



St. Augustine's
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NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd December 2023 Issue 15

Dear Parents

Throughout the week, we have rejoiced in our preparations for the birth of Jesus and been reminded he will come again to bring peace to all. During assembly, we listened and talked about Jesus coming to us in many ways, but especially his real presence in holy communion. The children told me all about the Holy Spirit coming upon the bread and wine to change them into the body and blood of Christ. We thought about the light that Jesus is and how bright and dazzling this is in his majesty. We were reminded holy communion is an incredible gift to us from God, where he has made himself small enough to come to us, where we are not dazzled and overwhelmed. Jesus wants to be with us because he loves us. This week, we pray for the peace of Christ to be given to all, especially our school community and families this Christmas.

Year 2 were wonderful role models, leading us prayerfully and respectfully as we draw 2023 to a close. Year 2 demonstrated what it truly means to be superstars and shine for Jesus. They have received so many awards recently and these are all very well deserved!

On Thursday, we rejoiced in the gifts and talents of all the children at St. Augustine's during our Poetry Slam. Every class performed wonderfully well and with great courage too! Thank you to all who participated.

Santa has also been to visit us this week with an awe-inspiring transformation of our main corridor and an incredible grotto. Thank you to Mrs Kelly, Mrs Close and all the staff who helped to make this possible for the children of our school! Our disco was also well attended and the children had a great time rejoicing, dancing and having and enjoying time together.

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you that Holy Cross Catholic MAC Board of Directors have confirmed an **Inset Day on Monday 19 February 2024** to continue to support teaching and learning and training for our staff. Please add this to your diary.

We wish you all a safe, happy and blessed Christmas!

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.'

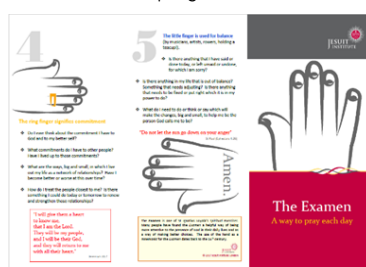
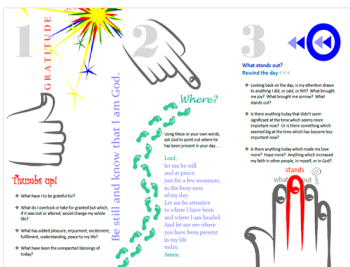
We are discerning when we decide to do the right thing in the interests and needs of others because we know it will have a positive impact on their lives.

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



Children return to school on

Monday 8th January 2024

Swimming for Yr4+M starts on Thursday 11th January 2024. Please don't forget to send your child into school with their swimming clothes.



Future Dates for your Calendar

Commitment Mass for Confirmation 4th February 2024

St. Aug Church @ 10:30 am

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Class Attendance

Nursery All Day	79%
Nursery AM	100%
Reception	90%
Y1M	93%
Y1RW	91%
Y2K	94%
Y3B	96%
Y3PH	94%
Y4L	87%
Y4M	96%
Y5A	88%
Y5S	85%
Y6C	79%
Y6D	88%

Attendance Goal 96% and above



Class Attendance Winners



Nursery AM
100%



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	Macie
Reception	Dilancy, Laura
Year 1	Unathi, Eliana
Year 2	Julia
Year 3	Kacper, Anabel
Year 4	Orlaith, Lily-Mae, Sally-Elise, Stephanie
Year 5	Oluwasemilore, Alan, Danai
Year 6	



Brilliant Awards



REC	Jamal
YIM	
YIRW	
Y2K	Ayda & Cian
Y3B	
Y3PH	
Y4L	Clarise
Y4M	
Y5A	Jesse
Y5S	Penny
Y6C	Rozi
Y6D	Oscar



St. David	St. Patrick	St. George	St. Andrew
2130	2415	2750	3085

Attendance Winners

100% Winners are :

Summer, Augustine, Chimamanda, Sayesha,
Oscar

Virtues Grateful and Generous Awards

REC	
YIM	
YIRW	
Y2K	
Y3B	
Y3PH	
Y4L	
Y4M	Dominic
Y5A	
Y5S	Luca
Y6C	
Y6D	

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PE, After School Clubs & Sports News

Spring Term After School Clubs

Thank you to all of those who have signed up to our After School Clubs for the Spring Term. Please see below the dates in which each of these clubs will run.



