



Chronicles of

St Augustine's

Part of All Saints Catholic Collegiate

'...we strive to follow Christ's teaching, to love one another as I have loved you'.

Dear Parents,

Another year draws to a close as we prepare to celebrate Christmas. May I take this opportunity to thank you for supporting the many school events and activities across the year. Thank you too for the many gifts of kindness the staff have received from you and your families. From all at St Augustine's, may I wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

School will open in the New Year on Monday 5 January 2015.



BID SUCCESS

Earlier in the year, a parent Mrs C. Weston approached the school regarding the potential of securing a community bid for funding. This would need to be submitted on behalf of the school about an outdoor project. We immediately put our heads together along with Mrs Fowlie (EYFS lead) to consider a project to improve the outdoor area of the EYFS. We heard this week from Mrs Weston, who submitted the bid, that St Augustine's was successful and won against 5 further community bids across Stoke and Newcastle. Watch this space for more news and details.

'The Angels Express into Born in a Barn'



Children in the Early Years and KS1 performed their Nativity Concerts this week to great acclaim. All of the children were just brilliant as they danced, jumped, swayed and told the nativity story through drama and dance. Highlights included dancing sheep, very humorous camels and a very loud cockerel! We are so proud of all of the children who amazed us with their efforts. We cannot wait for next year! Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who came to support!

PRESBYTERY CHURCH CAR PARK: This is a private space.

Please ensure that the car park to the rear of the church car park is used by permit holders only.

SWIMMING

Swimming next term is for Y3 and Year 4. Lessons begin Thursday 15th January. Please be aware that the bus that brings the children back from Fenton Manor is often late due to the later lesson time. Usually the coach arrives back by 3:30. Suitable swimwear required.

ATTENDANCE

Unfortunately, our attendance is again under scrutiny. Letters have been sent to families whose children's attendance has fallen below 90%. All parents will receive a letter before the end of term showing their child's attendance and the category it falls into, as shown below.



95% and above—GREAT



91-94 % needs improvement



90% and below unsatisfactory, requiring rapid improvement

Our aim is to get to 96% and above before the end of the academic year so that we can report improvements on our figure. Thank you for your support in this.

STAFFING

Congratulations to Miss Heath who was this week appointed the school SENCO as from 1st January. Miss Heath will continue in her teaching role alongside. I am sure she will be a great success. We are keen to meet with parents again next term so we expect to have some surgeries and drop ins available.



Q. Why did Santa have 3 gardens?
A. So he could 'Ho Ho Ho' them.

The League

Y4 are holding on to the lead with a gap of just 2 points. Well done to all of Year 4 who consistently pick up weekly points! Y2 improved over the last 2 weeks jumping 2 places into second place with a strong 2 weeks.



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DIARY DATES

2015 JANUARY

5 Jan School opens
Wed 14 Y2 Assembly
Sat 24 Family Mass

FEBRUARY

Mon 2-6 Y6 visit Stanley Head
Fri 13th School closes for half term
Mon 23 Parent Pupil Consultations 5-7
Tues Parent Pupil Consultations 3:30 –5:30

MARCH

19 St Joseph's Day, Day of Prayer for Vocations

APRIL

Thurs 2 School closes for Easter
20 School opens

MAY

9 May Sacrament of Holy Communion

Termly Attendance figures

From	Sept—Dec 2014
F1	93.2
F2	94.5
Y1	94.0
Y2	96.3
Y3	94.8
Y4	95.7
Y5	95.3
Y6	94.8
Total	94.9

Attendance Premier Lge

19 Dec 2014—week 14

Position	Class	Total Points
1	Y4	34
2	Y2	32
3	Y5	29
4	F1	26
5	F2	25
6	Y6	21
7	Y3	20
8	Y1	13

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