



St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mr John Entwistle



Friday Newsletter Week Ending: 5th July 2024

Welcome to this week's newsletter...

July's Value is Friendship
Please can you re-enforce this at home with your children throughout July

Our Shining Light and Values Awards for 5th July 2024 go to ...

	Shining Light	Values Friendship	Dojo
Acorn	Olly		
Blossom	Yahya Ahmed	Olivier & Leon	Layla
Willow	Antonia	James & Muhammad B	Julian
Sycamore	Roman	Edan	Aayat
Beech	All Class	Abdur Rahman Atcha	Ih'Saan
Year 3	Ehab	Safiyyah	Andromeda
Year 3/4	Kim	Spencer	Bartosz
Year 4/5	Asiyah	Zuzanna & Harriet	Eesa
Year 5/6	-	-	Harlee & Adam



SCHOOL Attendance

	13 th – 17 th May	20 th – 24 th May	4 th – 7 th June	10 th – 14 th June	18 th – 21 st June	24 th – 28 th June	1 st – 5 th July
Blossom	98.00%	98.33%	96.67%	97.67%	96.25%	100%	96.67%
Willow	96.79%	96.79%	97.79%	98.57%	97.77%	94.29%	96.09%
Sycamore	96.49%	97.54%	96.09%	98.25%	96.07%	98.25%	98.60%
Beech	96.67%	88.33%	97.08%	95.00%	95.83%	95.67%	100%
Year 3	92.81%	95.63%	92.97%	96.86%	92.58%	90.00%	93.67%
Year 3/4	92.12%	88.48%	97.33%	98.18%	96.21%	97.58%	97.58%
Year 4/5	94.19%	94.52%	98.39%	95.16%	92.34%	90.65%	98.06%
Year 5/6	97.19%	96.88%	95.31%	98.44%	98.05%	95.94%	97.81%
Year 6	100%	95.00%	96.88%	95.30%	93.36%	93.13%	95.94%



Important Changes To Absence Penalty Notices

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ THE UPDATED NATIONAL CHANGE TO PENALTY NOTICES AND PROCEDURES FOR UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE. THIS APPLIES FROM AUGUST 2024.

You may be aware that the Department for Education has recently announced national changes to penalty notices issued for unauthorised absence in term time. These changes will come into effect on 19 August 2024.

The changes to be aware of are:

- The threshold at which a penalty notice must be considered is set at **10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days)** of unauthorised absence **within a rolling 10 school-week period** (A school week is any week in which a school meets at least once):
 - This counts for holidays but may include absences as a result of arriving late after the register closes - Pupils who are late after 9.25am (without a valid reason like a medical appointment) will receive a 'U' code which is classed as an unauthorised absence.
 - The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.
- Penalty notices issued for offences that take place after 19 August 2024 will be charged at a new rate of £160 per parent per child. This can be paid at £80 if paid within 21 days.
- Any **second penalty notice** issued to the same parent for the same child **within a rolling 3-year period** will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days with no option for a discounted rate.
- **A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another course of action will need to be considered (such as prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions).**
- Only penalty notices issued for absences taking place after 19 August 2024 will count towards the above thresholds.

Absences can have a lasting effect on learning

Missing a week of school means your child will miss around 25 hours of learning. This creates gaps in their knowledge and could mean they will not meet their full potential.



SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

A MASSIVE THANK YOU to everyone who made our Summer Fair such a huge success. We raised over £2,600 and we will liaise with our new parent group to decide how best to spend this to benefit our children.

We have some extremely talented and generous parents and members of our wider community who gave up their time and talents to make the day so successful.

We were blessed with good weather and everyone commented on how much they had enjoyed it.

A special thank you to Mrs Patel, our Year 6 teacher and, Mrs Desai, one of our Governors, who spent many hours planning and organising the event.



Parents Evening

Parents Evenings for this term are taking place on:-

8th & 9th July 2024 – Blossom

9th July 2024 – Willow, Beech, Year 3, Year 3/4, Year 4/5, Year 5/6 & Year 6

10th July 2024 – Sycamore

If you would like to discuss your child's progress please make an appointment via our online booking system or by contacting the school office on 01772 253851.



After School Clubs

Please note that all After School Clubs have now finished.



End of Year Celebration Assembly

We will be reflecting on another amazing school year and celebrating our pupil's successes and achievements at our end of year celebration assembly on **Tuesday, 23rd July 2024, 9.15am- 11.00am.**



Moving Away/ Moving Areas

To help us with our planning for the next school year, please inform the school office if you are moving away/ leaving the area and you do not plan to send your child/ren to St Augustine's from September 2024.



Dinner Money and Breakfast Club Fees

Before we finish for the school holidays please check your child's ParentPay accounts and clear any outstanding balances they may have for school meals and Breakfast Club attendance. Many thanks.



School Meal Price Increase from September 2024

Please note that the cost of a school meal is increasing to £2.70 per day from September 2024.

Children moving into Year 3 in September 2024 will no longer be eligible for Universal Free School Meals. If you would like your child to continue having a school meal this will be chargeable at £2.70 per day (payable via ParentPay). For children who are registered for Free School Meals there will be no charge.

To check if your child is eligible for Free School Meals please contact LCC on 01772 532109 or apply online using the link below:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/>



Packed Lunch reminders

If your child has a packed lunch please remember:-

- avoid or minimize the amount of chocolate items in your child's lunch box. Note: lollipops and sweets are not allowed as they can be a safety hazard.
- we are a nut free school so no items containing nuts are allowed - this includes Nutella sandwiches.
- whole grapes are a choking hazard. If your child has grapes in their packed lunch or for a break time snack, please ensure they are cut up.
- Children are expected to take home any left over food and packaging so that parents can see what they have eaten/left.
- For allergy reasons children are not allowed to share/swap items from their lunchbox.

This Sunday, 7th July 2024, is the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Gospel: Mark 6: 1-6

Jesus left that place and went back to his home town, followed by his disciples. On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue. Many people were there; and when they heard him, they were all amazed. "Where did he get all this?" they asked. "What wisdom is this that has been given him? How does he perform miracles? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters living here?" And so they rejected him.

Jesus said to them, "Prophets are respected everywhere except in their own home town and by their relatives and their family."

He was not able to perform any miracles there, except that he placed his hands on a few sick people and healed them. He was greatly surprised, because the people did not have faith.