

St Augustine of Canterbury C of E Primary School



NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2018

ST AUGUSTINE SCHOOL PRAYER

Dear Lord above,

Help us to run our school successfully so that our values and behaviour shine through.

Guide us in our lessons and our lives. In Jesus Christ's name.

Amen.

By Feyi Peters

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to school to you all. I hope you all had a wonderful Summer break.

As the children and new staff settle in, familiarising themselves with new classes and different teachers, it is always a busy and exciting time.

Our Harvest Assembly will take place on Wednesday 10 October and this will give us the opportunity to say prayers of thanks for this bountiful season. As usual we will be collecting food donations and I thank you in anticipation of your kind generosity:

Psalms 67:6

The earth has yielded its produce; God, our God, blesses us.

Remember to sign up for Parents' Evening on either 9th or 10th October. This will take place in the school hall and a letter has already been sent home. Appointments are offered on a first-come, first-served basis so please return your form promptly.

As the nights draw in and the days grow a little more chilly, I would remind all parents/carers to ensure that children bring a coat into school with them. I would also ask that you ensure that they have their PE kits in school each day and that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.

With all good wishes

*Mr M Alexander-Smale
Principal*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

9 October Parents' Evening 3.30pm-7.30pm
10 October Parents' Evening 3.30pm-5.30pm
10 October Harvest Festival

Half Term 22 —26 October

NOVEMBER

1 November Individual Pupil Photos
6 November Year 6 Natural History Museum
14 November Open Morning for prospective Reception 2019 9.30am-10.30am
23 November Year 1 Florence Nightingale Museum
28 November Open Morning for prospective Reception 2019 9.30am-10.30am

DECEMBER

4 December Nasal flu vaccine Rec-Year 5
13 December Year 4 class assembly
19 December Christmas Church Service 09:30
19 December End of term School Closes 1.40pm

Christmas School Holidays 20 December—6 January

JANUARY 2019

7 January Staff Training day—School closed
8 January Children return to school
8 January Pantomime
21 January Year 4 London Zoo

Half Term 18th—22 February 2019

FEBRUARY

25 February Staff training day—School closed
26 February Children return to school

MARCH

15 March Red Nose Day

APRIL

5 April End of term School Closes 1.40pm

Easter School Holidays 8— 22 April 2019

23 April Staff training day—school closed
24 April Children return to school

MAY

6 May Bank Holiday—school closed

Half Term 27—31 May 2019

JUNE

3 June Children return to school

JULY

19 July End of term School Closes 1.40pm

SCHOOL DINNERS/DINNER MONEY

If you have not already done so, please pay your child's dinner money as soon as possible. **Dinner money must be paid half termly in advance and the price for this half term is £75.**

Please bring directly to the school office, place in a sealed envelope and collect your receipt.

It is only possible to change from packed lunch to school dinners (and vice versa) at the **end** of each half term as we order the meals in advance from the kitchen. Please let the office know before the end of each half term if you wish to change your preference.

New Reception children starting in September 2019

We are holding two open mornings for parents/ carers of children who are starting school in September 2019. If you have younger children and/or friends or family who may be interested in a place at St Augustine, please note these open mornings in your diaries:

- ◇ Wednesday 14th November 9.30am-10.30am
- ◇ Wednesday 28th November 9.30am-10.30am

The Principal will welcome you with a short speech and then you will tour the school.

MESSAGES/ILLNESS

Absence – Please call and **leave a message on our answerphone (option 1) before 10am** if your child is not well enough to come to school. If they have a medical appointment, remember to let us know in advance and tell us whether they will be back in school for their school dinner.

Sickness & Diarrhoea – If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they should not return to school until 48 hours **after** their last episode.

End of day - Please call us **before 2.55 pm** if someone else is collecting your child or if you are delayed as messages are taken to classes at 3pm.

Thank you.

Tel: school office on 020 8311 2956

SCHOOL PARLIAMENT

We would like to welcome three new members to the School Parliament who were elected by secret ballot by pupils and staff:

Congratulations to **Kai, Max and Sibongile**.

NO PARTY BAGS IN SCHOOL PLEASE

Instead of sweets and party bags, your child may bring in a new book as a present for the whole class. We will then label the book with your child's name and birthday and it will remain in class for all to enjoy.

You can send in more than one book if you wish but it **cannot be** with party bags.

SWIMMING



Year 4 and Year 5 classes are swimming on alternative weeks this year. A letter has already been sent out with the dates and other information.

The termly cost per child is **£24** to include the cost of the coach. Kindly ensure that your payment is returned to the school as soon as possible. Thank you

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We will soon be able to offer our school uniform online and will confirm details shortly:

Uniform is currently available at the following shop:

Boffins School Outfitters
37 Pickford Lane
Bexleyheath DA7 4QU

Telephone: 02082989085

5 minute walk from Bexleyheath Train station.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Festival assembly will be on Wednesday 10 October. A letter will be sent shortly requesting donations for the local food bank. We hope you will give generously for this worthy cause.

COOL MILK

If your child would like milk in school, please register at:

www.coolmilk.com

LINK PARENT FORUM

We are looking for parent representatives who have children in Years Reception, 3, 4 or 5. Parents meet termly with the Principal, Family Liaison Officer and Chair of Governors, with the aims of aiding communication between parents and school; taking forward/leading on initiatives and fund-raising and contributing to discussions on school improvement. Please contact Mrs Hibble in the school office for more information.



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