

St Augustine's News



Newsletter 5

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Harvest Celebrations

Next week we have a variety of events to celebrate God's gift of the Harvest.



On Monday, Wendy and Angie from Soul Food are coming to lead an assembly on the work they do in feeding the homeless in Weymouth. We are asking you to send in donations of food - fresh fruit, vegetables, bread, cakes, biscuits, jars or tins (still in date!) - which each class will make up into a hamper. The hampers will be blessed on Friday and then taken down to Soul Food.

Bea Taylor from CAFOD will be visiting on Thursday to talk about CAFOD's work in other countries helping to feed the world. More information here: www.cafod.org.uk

On Friday at 9am, Yr 5 are leading us in a Liturgy of the Word to celebrate the Harvest. Parents and friends warmly invited.

Congratulations!



To everyone on being awarded the International Schools Award (Full) by the British Council! This is an outstanding achievement for a primary school and is a real testament to willingness of the school community to help the children understand their roles as global citizens. A big thank you to Mr Ayles and Mrs Evans for leading on this - more information on the back of this letter.

Change in the Weather

As the cold weather creeps in, please could you ensure that your child has a coat in school every day.

Parents Maths Workshop



Thank you to everyone who came to this - Miss Lambourne and Mrs Chase gave some valuable information on how to help your child in maths. We will put some resources on the website.



Well Done

To Year 1 on a lovely assembly about God's creation. Next week Reception will perform their first one!

Reminder

School is closed on Friday 24th October as the staff are all attending a Diocesan Training Day.

Handwriting

In the hi-tech world of today, you may be wondering why we even teach handwriting anymore! The truth is that a fluent and neat handwriting style is an essential basic skill in life and one that can only be mastered in primary school. At this school, we use the cursive (joined) style and children are taught and practise this regularly. You can help at home by practising this with your child - more resources are available here: <http://www.letterjoin.co.uk/>

Every week, the teachers nominate the best handwriter from each class and Miss Kingston displays them in the hall. The best writer in the school is then awarded a special certificate.

School Mass

We are leading the Parish Mass next Sunday 19th October at 10am at St Joseph's Church, Stavordale Road. All welcome.



School Council

The children were asked to write election speeches and present to their classes if they wanted to serve on the school council. We had some fantastic presentations (maybe some MPs in the making!) and the following were elected:

Yr 1: Lola Culpin and Dale King

Yr 2: Joanna Mazur and Ruby Watters

Yr 3: Sam Street and Katie Gardner

Yr 4: Amelia Ryan and Abigail Hills

Yr 5: Julia Koziol and Oakley Gale

Yr 6: Erin Lyones and Bethany Harbutt

Amelia was elected as Chair and Abigail as Secretary. The school council are currently deciding on which charitable events to support this year, so please let them have any suggestions (preferably emailed to the office)

MacMillan Coffee Event



Thank you to Mrs Roper and Margaret King for organising this worthwhile event. Over £100 was raised.