



# Newsletter

## 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018



### Changes to Penalty Notices for Absence from School

This is just a reminder that from 1 January 2018 Staffordshire County Council have made a few changes regarding absences from school. These changes are reflected in our updated attendance policy which can be found on our website under the "Documents" section.

The key changes are:

#### **Penalty Notice for leave of absence (holiday) in term time**

Any period of unauthorised leave may result in parents receiving a penalty notice fine. The head teachers will be the only persons able to authorise leave in term time but this will apply only in exceptional circumstances. Any unauthorised absence will be referred by the head teachers to the local authority.

#### **Penalty Notice for persistent lateness**

If a pupil achieves 10 unauthorised late marks a penalty notice may be issued.

#### **Period of time used to measure persistent absence and lateness**

If your child has had 10 days unauthorised absence or is late 10 times over a 12 week period, you may receive a penalty warning notice and also potentially a fine.

### A huge thank you to Mrs Adams!



As most of you may know Mrs Adams volunteers at St Augustine's every week to listen to the children in Class 2 read. As if that wasn't enough she's also been knitting lots of Santa's and Snowmen! Sarah Powlson has very kindly been selling the Christmas decorations in the village shop and this has raised a phenomenal £138.50 which Mrs Adams has donated to our school fund! THANK YOU!!!!

*Welcome back and Happy New Year!*

### Reminders:

- Outdoor Adventurous Afternoons starts again this term, running up to the February Half Term Break. All children should bring **wellies** on a **Tuesday** please.
- Soccerstars starts Thursday 11 January—don't forget to sign up online!
- Fencing starts Wednesday 17th January—please hand in your forms to the school office to secure your place!



### Inset dates 2018/2019

Please be advised of the following INSET days which **were not included on our calendar sent out before Christmas** :

- ♦3.9.18
- ♦5.11.18
- ♦21.12.18
- ♦7.1.19
- ♦22.7.19



A new list of holidays is attached with your newsletter and can also be found on the school website.

### PTA Fundraising Update



Our wonderful PTA had a very busy Christmas raising lots of money for St Augustine's! Incredibly they raised £1416 over the festive season through just four events! The Santa float raised £250, The Roebuck ran a raffle and raised £300, the Christmas Fayre raised £540 and we had the most successful Christmas Chocolate bingo ever raising £326!

To raise nearly £1500 over such a busy time of the year is just amazing, thank you so much to everyone on the PTA, and everyone who takes part in our fundraising events!

# THANK YOU!!!!