



St. Augustine's
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NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th December 2023 Issue 14

Dear Parents

Throughout this week, we have been awe-inspired as the children have performed so well and enjoyed preparing for Christmas. Our EYFS and Y1 children were amazing this week as they performed Bethlehem's Buzz In. Thank you to parents, it was lovely to see so many parents and family members join us for the performance. It has been a lovely time to catch-up with tea, coffee and mince pies afterwards too.

Our Key Stage 2 pupils also performed beautifully in our Carol Concert on Thursday. Such wonderful singing brought the festive spirit out in everyone. Well done to all the pupils for taking part so well. Thank you to parents for joining us, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Friday was the first of our coffee mornings for new parents to the school. We warmly welcome all our new parents and look forward to continuing to develop wonderful relationships with home and school as your children grow. We look forward to arranging the next coffee morning in the new term.

As we approach the end of this term, we say goodbye to Mrs Monaghan. Mrs Monaghan is leaving for new pastures in January. Please join us in wishing her the very best for the future. We look forward to welcoming Miss Harris to join Year 4M (4H) in January 2024.

We are still looking for one parent governor on our Local Governing Body. If you are interested in learning more about this role, please contact me on 02476 596988.

Next week, we look forward to Santa visits, the school disco, poetry slam and further preparations for the Christmas break!

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Miss McDonald



Gospel Virtues

Our virtues this half term remind us to be Attentive and Discerning. We are attentive when we listen to God's call and serve one another in all that we do. Our school motto reminds us of this every day. 'Hand in hand, we listen to God's call, we learn from God's Word and we share God's love through service.'

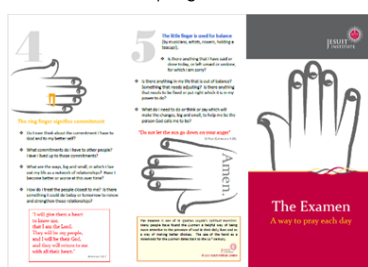
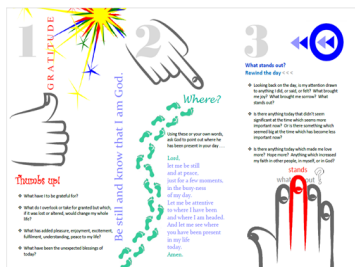
We are discerning when we decide to do the right thing in the interests and needs of others because we know it will have a positive impact on their lives.

Activities to try at home:

Take time during Advent to be attentive to the real reason for this season in preparation for the Lord's coming.

Set yourself a challenge everyday during this season of Advent eg (<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-calendar> CAFOD Interactive Advent calendar)

Take time at the end of each day to discern the actions and decisions you have made and how you can develop in your vocational response to God's calling – you can use the prayer leaflet below:



Reminders/Messages

Monday 18th Dec - Dance Club Yrs 1-3

Final Session (Performance)

Monday 18th - Wed 20th Dec - Christmas Grotto

Thursday 21st Dec-Christmas Disco (Non uniform)

Times KS1 3:10 to 4:10 pm

KS2 4:15 to 5:15pm

Friday 22nd December, Christmas Mass in St. Augustine's Church Time: 1:30pm

Yr 2 to lead

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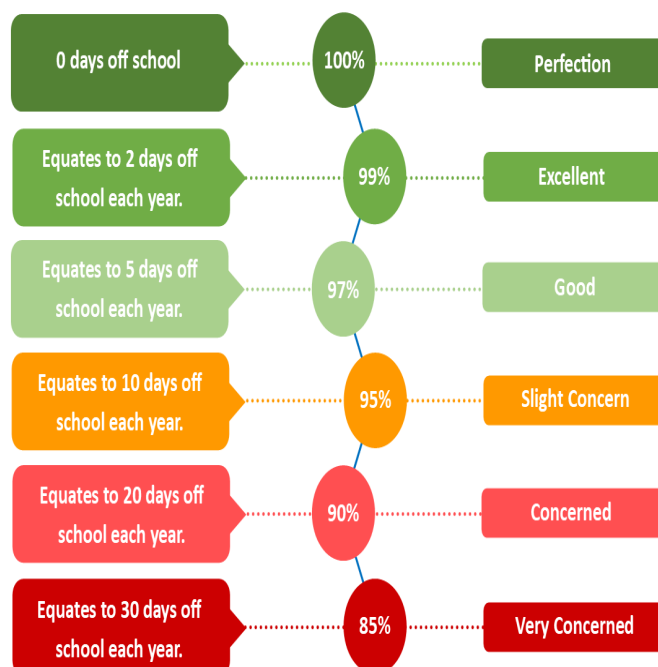
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Class Attendance

