

Welcome Back!

Welcome back. We hope you all had a lovely summer holiday and have returned to school safe and ready for a new year. 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.

Get Ready for Learning

To ensure that your children have a successful academic year it is very important that they are ready for learning. You can help them prepare for their year ahead in a number of ways.

In our experience, children who arrive at school on time, in the correct uniform and with the correct PE kit seem more self-confident, organised and settle more readily and happily into a new class and routine. It also helps if they have their own pencil case with the stationary they need. A bottle of water also aids their concentration skills.

Kent Selection Test

As you may be aware, it is the choice of parents whether their child sits the Kent Selection Test or 11+ as it is sometimes called. This year, 34 Year 6 children sat the papers on Thursday in school. Results will be sent, via first class post, to parents on 13th October 2016 or, if you registered online, will be emailed to you after 4pm on the same date. Parents can also log in after 5pm to view their child's results and scores online. For more information, please go to the www.kent.gov.uk website.

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all those Parents and Carers who attended the drop-in session after school to meet the teachers. It was a very relaxed and informal session and we hope you found it a useful opportunity to say hello and update teachers on any matters concerning your child/children.

If you were unable to make the session and would like to speak with your child's teacher, please contact the office and they will arrange an appointment for you.

Education Sunday

This Sunday, 11th 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 9.20am. We hope you are able to make it, and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Curriculum Newsletters and Homework Tasks

At the beginning of next week, you will receive a curriculum newsletter outlining topics for the term. As well as supporting your child with homework, please ask them questions about what he/she has been learning that day. Where possible extend their knowledge by reading books and watching relevant programmes together that are linked to the class topic. When you can, enjoy days out that relate to the topic.

You will also receive your child's Homework Tasks for Terms 1 and 2. Please reinforce with your children the importance of completing these tasks and returning them to school within the deadlines. Please listen to your children read, test them on their spellings, times-tables and support them on tasks that they find difficult.

Finally, do not hesitate to arrange an appointment with your child's class teacher if you have any questions or concerns about their learning.

Medication and Glasses

- If your child suffers with asthma and has an inhaler in school you must inform the school in writing of **which** inhaler your child has, **how much** needs to be given, **when** it needs to be taken and if your child can do this unsupervised.
- If your child has an EpiPen or other allergy medication, a medical care plan must be completed with Mrs Taylor. **Please ensure that inhalers and epiPens are in date, labelled, and in school at all time.**
- If your child has glasses, please ensure that they are in school at all times and that the class teacher is clear on when they need to be worn (eg. at all times, just for reading, for computer work etc). It would be appreciated if you would put this information in writing. Please make sure that the glasses' case is named.

If your child needs to take medicine during the day we ask that, either you come into school to administer it, or you complete a Parental Agreement Form (available from the blue rack outside the Office) giving your written consent for a member of staff to administer the medicine on your behalf. For the safety of your child and others, please do not send any medicine into school in your child's book bag. All medicine must be handed into the office in their original container as dispensed by the pharmacist.

Finally, please remember to notify the school if your child contracts or comes into contact with any communicable diseases such as Chicken Pox for example - we have children with low immune systems whose parents need to know this information. .

Thank you for your co-operation.

Exciting Announcement!

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Torki (1-1 Teaching Assistant in Phase 3/4) is expecting twins in December. Many congratulations!

School Dinners

This week children have been enjoying meals provided by our new lunch provider, Caterlink. If your child is in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) and is having a school dinner, this must be paid for in advance on a Monday, regardless of the day of the week your child has a lunch. Caterlink are rigorous in insisting that payment is up to date. Lunches this academic year are £2.10 a day. For the time being, Caterlink can only accept payment by cash. They hope to have an online facility up and running by next term. Please send all payments into school (in an envelope clearly marked 'lunches' together with your child's name and class). This can be either sent via your child's class teacher or deposited in the secure payment box in the front porch.

All Infants (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) are entitled to a free school meal every day, courtesy of the government's 'Infant Universal Free School Meals' scheme.

