents
Monday 10 th March	School Science Fair
Tuesday 11 th March	Y4 Police Talk
Tuesday 11 th and Thursday 13 th March	Parents Evenings
Friday 14 th March	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 17 th March	Year 5 Star Gazing Evening 6.30- 8p.m. (separate letter coming out)
Wednesday 19 th and Friday 21 st March	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wednesday 19 th and Thursday 20 th March	Rail safety sessions
Friday 21 st March	Farnborough Hill performance for Y5 pupils PTA Quiz Night
Monday 24 th March	KS2 Music Festival
Tuesday 25 th March	Xavier Science Fair for KS2 school finalists to attend
Friday 28 th March	Year 5 Mass at OLQH at 2p.m. YR Mother's Day Afternoon
Wednesday 2 nd and Thursday 3 rd April	Year 4 Easter Liturgy at 2.15p.m. each day
Thursday 3 rd April	PTA Happy Bag
Friday 4 th April	PTA Break the Rules Day

School Games Event- New Age Kurling

On Wednesday 5th March, seven children from year 3 and 4 went to Lightwater Leisure Centre to try a new sport: New Age Kurling. It was like Curling, which is in the winter Olympics. However, this could be played in a sports hall. The aim was to get the 'stone' as close to the centre of the target as possible. The children had a brilliant time having a go at something completely new!

New Age Kurling Team:

George T, Josie H, Nikolay V, Zara T, Evie C, Jamie J, Theo F.



Harrison's Fundraiser for the Little Princess Trust



One of our students has been incredibly kind and spent the last three years growing his hair to be used to make wigs to help children with no hair due to cancer or alopecia. Please see a message from his mum below.



This week is World Cancer Awareness Day, and I wanted to ask for your support for my son's chosen charity. For nearly three years, he has been growing his hair to donate a 12-inch length to help create natural wigs for children with cancer or alopecia. While his hair will be donated, making the wigs also requires funding, so we're asking if you could spare £1, £2, or £5 to support this cause. Every penny counts, and we truly appreciate any contribution. Click the link if you'd like to donate and help make a difference—thank you! <https://www.justgiving.com/page/gintare-hall-1682537815730>

Podcast Please click the link to hear this week's interview with Mrs. Hing

https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/rwisepodcast/episodes/2025-02-07T01_23_37-08_00

S.E.N.D Focus – Neurodiversity Padlet

Please click on the link below to a neurodiversity padlet:

[file:///C:/Users/Alisonw/Downloads/ParentCarer%20ND%20Padlet%20\(1\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/Alisonw/Downloads/ParentCarer%20ND%20Padlet%20(1).pdf)

<https://www.autismoutreachforschools.uk/Training/Training-for-Parents-and-Carers/>

Some parents may be interested in this training session from Freemantles (click link above)

PTA News

Smarties Challenge

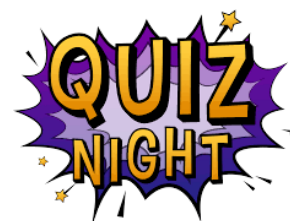


We will be running the Smarties Challenge over the half term week. All children will be given a tube of Smarties in the week commencing 10 February. Please keep the empty tube and fill it with money that your child earns by helping with chores/tasks around the house (or at grandparents' house, etc). All tubes need to be returned to class by 24 February.

The class that raises the most money will win a prize, so please encourage your child to raise money for their school. (Children with dietary intolerances and restrictions will be given an empty Smarties tube and an alternative treat).

Save the Date: Quiz Night on Friday, 21 March 2025

Do you enjoy tickling your brain while having a fun night out? Then join us on 21 March for an adults-only night of entertaining trivia and food. Invite friends or family, or create a Year or Class team with other parents! There will be food and drinks, so sort out the babysitter and get your team ready.



Tuesday 11th February is Safer Internet Day 2025.

Next week, every year group will be discussing Internet Safety in their computing or PSHE lessons. This year the theme is, **“Too Good to Be True? Protecting Yourself and Others from Scams Online,”** highlighting a crucial issue to support young people with identifying and avoiding online scams.

The aim is to ask questions like:

- How is changing technology like generative AI going to impact the approach of scammers?
- What role can the government and internet industry take to tackle this threat?
- And what changes would young people like to see to help protect themselves moving forward?

If you would like to carry on the discussions with your children, you can find the resources for 3–7-year-olds and 7–11-year-olds specifically created for Safer Internet Day

here: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025/education-resources>

These resources cover understanding what a scam is, if something is fake or is too good to be true, protecting your online profile and where to get help and information.

There are also **Tips for Parents and Carers** which you may find useful, including parents of our youngest children 3–7-year-old:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025/tips-for-parents-and-carers>

Please do take a look and keep these conversations active, as it's so important for children to be aware and know how to keep themselves safe online.

Community

Trinity Troopers Youth Club (Children in school years 4-7)

Friday 14th February 7.30pm – 8.45pm at St Tarcisius Church hall in Camberley. The Youth Club meets every second Friday of the Month. £1 entrance. Activities include Arts and crafts, playing games. New members welcome - Parents should contact Fr Paul for more details (cbparish.com).

Best wishes,
Alison Walsh
Headteacher