



## Year 6

- Thank you to all the friends, family and staff who came to watch the **Year 6 children Leavers' Celebration** on Tuesday evening. It was an emotional but very happy celebration of their time here. They sang songs such as -Count on Me, I the Lord of Sea and Sky and an adapted version of My favourite Things from The Sound Of Music. At the end of the celebration Year Books were presented. Thank you to the teaching assistants for all their hard work in putting these together and for funding them. The Year 6 enjoyed a **special cake** made by Julie Rutt, (former Teaching Assistant). Thank you to the Governing Body for arranging the evening, in particular to Mrs Crane. Well done to the Year 6 who entertained us so well and to Mrs Carew who prepared the children for the event.
- Children in Year 6 were treated to a special Fun Day on Tuesday using the money raised from their Enterprise Sales. The day started with the children taking it in turns to decorate their own bag, yo-yo, pot, plate server or pencil case whilst others competed against one another playing video games on a special Game Wagon! After take-away pizzas and ice pops, the children assembled on the field with members of the East Sussex Astronomy Society to look through special filtered scopes, take part in interactive games and watch bottle rockets launched high into the sky! Thank you very much to Mrs Churcher, Teaching Assistant in 5/6 St Luke for organising the fun day, a lot of thought and effort went into making sure all the children could enjoy the day.



**Goodbye and Good luck to all our Year 6 children, we wish you all the best at your new schools.**

## Our Community

- Thank you to all our parents, carers and children who came to our special **Farewell and Goodbye Picnic** on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs Southall and Mrs Culmer, both retiring from teaching after many years, were absolutely delighted that so many peoples came to wish them well. Thank you to Mrs Oubridge, Class Teacher in St Bernadette, for organising the event.
- We have organised another St Augustine's **Friends, Family and Dog Walk** at Dunorlan Park in the summer holidays. Please join us if you are able on Tuesday 1 August. Meet at 10:00 at the Café.
- We are seeking a kind volunteer who would be willing to take over the "**planting and tidying up**" duties at the front of the school. Mrs Batchelor has done it for a few years but both her children have left now St Augustine's so it is time for someone else to take on this role. No more than light maintenance and planting is required. Funding for plants is provided by the school. Please see the school office if you are able to help. Thank you to Mrs Batchelor for her years of help.

## Extra Curriculum Activities

- Last Friday we celebrated **History Day**. Children for all phases dressed up as characters and took part in activities appropriate to their area of history learning this year. Children in Year 5/6 dressed up as children from **The Shang Dynasty**, they sampled Chinese food, created Chinese art and made origami models. Year 3/4 children dressed up as **Anglo Saxons** and enjoyed activities such as weaving, riddles, writing in runes and playing Nine Mens Morris. Years 1/2 dressed up as Famous Explorers and were visited by Christopher Columbus! The Reception children dressed up as **Pirates** and enjoyed party games and treasure hunting! The day ended with a whole school assembly where the children took it in turns to tell each other how they had spent the day. Thank you for your £1.00 donation to cover any expenses purchased for the day.
- Thank you to all the Parents and Carers who attended the **PGL Residential Trip Meeting** on Monday. If you were unable to attend, please look in your children's book bags for the information given on the night such as the KIT lists, parental permission slips and code of conduct. All these forms **MUST** be signed and handed back to school at the beginning of September.

## Staff News

- We say goodbye at the end of this Summer Term to five wonderful members of staff. **Mrs Southall** and **Mrs Culmer**, both retiring from teaching after being here for many, many years. In that time they have welcomed so many children and families to the Foundation Stage of our school. We wish them all the best for their retirement and hope they enjoy the next stage in their lives.
- We are also saying goodbye to three of our teaching assistants, **Mrs Mooney**, **Miss Leszczynska** and **Miss Petley**, all of whom have contributed so well to life and education at St Augustine's and the school community. We wish them all the best in their new roles.

## Sporting News

What an amazing year for sport! Mrs Berry, our PE and Sports Coordinator would just like to say, “A huge thank you to all the children who have taken part in sporting events this year. As ever you have shown such maturity and respect in representing your school, and have encouraged your team mates to do so well. I am proud of all of you. Thank you to all the parents/carers who have supported the children through wind, rain and extreme heat, to cheer the children on. Thank you also to the staff who have also braved whatever the weather has thrown at us!

Thank you to Elena Coleman and her family for their generous donation and parting gift to the school of some lovely brand new netball posts. They will help to inspire a new generation of school children to develop their netball skills. A special thank you and goodbye to all the Year 6s. You have been amazing! You have shown such enthusiasm and determination in sport; it has been such a privilege to work with you. Good luck in your new schools, I am sure you will excel in everything you do.”

## Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural

- Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us yesterday morning to celebrate the end of this academic year with an **End of Year Mass** led by Fr. Peter and supported by Deacon Kevin. It was a beautiful and prayerful celebration.
- You have all been very generous in supporting our chosen charity this term, **Water Aid**. The total amount raised from all the cake and ice cream sales and the buckets of change in the classrooms is a staggering: **£805.20!** Thank you, as always, for all your support.
- We welcomed a group of former St Augustine’s children, taught by either Mrs Southall or Mrs Culmer, to the end of year assembly. Thank you to all the students who came to meet their Reception Teachers. A great idea planned by Mr Bradbury, Deputy Headteacher at St Gregory’s, and Mrs Asindi, Teaching Assistant in St Peter. Thank you for arranging this.

## Thank you

We wanted to take this opportunity to say a particular and **special thank you** to all our **wonderful volunteers** who regularly give up their own time to listen to children read, help out in the classrooms or maintain the areas around the school, from plant watering to bike rack building and cleaning out the pond. You all have contributed to and enhanced the life at St Augustine’s. Thank you for being another friendly face for our children and making our school a more attractive place to learn. We are so lucky to have you!



## Coming Up...

- Tuesday 1 August - Friends and Family and Dog Walk at Dunorlan Park 10:00
- Monday 4 September - INSET Day (No School)
- Tuesday 5 September - First Day of Term 1
- Tuesday 12 September - ‘Meet the Teacher’ 15:30 - 16:00 (in the school hall)

## Congratulations to our Award Winners

- **Lunchtime Award:** Jake S (3/4 St Paul) and Blake (1/2 St Lucy)
- **Attendance Ted:** 1 St Theresa and 3/4 St Peter
- **Punctuality Pete:** 2 St Bernadette and 3/4 St Paul

## CAFOD prayer inspired by this week’s

### Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

God of light, we thank you for sending your Son Jesus to show us the way, and for all the people who teach us. Shine in our hearts so that we may learn how to be the people you want us to be. Amen.