



# Newsletter

## 8th September 2016



### Welcome Back!

Welcome back everyone! We hope you've all had a fabulous summer! During the holidays we've had lots of exciting improvements done at school. The Early Years classroom has been completely refurbished, with new flooring, decorating and lots of new furniture to make the space much more engaging. Kuehne and Nagel have been in at school and painted all the outdoor woodwork for us as part of their community work. They've made a huge difference to our outside areas and it will help it to last even longer. They've repaired our wooden sheds and painted the outdoor worship area too! Miss Cashmore has been very busy putting together our new reading scheme which has now been extended to include many more levels. Mrs Roche has built a very cool pirate ship out of a cardboard box which looks amazing (maybe she should become a Blue Peter presenter !?).

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 26th 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.

### Note from Miss Robson

From the 12<sup>th</sup> of September, Miss Robson will be absent from school recovering from surgery. Mrs Walker will be available at this time to answer any queries or concerns you may have. I am sure you will join us in wishing Miss Robson a speedy recovery!

### **Update on unauthorised leave from Staffordshire County Council**

Attendance at school is extremely important and being regularly absent will affect your child's ability to learn and do well.

You may be aware of a recent court case which focused national attention on the fining of parents for taking their children on holidays in school term time.

As a result of this, the county council are reviewing the rules around unauthorised absence and issuing penalty notices to parents.

Whilst the review is ongoing, head teachers will continue to review all requests for leave in term time and report all unauthorised absences to the county council.

As a temporary measure when a child has more than 10 days or more unauthorised absence over two half terms in a row, then a penalty notice may be issued to the parents/carers of that child.

If you have any questions with regards to this, please contact your Local Support Team. Contact details can be found online at [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/LST](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/LST)

### **Bag 2 School**

Don't forget to bring in your unwanted clothes on Tuesday 20th September in the bags provided in the summer term. If you would like more bags or have lost yours, there's a pile outside the school office, please help yourself! All money raised will go directly to the school. Thank you.



### **Sainsbury's School Games**

We are very pleased to announce that St Augustine's First School has yet again been awarded the Silver School Games Award for 2015/2016!