



St Augustine's Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The first full week of school has gone very quickly and it's been great to welcome the new pupils into Year R. They are settling into school life very well and have enjoyed their first school dinner today!

In line with all other primary schools across the Xavier Catholic Education Trust we are a mobile free school. Pupils should never bring a mobile phone to school or any PTA event such as the Movies and Munchies evening or the Discos. Any mobile phones will be confiscated and locked in the safe until they are returned to a parent. We also do not want any Smart phone watches in school either. We will send home further information and guidance about children and the use of technology but wanted to make it very clear from the start that we don't want pupils to bring these devices into school.

Many thanks to all of you who attended the 'Meet the Teacher' evening. Staff really welcome this opportunity to speak with you about the year ahead. We have almost finalised all key dates for the academic year and will have these ready for you next week.

Upcoming Events

Monday 15 th -Friday 19 th September	Year 6 pupils on their residential trip
Tuesday 16 th September	PTA are having their A.G.M. at 7.30p.m. at the school. New members (or anyone who is curious and wants to come along) are always very welcome!

New School Meals



Pupils have really been enjoying the new school meals. We have developed a system with coloured bands so that pupils are able to eat one of the five main meals that they have ordered each day. With the puddings things have been a bit trickier as it has been very time consuming trying to ensure that 300

children have the exact pudding that they have requested when we have 60 minutes to feed them all! Going forward I understand that you will need to pre-order a pudding but we will put out a selection each day and ask the children to choose a pudding. There is always fruit available but I cannot guarantee 100% that they will always get the pudding of their choice. The food is much tastier, the portions are bigger and the oldest children are having seconds at the end of service. The food waste has reduced by less than half which has also been an excellent sign that the food is nice!

Year 6 parents – Admission to Secondary School

Please be aware that the deadline for applying for a Y7 place for September 2026 is in a few weeks! For those living in Surrey the **deadline to Surrey County Council is October 31st**. Please don't forget – every year at least one parent forgets so please keep reminders on your WhatsApp chats! The open evening for SJB is on Thursday 2nd October (6-8.30p.m.) and the open evening for All Hallows is the same evening (4-7p.m). Please remember that we are a named feeder school for both of these schools. If you are applying for SJB or All Hallows please remember that you need to:

- Apply online to your local authority by 31st October
- You will also need to download the Supplementary Information Forms for these schools and return them to the school also by the 31st October. If you fail to do this your chances of gaining a place are negligible. You will need to submit a copy of your child's baptismal form and for All Hallows I am usually asked to sign the form also so I would recommend not leaving that to the very last minute.

Also I am looking for one or two kind parents who are happy to take on the organisation of the Year Book for pupils in Year 6. I am very happy to chat through what this involves with anyone who thinks they may be able to do it. Many thanks!

Information for parents

Surrey Heath Family Centre are running a great course for parents called **The Parenting Puzzle**. The course will start on Thursday 25th September from 12.30 – 2.30 and will help you to:

- Understand your child
- Learn to recognise the feelings behind the behaviours
- Learn the importance of looking after yourself

For more information or to book a place please call 01276 462897. The Surrey Heath Family Centre is in Kingston Road, Camberley, Surrey, GU15 4AF

Please also find attached details of some workshops that may be of interest to parents of pupils with additional needs.

Thinking about a career in teaching?

There are lots of forthcoming recruitment events for Xavier Teach SouthEast. If you know of anyone considering a career change or who would like to know more about getting into teaching, please encourage them to come along! Additionally, there is a fast track form is now live on the website, so if you know someone already wanting to become a teacher or a brilliant TA or similar in one of our schools, they can use this link to apply now before DfE Apply opens for applications in October.

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Community - Camberley Youth Wind Orchestra Open Rehearsal

CYWO are having their next Open Rehearsal this Saturday 20th September and would like to invite any children who already play an instrument to come along and join CYWO for a free trial.

Camberley Youth Wind Orchestra is a local Surrey Arts ensemble which caters for young instrumentalists who play Brass, Woodwind and Percussion instruments from beginner level all the way to up to Grade 8 and above.

The Wind Bands rehearse every Saturday in term time at Cordwalles School from 9.30am - 11.30am and have a busy Concert and social activity schedule throughout the year.

For further information please email: surreyartsmusic@surreycc.gov.uk or telephone 01483 519303

Have a lovely weekend

Alison Walsh