



Statements To Live By:

Week Beg 10.10.16: I try to stand up for myself and others without hurting others.

Week Beg 17.10.16: I try to be just and fair.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

Thank you to:

- Y5 supported by Mrs Barr, for leading our liturgy and helping us to focus on those who have very little and need our help.
- Every year group for successfully collecting items to contribute to harvest parcels.
- Our helpers who sorted the items brought in and made up the parcels.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Another huge thank you to:

- Everyone who gave up time baking and donated scrumptious cakes!
- All those who came to the hall for coffee.
- Miss Nathan and Year 4 who planned and led the event.
- The event raised £266.19

Mini-Vinnies Food Bank Friday

Our Mini-Vinnies group would like to re-start the food collections to help the Food Bank in Darlington. Last year we collected lots of food donations to help families in the town. Contributions of Tinned and packet goods are welcome however we would ask that you do not send in glass jars or bottles. Donations are to be handed in to school on Fridays, they will be passed to the Food Bank and given out to families in time of need or crisis.

Y2 – Y6 Judo All pupils from each of these year groups took part in a very enjoyable Judo session, led by Destination Judo. We already have pupils who take part in Judo lessons outside of school and this was an opportunity for them to show the skills they have learned whilst wearing the full Judo Kit.

Visit to Holy Island

Y5 and Y6 were tired but happy after their visit to Holy Island. They spent time at the abbey ruins, took part in a treasure hunt and managed to fit in some sketching. Thanks to all the adults who gave their time to prepare the visit and accompany the children.

Parents Evening Thank you to everyone who was able to come in to meet our teachers and find out how your child has settled in over the first month of the school year. Please remember that if you have a particular concern about your child's welfare, learning or progress, you can arrange a short meeting with his/her class teacher via the School Office.

Parent Helpers Please contact the School Office if you would be able to give an hour a week to read with children during the school day. We are always looking for volunteers. No special experience or qualifications needed. Grandparents welcome too!

School coffee mornings

Parents who called in for coffee during the first week of term suggested that a regular coffee morning would be a welcome event. Because of fundraising events it was not possible to set this up straight away. We will try to set a regular time after half term.

St. Augustine's PFA does fantastic work; providing all kinds of support for all the children in our school. Funds raised help provide equipment such as kindles, computers, sports kits, cameras and subsidise School trips and visitors to school etc. Unfortunately the organisation and manning of events often falls on just a few parents/carers. Please think about how you can support the PFA and the school. The more practical help we have, the less time everyone needs to give to ensure successful events.

Book Fair This is a great opportunity to develop and increase your child's enthusiasm for reading and when you purchase a book from the fair it helps raise funds for School. The book fair is open today until Wed 14th October, 3pm - 4pm each day. I'm sure this will prove to be another successful event. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to help with this.

Parish Notices

St. Augustine's Brownies.

I am delighted to see that the new Brownie pack is up and running. More members welcome. Contact Mandy Young Tel.no 01325 285709, Mobile 07796280125 or email BigBrownOwl@msn.com

Panto Auditions STARS (St. Augustine's Repertory Society) are keen for **Year 6 pupils** to audition for the Pantomime which will take place in January. Auditions are being held in the Parish Centre on Sunday 9th October at 7.30 p.m. Adults also welcome to audition/join the chorus/help out backstage.

Pearl of Africa Choir

This fantastic children's choir will be performing in St. Augustine's Church on Saturday 8th October at 7.00p.m. Admission is FREE but donations are welcomed.

Reminders

- **Making a prompt start to the school day.**

Please try to be on time for the start of school - 8.55 am. If you are late make sure you sign your child in and provide a reason.

Not arriving too early is just as important. Children should not be dropped off before 8.40 am and must not be left unsupervised at the gates.

Messages for teachers should be passed on via the staff on the gates each morning.

For any confidential matters, parents/carers can speak briefly to the class teacher at the end of the day or, of course, make an appointment via the School Office.

- **Head lice** - We still have more cases of head lice in school than usual. Please check your child's head regularly for any sign of nits or lice and treat accordingly if they are found. There is no substitute for careful combing! Further information and appropriate treatments are available from the pharmacy / chemists.
- **Safety** - Children should not be riding bikes or scooters on the playground or paths at any time. Please also remember that children under 7 should not use the climbing frame on the field. Please make sure that you supervise pre-school children at all times to keep them safe. Dogs must not be brought into the school grounds. Please do not walk through the car park gates to enter or leave school. We have had a couple of near misses recently!
- **School Meals** Please make sure your child knows whether he/she is having a school meal or a packed lunch each day. Some children are still asking for a hot meal, even when they have brought a packed lunch to school. A school meal costs £2.00.
- **Uniform** Make sure your child's uniform is clearly marked with their name. Please check that your child is not bringing home uniform that does not belong to them. If they have accidentally brought home another child's item of uniform, then please ensure you return to school promptly.

Many items on this newsletter show how much parents and carers help. Thank you for that continuing help support.

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Headteacher