Nursery All Day	96%
Nursery AM	97%
Reception	87%
Y1M	99%
Y1RW	91%
Y2K	91%
Y3B	92%
Y3PH	96%
Y4L	94%
Y4M	94%
Y5A	90%
Y5S	94%
Y6C	96%
Y6D	88%

Attendance Goal 96% and above



Class Attendance Winners



Y1M
99%



Aims

At Holy Cross Catholic Multi Academy Company (MAC), we view regular attendance as an essential part of a child's academic and social success. Learning and friendship opportunities are enhanced by sustained periods of unbroken attendance, and we rely on our partnership with parents/carers to ensure that this is achieved. Good attendance means that children usually make good, consistent progress in their schoolwork. If a child is registered at school, parents and carers have a duty under the Education Act 1996 to ensure that their child attends regularly and is punctual.

Attendance Policy, January 2023

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Birthdays



Nursery	Akshara
Reception	Kyron
Year 1	Lillybelle
Year 2	
Year 3	Damian, Mejiro
Year 4	Clarise, Lilly
Year 5	Maya
Year 6	Thea



Brilliant Awards



REC	Charlie
Y1M	Tireni
Y1RW	Khalid
Y2K	Ellis & Gabrielle
Y3B	Noah
Y3PH	Oskar
Y4L	Daniella
Y4M	
Y5A	Maria
Y5S	Kayla
Y6C	
Y6D	Jessica



St. David	St. Patrick	St. George	St. Andrew
1450	1575	1435	1745

Attendance Winners

100% Winners are :

Dabs, Snowden, Fater, Poppy, Gabrielle

Virtues Grateful and Generous Awards

REC	
Y1M	
Y1RW	
Y2K	
Y3B	
Y3PH	
Y4L	Dawson
Y4M	Jaxson
Y5A	
Y5S	
Y6C	
Y6D	Izabela

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PE, After School Clubs & Sports News

Please note that most of our After School Clubs this term have now come to an end.

Apart from:

Monday - Dance Year 1-3 - final session Mon 18th Dec (performance)



Our After School Clubs for next term are now full. Thank you for your continued support.

PE Kits

Please can we remind you that school PE kits should consist of black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms, plain white t-shirt and a black hoody or jumper (school jumper okay too) - no branded kits should be worn in school. There are a number of children coming to school in very colourful tracksuits - **this is not in line with our school uniform policy and is only acceptable on non-uniform days**. Phone calls will be made home for incorrect kit and children will be provided with a change of clothes.

Boys' and Girls' P.E/Games.

Item

Polo top
Shorts
Plimsolls/trainers
Trainers
Jogging suit (optional)

Colour

White
Plain Black
Black
Outdoor sports
Plain Black (for winter lessons)

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we prefer children do not wear jewellery in our school. The only earrings to be worn are **small studs**, which the child will have to remove during PE lessons or cover with tape. Watches are also permissible. The school cannot be held responsible for any lost items.



Choir

Thank you to all choir members for a fantastic term of singing. Those who sang and read at the Cathedral last week did really well, - several compliments were received and the children were great ambassadors for the school. Next week, all being well, they will be entertaining residents by singing carols at a local care home.

Choir will restart on Tuesday 9th January - when work will start in earnest for Young Voices for our performance at the end of January.

Happy Christmas to you all.

Mrs Mills

Music Co-ordinator



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