Week beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 th January	NO	CLUBS	-	NO	CLUBS
15 th January	Multi skills Y1/2 Dance Works Y4-6	Multi skills - Y3/4	Football Y5/6	Soccer Rockz Y1/2 High 5 Netball Y5/6	Soccer Rockz Y3/4 Junior Fitness Bootcamp Y3-6
22 nd January	Multi skills Y1/2 Dance Works Y4-6	Multi skills - Y3/4	Football Y5/6	Soccer Rockz Y1/2 High 5 Netball Y5/6	Soccer Rockz Y3/4 Junior Fitness Bootcamp Y3-6
29 th January	Multi skills Y1/2 Dance Works Y4-6	Multi skills - Y3/4	Football Y5/6	Soccer Rockz Y1/2 High 5 Netball Y5/6	Soccer Rockz Y3/4 Junior Fitness Bootcamp Y3-6
5 th February	NO	CLUBS	-	PARENTS	EVENING
HALF TERM					
19 th February	Multi skills Y1/2 Dance Works Y4-6	Multi skills - Y3/4	Football Y5/6	Soccer Rockz Y1/2 High 5 Netball Y5/6	Soccer Rockz Y3/4 Junior Fitness Bootcamp Y3-6
26 th February	Multi skills Y1/2 Dance Works Y4-6	Multi skills - Y3/4	Football Y5/6	Soccer Rockz Y1/2 High 5 Netball Y5/6	Soccer Rockz Y3/4 Junior Fitness Bootcamp Y3-6
4 th March	Multi skills Y1/2 Dance Works Y4-6	Multi skills - Y3/4	Football Y5/6	Soccer Rockz Y1/2 High 5 Netball Y5/6	Soccer Rockz Y3/4 Junior Fitness Bootcamp Y3-6
11 th March	Multi skills Y1/2 Dance Works Y4-6	Multi skills - Y3/4	Football Y5/6	Soccer Rockz Y1/2 High 5 Netball Y5/6	Soccer Rockz Y3/4 Junior Fitness Bootcamp Y3-6
18 th March	Multi skills Y1/2 Dance Works Y4-6	Multi skills - Y3/4	Football Y5/6	Soccer Rockz Y1/2 High 5 Netball Y5/6	Soccer Rockz Y3/4 Junior Fitness Bootcamp Y3-6

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.

Boys' and Girls' P.E./Games.

Item	Colour
Polo top	White
Shorts	Plain Black
Pilmsolls/trainers	Black
Trainers	Outdoor sports
Jogging suit (optional)	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.

4th

It's a Cracker

Christmas Charades

How to play:

- Select one pupil to be the guesser. They stand at the front with their eyes shut and ears covered.
- Secretly tell the rest of the class the charade.
- The rest of the class act it out until the guesser gets it right, then change the guesser.

Charades could include:

- Wrapping presents
- Santa coming down the chimney
- Decorating the tree
- Reindeers flying
- A snowball fight
- Ice skating

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Choir

The children from our school choir visited the residents at Charnwood Care Home on Tuesday morning. They sang brilliantly and interacted well with the residents. The residents and staff from the care home loved hearing and seeing them - and even joined in some of the carols. What a lovely way to end a great term of making music.

Mrs Mills

Music Co-ordinator



Christmas Eve Masses - Sunday Evening 24th Dec

Christ the King

4.00pm Christ the King (Family Mass)

6.00pm Christ the King (Family Mass)

8.00pm Christ the King

St Augustine's

4.00pm St Augustine's (Family Mass)

Christmas Day Masses - Monday 25th December

9.00am Christ the King

10.30am St Augustine's

12noon Christ the King

Boxing Day (St Stephen's Day) Masses

Tuesday 26th December 2022

12 Noon Christ the King (Altar Servers Mass)

We ask that you encourage family and friends to "Come Home for Christmas".

This is something that we can all do.



Maths Parents Workshop

Mrs Dyer will be holding maths workshops for each year groups in the spring and summer term. Please take notes of the dates below. All workshops will take place at 2:15 in the afternoon and children will be released from their classes to attend with parents/carers. More information will be shared closer to the date.

Year 6: Wednesday 31st January

Reception: Wednesday 6th February

Year 5: Wednesday 17th April

Year 4: Wednesday 24th April

Year 2: Wednesday 1st May

Year 3: Wednesday 8th May

Year 1: Wednesday 12th June

Nursery: Wednesday 19th June



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