



Newsletter

7th September 2017



Welcome Back!

Welcome back after the long summer hols! We hope you all had a restful break and are now ready to start a new and exciting year! We are happy to welcome Mrs Grant to our team. She is our specialist science teacher across our Federation and she will be teaching science to KS1 on a Wednesday afternoon. They are in for a real treat! We are also delighted to inform you that KS2 will be receiving guitar tuition over the Autumn term!

Attached to this newsletter is an update regarding our position with regard to academy conversion and our proposal to join Staffordshire University Academy Trust. Exciting times ahead!

Just a reminder that should you wish to speak to us about anything, no matter how small, Mrs Walker will be available across the week and Miss Robson at the beginning of the week.

Now that we are back, please can we make the usual request for all uniform to be named. We had a lot of unnamed uniform left in school at the end of term last year which was uncollected.

Drop in Parents' Evening

For anyone wishing to find out how their child is settling in to their new year group we are holding a short drop in parents' evening on Monday 25th September from 3.30pm until 4:30pm. If you can't make this date then please pop in to the office to arrange a more suitable time.

School Dinners



Did you know that your child can have a combination of school dinners and sandwiches at St Augustine's? This means children on sandwiches don't have to miss out on fish fingers and chips on a Friday! If, for example, you'd like your child to have a roast on a Wednesday or fish fingers and chips on a Friday we can accommodate this! Just pop and see Mrs Sandbach in the school office.

Attendance Policy

Our school attendance policy has recently been updated and can now be found on our website:

<http://st-augustines.staffs.sch.uk/documents/documents/Attendance%20Policy%20July17.pdf>

Please can we ask all parents to familiarise themselves with this document as there has been some changes to the times that registers now close. If you do not have access to the internet and would like a copy please pop into the office and Mrs Sandbach will print one off for you.

Timetable changes

PE will now be taught on a Tuesday afternoon. Please can children come to school with PE kit and tracksuits on a Tuesday from next week.

Mrs Gilmour will be teaching hockey to years 3 and 4 this term. We use wooden sticks and hard balls and therefore could I recommend that if you have shin pads, could these please be sent in for use on a Tuesday. We do have many pairs in school so please don't rush out and buy any! Could I also ask that trainers or football boots be worn as the children will be playing hockey on the school field. Should you wish to send gum shields in, please feel free but we do teach the children to play carefully and responsibly!



Parking

Please could we politely request the parents are considerate when parking their cars to drop off and collect children, in particular please can we ask that driveways are not blocked. The village hall car park may be used for parking but we do ask that the last person to leave the car park shuts the gates please. Thank you.