

St Augustine's News



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Happy New Year!

Welcome back to everyone and we wish you all a happy and prosperous 2015.

School Mass

Our next school Mass is on Friday 16th January at 9am at school, which will be led by Yr 6. Parents and friends welcome.



Healthy Breakfast



Research has shown that children always do better at school if they have had a healthy breakfast in the morning. We are noticing more and more that many children are coming to school without having eaten anything and are finding it difficult to concentrate. We do now have a fund of money to encourage healthy living, so we are intending to trial a free healthy breakfast for all children for 2 weeks initially beginning on Monday 19th. We will be offering a fruit smoothie and/or a bowl of porridge. If your child would like to take this up, they need to arrive between 8.40 and 8.50 and go to their classroom as usual.

Admissions for September 2015

A reminder that the closing date for applications is 15th January 2015. Please also ensure you have handed in your supplementary form to the school office.

School Uniform

It is lovely to see so many children looking so smart and proud of their appearance in school. A few reminders for the start of the year. The governors have agreed a 2 year changeover period to the new uniform, but have stipulated that it must be either the old or the new uniform, not a mixture of both. We are seeing a few children starting to arrive with blue jumpers that are not logo jumpers. This is an important part of the new uniform and the higher cost of these was offset by changing from expensive gold to white shirts. If your child is not wearing the correct jumper, they will be asked to remove it. Please help us to keep up our high standards of appearance.



Sponsored Walk Report

The sponsored walk was a big success as we raised £400. It was a great hit as all the children thoroughly enjoyed it and we are sure that the teachers enjoyed it more than the children. We got a letter from Oxfam to state that we have done a very thoughtful thing.

The Letter from Oxfam

The first paragraph in the letter from Oxfam stated: Thank you so much for your kind donation of £400 to Oxfam's appeal to help halt the spread of Ebola. We are putting it to immediate use to help people in Liberia and Sierra Leone who are facing the threat of this virus.



What have we done?

The money we raised went towards the following: clean water stations, isolation centres as well as working with health authorities there to provide gloves, masks, overalls, boots, goggles and campaigns.

Thank you for your support, and for helping our response to the Ebola crisis.

Ben and Jack (Organisers, Year 6)

Dates for the Term

These will go out to parents next week.

First Holy Communion 2015

Theme 'Friendship'

Meeting for Parents and Children: Friday January 9th 5-6pm in the Convent of Mercy. If you have not handed in a copy of your child's Baptism certificate please give this to Mrs Hall at the meeting on Friday. Our First Communion children, their families and prayer sponsors will celebrate this theme on Sunday 18th January at the 10am Mass.

PLEASE NOTE as mentioned at the last First Communion meeting for parents, the date for our next theme 'Forgiveness' is as follows:

Meeting for Parents & Children: Friday 13th February 5-6pm at the Convent.

Please Pray For:

Miss Barlow who is still unwell.

Mrs Bruce, our Chair of Governors, who is slowly recuperating from an operation.

