



St Augustine's Newsletter

Friday 21st September 2024
Newsletter No.3

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today our lovely Year 6 pupils return from their residential trip. They have been incredibly blessed with the weather this week (compared to last week!) and they have had a wonderful time. I visited them yesterday and they couldn't stop talking as they told me all about the various challenges and activities that they have been doing. A huge thank you to the staff who have taken them, many of whom have their own children at home, because these trips could not happen without this goodwill. The staff have thoroughly enjoyed spending this time with the pupils and are very proud of what they have achieved.

Many thanks for all your Happy Bag Donations yesterday. The PTA are keen to find a parent who is a qualified accountant who would be happy to check some accounts for them. It shouldn't take long and the accounts have all been prepared. If you can help please let me know or speak to a member of the PTA.

Please find below the link for the Just Giving page for one of our parents who is raising money for the PTA in a sponsored cycle ride <https://www.justgiving.com/page/simon-allan>

We have just heard the lovely news that Ms. Frett has given birth to a baby boy. Huge congratulations to her and we are all sending her lots of good wishes.

Upcoming Events

30 th September	Little Way Week at school (based on the teachings of St. Therese of Lisieux) Black History Month begins
Wednesday 2 nd October	Year R Parent Information Session in the School Hall at 6p.m.
Friday 4 th October	INSET day – School Closed
Thursday 10 th October	Harvest Liturgies with Fr. John and Fr. Paul
Thursday 17 th October and Tuesday 22 nd October	Parents Evenings (online meetings)
Monday 21 st October	Individual School Photos
Thursday 24 th October	Y4 Freshwater Theatre Visit
Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November	October Half-Term
Friday 20 th December	End of Term

OPAL

Some of you may remember that last year we mentioned that we are trying to improve lunchtimes with an increased range of activities for everyone. We've been doing some training this week on play. The great thing about this initiative is that it is based on lots of recycled objects and lots of imagination. We have a wish list of items that we would like to introduce so if you have any of the following items that you no longer need (or you know someone with a business that can help) please keep them for us:

Small animals/dinosaurs	Fairies/dollies	Cars
Buckets / spades	Moving Boxes	Trains
Empty Toolboxes (this will be handy for keeping small world items in)	Containers	Big tunnels, Plastic barrels or plastic tubes
Tyres	Gardening equipment (child suitable)	Scooters
Tarpaulins (for making dens)	Toddler buggies	Helmets
Sand Toys	Colouring Books	Big Chalks
Lego	Pallets	Water Play
Pots, pans, kitchen ware, plastic plates (for a Messy / Mud Kitchen)	Plant pots plastic & ceramic	Watering cans
Guttering	Any outdoor storage	Play Mats (streets)

Year 6 Residential

Today's activities were incredibly successful and filled with teamwork and personal growth! The theme of motivation truly shone through, with children not only pushing themselves but also encouraging their peers to reach new heights. The variety of challenges—like climbing, orienteering, archery and the leap of faith—really helped them develop resilience, environmental awareness and confidence. This year's residential trip was such a success, thanks to the efforts of both the dedicated instructors and the enthusiastic children. A truly memorable experience for all!



Year 3 Maths

Year 3 have been using the iPads to practise logging into and using their Times Table Rockstar accounts. The children have been completing their ten Studio games which creates their rock status and helps the AI in the program adjust the future questions to the child's needs. They are highly motivated to learn their times tables using this program and improve their rock status and earn more 'coins' to buy clothes for their avatars. Keep on practising Year 3.



Sports News

Year 6 tournament- Salesian College

On Wednesday 11th September, St. Augustine's competed in the Salesian college five a-side tournament. This is a great opportunity to play teams we do not usually play against as teams from both Surrey and Hampshire are invited. Competition was fierce and the team finished in third place, progressing to the quarter finals. Unfortunately, we lost our game on penalties. Well done to all that participated!

Y6 team:

Luca C, zac M, David U, Zuri S, Daniel W, William D



Football & Netball fixtures- Away @ Ravenscote

On Wednesday 18th September, St. Augustine's participated in netball and football matches against teams from Ravenscote. This was the first fixture of the year and a good opportunity for the new team members from year 5 to play their first game for the school. Well done to all who were involved!

Football players:

Leonardo B, Leo S, Arlo S, Reece P, Ano M, Julain L, Freddie W, Marcel J, Lucy W, Liam M, Jake G, Ciaran C.

Netball players:

Juliet G, Stella S, Ruva G, Ophelia C, Maddie F, Natalia S, Charlotte S,
Ava C



Piano lessons in school

I am currently enrolling for Piano, Keyboard and Ukelele tuition in school for September on an individual basis. I will be doing some Group lessons which may provide a slightly cheaper option, but these will be dependent on age and ability.

I also teach Grade 5 theory out of school hours and online.

Please message me for details - Lis 07770 375719

Harvest Liturgies and the Hope Hub

On the 10th October we will be having our Harvest Liturgies with Fr. John and Fr. Paul. We will be collecting items for the Hope Hub in Camberley again. The Hope Hub work with local homeless and sadly they are reporting a 20% increase in users over the last year. We won't be collecting items for a few weeks but thought it might be helpful to give you the heads up on the items we are collecting for them.

Tinned Meat (corned beef, ham, tinned meals)

Tinned fish (tuna, mackerel, sardines)

Tinned Vegetables (chopped tomatoes, sweetcorn, peas, potatoes)

Pasta

Pot Noodles / add hot water meals

Snacks – biscuits, crisps

Jam, marmalade

Tea, Coffee and sugar

Men and women's underwear – small / medium

£5 Greggs vouchers that we can give out when the Hope Hub is not open

Sleeping bags for the winter

PTA News

Christmas Fair on Saturday 7 December, from 12-3pm

Save the Date for our annual school Christmas Fair this year, which will take place on Saturday 7 December, from 12-3pm. Children can enjoy our awesome magical Grotto experience and meet Santa, and there will be lots of games, entertainment, good food and more.

We are currently looking for sponsors for the Christmas Fair. If your company or anyone you know would benefit from all the promotional material and activities we run before the Christmas Fair, please get in touch by emailing st.augustines.school.pta@gmail.com or messaging Jolene on 07767 486 875. Please also let us know if you would like to donate a raffle prize.

Have a lovely weekend

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