



St Augustine's Newsletter

Friday 29th November 2024
Newsletter No.12

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks to a group of parents in Year 6 led by Christiana Ugowe who have kindly agreed to co-ordinate the Yearbook for Year 6 pupils. A reminder please to parents not to park in staff carpark spaces as we need to ensure that they have somewhere to park each day – thank you!

Please remember that **the school is closed on Monday!**

Upcoming Events

Monday 2nd December	SCHOOL CLOSURE
Wednesday 4 th December	YR Christmas Play at 9.30a.m. Y2 Christmas Play at 1.45p.m. Please note slight change of time
Thursday 5 th December	Y2 Christmas Play at 9.30a.m. YR Christmas Play at 2.15p.m. PTA Happy Bag Collection
Friday 6 th December	PTA Mufti Day – pupils wear their own clothes for a bottle donation
Saturday 7 th December	PTA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 10 th December	PTA meeting at 8p.m. on zoom
Wednesday 11 th December	Y1 Christmas Play at 9.30a.m. Y3 Christmas Play at 2p.m.
Thursday 12 th December	Y3 Christmas Play at 9.30a.m. Y1 Christmas Play at 2.15p.m.
Monday 16 th December	Year 2 trip to Wintershall to watch the Nativity Play
Thursday 19 th December	Year 5 Christingle Service (evening) at OLQH
Friday 20 th December	End of Term
Monday 6 th January	Start of term

Podcast

https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/rwisepodcast/episodes/2024-11-27T05_18_44-08_00



Many thanks to Jubal and Hannele for the podcast this week. This week they have interviewed Mr. Welland.

Charlotte School, Sierra Leone



Dear Parents and Carers

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our Christmas Play performances over the next couple of weeks. At the end of each performance there will be a collection for Charlotte School (our link school) in Sierra Leone.

Mrs Caramba-Coker has visited this school and set up a link with it. Last year we raised £500 for the children and school over there. Here is an update of how those funds were used.

Greetings, Head Teacher, Teachers, pupils, parents and friends of St Augustine's Primary School. We continue to thank the school for their support.

In the last year the school has performed outstandingly with the financial support you sent us. The money was used to fund the examination fees, uniform, bags, exercise books, mathematical sets to sit the National Primary School Examination (NPSE). Ten pupils attempted the exam and they made it to Junior Secondary School. Those pupils who passed these exams were given support from your money so that the burden from their parents were reduced. They were provided with school uniforms, bags and shoes to attend their Junior Secondary School.

In addition to this the money was also used to establish a nursery class which was not available previously. It was also used to organise the inter house school sports activities and the school was painted.

Moving forwards the school is now in need of funds to support the recently established nursery. The children and parents are happy with the gifts and support they have received from you all.

As you can see £500 goes a long way to make a difference to the lives of the children and families who are part of this school community. We thank you in advance for any donations given this year.

Chess Tournament



On Friday, children from our school participated in Paul Welling's Super Six Chess Tournament, where 8 schools competed for the trophy.

The tournament was held at St Dunstan's Primary School, Woking and all 48 children who played represented their school admirably. They played in a friendly, though competitive environment. The St Augustine's team played brilliantly, coming 2nd out of the 8 schools.

Our team for this event was David O, Adrian L, Lucy W, Clarke V, Christopher N and Vincent V. Well played team!!

VR Workshops

On Friday 22nd, the children of Years 3, 4 and 6 thoroughly enjoyed our history virtual reality workshops. We explored Ancient Egypt (Year 3), from the Stone Age to the Iron Age (Year 4) and the Ancient Maya (Year 6). It was an amazing interactive learning opportunity, which gave us a unique insight into the past and what life was like for different people (although some of us did nearly get eaten by a lion!) One Year 6 child said, "This was the best workshop we've ever done!" Thank you to the PTA for funding this experience.



SEN Section

Ali D'Amario is the Xavier Education Psychologist. Please see below a video that she has produced on ADHD which may be of interest to some parents:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C7A0eOldtVE>

Admissions

Year R for September 2025 – We are holding parent tours so if you know of local families with young children (Catholic or non-Catholic) please ask them to book a slot at a convenient time. We are very likely to have spaces for pupils beyond our catchment area (both Catholic and non-Catholic).

Community

Our Lady Queen of Heaven (OLQH) Children's Christmas Party is back!

We are holding a Christmas Disco at the church hall on Saturday 14 December, 3pm-4:30pm.

This party is planned for primary school aged children (Reception to Y6) who attend OLQH Catholic Church.

This promises to be fun with lots of games, raffles prizes and a party bag

Tickets are £5 per child and we have limited places (20 spaces left). Tickets will be sold on a first come basis.

Please contact Tochi on 07890 770251 to purchase your tickets.

Immunisations



Has your child missed their flu vaccination at school? **Year R-11 – Flu**

We are running a drop-in clinic for any of those children who may have missed these vital vaccination at school. Nurses will be available to discuss any queries you may have regarding vaccinations. At Places Leisure Centre, Grand Avenue, Camberley GU15 3QH

Parking is Free for the first 4.5 hours, however you will need to enter your registration number at the Leisure Centre upon arrival (tablets to do this are placed on the left-hand side as you enter the building)

Friday 20th December 2024 between 14:30pm and 16:30pm

No appointment required just turn up.

Have a lovely weekend

Alison Walsh