



UPCOMING DATES

- **Saturday 9 September 17:30** - International Mass at St Augustine's Church
- **Sunday 10 September 09:30** - Education Sunday Mass at St Augustine's Church
- **Tuesday 12 September** - 'Meet the Teacher' 15:30 - 16:00 (in the school hall)
- **Monday 18 - Friday 22 September** - Year 6 Residential Trip to PGL Liddington

Welcome back! Throughout the week the children have spent time settling into their new classes. We are all looking forward to an exciting term and successful academic year.

SPIRITUAL, MORAL, SOCIAL AND CULTURE

ALL YEARS - Education Sunday. This Sunday, 10 September, is Education Sunday. St Augustine's School will be taking part in the 9.30am Mass at St Augustine's Church. We would like as many of our children, families and friends to join us and celebrate together. St Augustine's children should attend in **full school uniform** please and arrive by 9.15am. We hope you are able to make it, and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

ALL YEARS - 'Forever Families' are holding a social event on Thursday 14 September at Langton Green School from 18:30 - 20:30 for families who have gone through the adoption process or those who are looking after children through special guardianship orders.

ALL YEARS - We thought you might like to know that 14 children were awarded **100% attendance** certificates for last academic year. Well done!

ALL YEARS - If your child is wearing the 'new style' uniform and you are no longer in need of the 'old style' uniform, we are collecting in school for it to be sent to help refugee families.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

ALL YEARS - Parents and Carers are invited to 'Meet the Teacher', on Tuesday next week in the school hall from 15:30 - 16:00. This is an informal drop-in session.

ALL YEARS - Most of the **before/after school clubs** and music lessons start from Monday next week. Please make sure your child has kit and musical instruments in school ready.

YEAR 5 - Year 5 started their **swimming lessons** on Thursday this week. Letters went home with children on Tuesday, please check school book bags. Please note - we also need your signed permission with your emergency contact number and your child's swimming ability, please complete and return your child's permission slip to their teacher. Payment is required via your Parentmail account.

YEAR 1-6 - Every child in the school was sent home with a 'Going Home Slip' this week. Please check your child's school book bag and return, completed to your child's teacher. We will not dismiss your child to anyone other than those named on this slip so it is vital we have this information.

YEAR 5 & 6 - Children in Year 5 and 6 are allowed to bring a mobile phone into school, but only with the written permission of their parent or carer. We have sent home permission slips this week, if you would like your child to have a mobile phone in school please read the permission slip and sign to agree to our mobile phone policy.

YEAR 3-6 - If your child is in Year 3 and above and would like to have a school meal, the cost of the meal is £2.10 per day and includes a main and a dessert. Meals have to be **paid for in advance** on the Monday for that week. Please make payment via your child's Caterlink account with their UPN (details sent home via children's book bags today) or pay in cash using the safety deposit box in the school entrance.

YEAR 6 - Yesterday some of our pupils sat the Kent Test. Results of the test will be sent out to parents on 12 October 2017.

STAFFING NEWS

Mrs Lewins (Teacher in 5/6 St Luke) is expecting her first child in February 2018. I am sure that you will join me in congratulating Mrs Lewins on this wonderful news.

We are seeking to appoint two members of teaching staff:

- Part Time Year 3/4 Teacher, Monday - Wednesday from October;
- Full Time Year 5/6 Teacher, fixed term maternity leave cover from January 2018.

To apply please visit www.kent-teach.com

GOVERNOR AWARDS

It has become tradition at the end of an academic year that staff vote for a Year 6 boy and a girl in three categories:

Community Contribution, Sporting Achievement and Academic Endeavour.

The winners were announced at the end of last term:

Community Contribution: Isabelle Perkin and Aiden Williams;

Sporting Achievement: Elena Coleman and Ben Wildman;

Academic Endeavour: Marilly Pagquill and Sasha Fernandez.
Congratulations to our winners!

CAFOD prayer inspired by this week's Gospel: **Matthew 16:21-27**

Christ Jesus, you came into the world to show us how to live. May we follow you in all we do. Let our love for you be shown in how we care for all people, especially those who are poor. Amen.