End of Day Arrangements

Children in Years 1-6 will have brought home a form this week asking who has permission to collect your child from school. Please complete the form and return it to school as soon as possible. For new parents, you need to know that we will not release your child to people who are not on the list. **The list should include ALL family members/friends that you are happy for child to go home with, no matter how infrequent the collection may be.** This means that you will not have to call the school office on the odd occasion when a friend/family member can help you out.

Data Collection Sheets

This week the children in Years 1-6 brought home Data Collection Sheets. These forms contain all the important information that we need to know about your children including who to contact in the case of an emergency or if your child is sick. It is therefore vital that they are kept up to date. Please could you check the forms, make amendments where necessary and return them to school, via your child's class teacher, by the end of next week. Thank you to the many parents who have already returned them.

Clubs

This term we will be offering the following clubs:

Monday	mSPORTi Early Morning Club	Yrs R-6	8.00-8.45am
Monday	First Class Football	Yrs 1-6	3.30-4.30pm
Monday	mSPORTi Multiskills	Yrs R-2	3.30-4.30pm
Monday	School Netball Club	Yrs 5-6	3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday	Early Morning Judo Club	Yrs 1-6	8.00-8.45am
Tuesday	School Sports Club (Cricket)	Yrs 3-6	3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday	mSPORTi Early Morning Club	Yrs R-6	8.00-8.45am
Wednesday	School Football Club	Yrs 5-6	3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday	Karate Club	Yrs R-6	5.00-6.00pm
Thursday	Early Morning Dance Club	Yrs 1-6	8.00-8.45am
Thursday	mSPORTi Basketball Club	Yrs 1-6	3.30-4.30pm
Thursday	mSPORTi Tag Rugby Club	Yrs 5-6	3.30-4.30pm
Friday	mSPORTi Athletics Club	Yrs 3-6	3.30-4.30pm

All clubs start next week with the exception of **Judo and Netball which start the week beginning 19th September**. Clubs provided by outside companies need to be booked and paid for directly with the company themselves. Please see our website for up to date club contact details.

Call for Volunteers

Are there any parents/grandparents/volunteers who can spare some time on a regular basis to help deliver a club or assist our children with reading? If you are interested please let the office know on 01892 529796 or email: office@st-augustines.kent.sch.uk. All parents/volunteers will be required to complete an enhanced DBS check.

Parenting Course

From Tuesday 27th September, St Augustine's Church will be running a weekly Parenting Course - "What Can A Parent Do?" The course will last for six weeks and will take place in the church hall from 7pm to 9pm. It is a free programme for parents of children aged between 5 and 12 who are looking for help and ideas in creating a framework of discipline and respect by being more confident in their parenting skills so their children can become happier, more mature and more responsible. The course offers the opportunity for parents to share experiences and to get support from other parents. If you would like to book your free place, or would like more information, please contact Michelle Palmer on 07791 209797.

Diary Dates

Sunday 11 th September	Mass at St Augustine's Church to celebrate Education Sunday 9.30am
Wednesday 14 th September	Literacy Workshop for New Reception Parents 7.30pm
Wednesday 28 th September	Numeracy Workshop for New Reception Parents 7.30pm
Tuesday 13 th October	Kent Selection Test Results
Monday 17 th October	Inset Day - no school for children
Friday 21 st October	End of Term 1
Monday 31 st October	Start of Term 2

CAFOD prayer inspired by this week's Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

God of lost sheep, coins and all people, help us to remember you are with us in love and forgiveness every day. Guide us to share your love with others through our actions. Amen.

Attendance Ted, Punctuality Pete, Lunchtime Award, Tidy Classroom Award and Walk on Wednesday (WOW) all return next week.

Have Fun!

We say goodbye to our Year 6 children next week as they set off for Liddington for their week long residential trip. We look forward to hearing all about it when they return! For Year 6 parents, we will be sending you daily updates on Parentmail.

Mrs Warren