

# St Augustine's News



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## Our Lenten Journey



Ash Wednesday, today, marks the start of the 40 days of Lent, during which we take time to reflect on our lives, our communities and the world, as we prepare for the great Christian festival of Easter. This morning, Deacon Geoffrey came into school and distributed ashes to all the staff and children as a symbol of penance and God's mercy. The children are also using special prayer books and calendars to help them on the journey to Easter.



## Parish Mass

The children read and sang beautifully at the Sunday Mass last week and received many compliments from parishioners, including Deacon Geoffrey, who wrote in to say the Mass "was most inspiring, thanks to the singing". Well done also to Emma and Charlotte Greenman and Emmanuel Lennis De La Fuente for singing the psalm when the Bishop consecrated the new church on Monday evening.

## Parents' Meetings

Thank you to all those who came to the reading workshop and parents' meetings - it was a very good turnout! Notes of the meeting are on the website, as is a booklet about reading.

## World Book Day

is a day set aside every year to celebrate reading, books, authors and illustrators. It is marked in more than 100 countries around the world and will be celebrated for the 16th time this year on 7<sup>th</sup> March. The aim is to give every child in the UK a book of their own to keep. Today the children will be given a book token, which they will need to take to WHSmith or Waterstones to exchange for a choice of 8 different books, or use the token to get £1 off any book costing £2.99 or more.



## SPORTS NEWS



Our legendary netball team played against Wyke Regis on Monday this week and triumphed 5-4 after several periods of extra time. They have now qualified for the semi-finals of the knockout cup. Well done to Mia, Bethany, Casey, Phoebe, Jaimee and Romilly. Thank you to all the parents who turned out in the cold to support and especially to Kelly Browne and Mrs Chase, our coaches.

## Pond Fencing

*Alison Cook writes:* A huge thankyou to everyone who helped to build the fence around the pond over the last 3 weeks including Jonathan Matthews for ordering the wood and helping to finish the job. Thanks also to Nigel Bradley for being our supervisor and helping us all so much. We all had great fun and learnt lots of new skills. There are pictures on the FOSA facebook page showing the work as it progressed.

And finally from Mr Lobo thank you to Alison Cook for organising and managing the project!

## RE Week

Mrs Christopher has organised some thoughtful activities for the children, on the theme of "Feeding the 5000". Jon Booker, from the Weymouth Family Church, started us off with a reflective talk on Monday and Bea Taylor from CAFOD, led an exciting day of food-tasting yesterday, topped off by the pancake races! More reports after half-term.



## Please Pray

for several families from our school community who have recently suffered bereavement. The prayers of a community together really do provide support in difficult times.

**Reminder:** School closes for half-term tomorrow Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb at 3.15pm and reopens on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb is a staff training day.

