



Curriculum

Headlines of some of our academic success for the end of last academic year

Reception:

- Achieved better than the Kent and the national percentages in the three areas of Good level of Development, Literacy and Maths;

Key Stage 1 (Year 2):

- Achieved better at the expected standard than Kent and national percentages in Reading and Maths;
- Achieved broadly in line with Kent and better than national percentages in Writing;
- Achieved better at working at a greater depth than Kent and national percentages in Writing, Reading and Maths.

Key Stage 2 (Year 6):

- Achieved better than the national percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined. This figure was broadly in line with the Kent figure;
- Achieved better than the national percentage of pupils nationally achieving the expected standard and the higher score in Writing;
- All other figures are broadly in line with national figures at the Expected Standard.

We are really thrilled with these results. We are particularly pleased with the results for reception and our more able children in Key Stage 1 and 2. We know what we need to improve and are busy working on our key priorities. I will share these with you in another bulletin.

- Mrs Carew's maths class were recently given a homework task to make a mathematical board game, for children in Year 2. On Wednesday the children took their handmade games to 2 St Bernadette and tested them out! "The Year 2 children had to work out the answers from the questions on the board, only when they had worked them out could they move forward in the game. We really enjoyed making and sharing these games with the younger children" Jessica D (St Luke). Mrs Oubridge was very impressed with the way the older children challenged and inspired her class.
- The **deadline** for children's topic homework is **Friday 9th December**.

PTA News

- Last Friday was 'Wear Odd Socks' Day. Thank you for all your donations of chocolates and sweets.
- Next week, Friday 9th December – Bring in a bottle and wear your trainers.
- Saturday 10th December – Christmas Festival 14:00 - 16:00. Entry £1 adults, children free. Stall include tombola, raffle, crafts, face and nail painting, fun photo booth, Santa's grotto, cakes, lucky dip and much more!

If you are able to help with the Christmas Festival or serving tea and coffee after the Christmas Productions, or would like to contact the new joint Chairs of the PTA (Anna Ellis, Monika Buchta and Anna Fernandez) please email them:

ptaAugustines@gmail.com.

Class Assemblies

- Tuesday 13th December - **3/4 St Paul** Class Assembly 15:00.
- Tuesday 7th February - **3/4 St Peter** Class Assembly 15:00.
5/6 St Mark Class Assembly has now been re-scheduled for next term. The assembly will take place on Tuesday 31st January at 15:00. Friends and family all welcome.

Sporting News

- On Wednesday, our football B Team played a league home match against Claremont. After a close fought game the final score was 2-2. Ryan B (St Luke) told me that the team played really well and he had loads of fun playing in the match. Mr Scott, coaching the team thought we were unlucky to draw, conceding a goal in the final minute. He added, "Joe Greenall scored a screamer!" Well done to all the B team, Dan C, Sam G, Joe G, Matthew D, Jake C, Roscoe B, Daniel B, Ryan B, Max G and Sasha F.
- **Tag Rugby lunchtime club** started this Wednesday for children in **Years 5 & 6**. If your child is interested in joining, please ask them to see Mrs Berry.
- There are no more **netball matches** scheduled now until after Christmas. The last netball club for this term will be next week, Monday 5th December. Mums and Dads very welcome to join in!

We are currently **missing** a lot of **sports kit** for netball, football, basketball and cross country. Please check at home and return as soon as possible.

General and Reminders

- We have finally heard back from the Kent School Immunisation Team with a rescheduled date for the **flu vaccine** for children in Years 1, 2 and 3. The new date is Monday 12th December. We are aware that some children have had the vaccine at their doctor's surgery since your permission was originally given to have the vaccine at school. **If your child has already had the vaccine, or you no longer want your child to have the vaccine, you must inform us in writing.** Please send all notes in to your child's class teacher.
- We have now set our **Inset Days for the academic year 2017/18**. These are as follows:

Monday 4th September 2017

Thursday 4th and Friday 5th January 2018

Monday 4th June 2018

Tuesday 24th July 2018

- The deadline for ordering your child's **Christmas Dinner** is **Tuesday 13th December**. Please complete the order form and return it to school, via your child's class teacher, by this date. Even if your child usually has a school dinner, please complete and return the form. **Any orders received after this date will not be accepted.** If your child does not want a school dinner, they are welcome to bring a packed lunch as normal.
- As a special treat to welcome the children back after all the excitement of Christmas, we have booked a special touring pantomime company to deliver their version of 'Sleeping Beauty' on Tuesday 3rd January. The PTA have kindly agreed to cover the majority of the cost (£1299!) but are asking if families would be willing to donate £1.00 per child towards this. Look out for more information on Parentmail.

Staffing News

- We are delighted to welcome Mrs Warner and Mrs Cheesman to our team of Mid-day Supervisors. Mrs Wise and Mrs Singleton will also be joining the team before the end of term.
- We also welcome Mrs Leszczynska who is working in 1 St Theresa as a Teaching Assistant on a Monday and Tuesday.

Our Community

- On Sunday 11th December, St Augustine's School will be participating in an **Advent Service** at St Augustine's Church at 16:00pm. It is part of a series of Advent Services being run by the Evangelisation Team. All welcome.
- **St Gregory's Golden Jubilee Christmas Fair** Saturday 10th December from 12:00-15:00. Why not pop along before you join us at our Christmas Festival between 14:00 and 16:00.

Congratulations to our Award Winners

- **Attendance Ted:** 1/2 St Lucy, 5/6 St Mark
- **Punctuality Pete:** 1 St Theresa, 3/4 St John
- **Walk on Wednesday:** 2 St Bernadette
- **Tidy Classroom:** 3/4 St Peter

Governors' News

Our 2018 admissions policy and procedures (for consultation) has just been published on the school website. Find it in our Admissions section.

Children's Voices

Some of our parents and carers have asked to have the prayers that the children say everyday so they can practice them at home. Here they are:

Morning Prayer

(Sign of the cross) Oh my God you love me; you're with me night and day. I want to love you always, in all I do and say. I'll try to please you Father. Bless me through the day.

Amen. (Sign of the cross)

Lunchtime Prayer

(Sign of the cross) Bless us oh God as we sit together. Bless the food we eat today. Bless the hands that make the food. Bless us oh God. Amen. (Sign of the cross)

End of Day Prayer

(Sign of the cross) God our Father I come to say, thank you for your love today. Thank you for my family and all the friends you give to me. Guide us in the dark of night and in the morning send your light. Amen. (Sign of the cross)

Coming Up...

- Tuesday 6th December
- Wednesday 7th December
- Saturday 10th December
- Monday 12th December
- Tuesday 13th December
- Wednesday 14th December
- Monday 19th December
- Tuesday 20th December
- Wednesday 21st December

KS1 Nativity Production to Parents 14:00

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PTA Christmas Festival 14:00 - 16:00

Flu Vaccines for Years 1, 2 and 3

Deadline for ordering your child's Christmas Dinner

EY Christmas Production to Parents 09:30

KS2 (Years 3-6) Christmas Lunch/KS1 Class Parties

KS1 and EY (Reception -Year 2) Christmas Lunch/KS2 Class Parties

KS2 Christmas Celebration 09:15