



# Chronicles of **St Augustine's**

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

*Part of All Saints Catholic Collegiate*

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children excelled themselves through their Christmas concert and Nativity performances, which were very well supported. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend due to illness, but I have heard how excellently the children performed.

It has been an absolute delight to engage with the children at St Augustine's over the past term. As I have stated previously, their positive attitude, courtesy and confidence is a credit to you all, as parents. I have been observing maths lessons this week and chatted with some of our pupils about their learning. They were keen to learn and some even asked for more homework! Similarly, the whole staff have worked exceptionally hard this term to implement many changes. On behalf of our whole school community, I wish to thank all the staff for their hard work, care and support for the school; they are its greatest resource. A personal thank you to Mrs Oakley for her relentless hard work and support over the last few weeks, during my absence; she has worked endlessly to ensure the smooth-running of the school on a daily basis.

Thank you to the attendees at our new Parent Forum group; your support, suggestions and ideas are much appreciated and acknowledged. Please come along to our next meeting - all invited!

Mr Albert Griffin, Chair of the Academy Committee, has visited the school regularly since his appointment in September. Similarly, other members of the committee work hard on your behalf to monitor improvements to the school. The amount of time and effort given by some members is exceptional and we are all very appreciative.

As we prepare to bid farewell to 2015, the staff are already preparing for the new year ahead. Habitually, we talk to the children about making a new start... a new beginning. It is never too late for us to make changes, however small, to improve ourselves and make things better for other people. As Pope Francis states in one of his many inspirational homilies, ***Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start.***"

His words are a fitting reminder for us in considering our New Year resolutions.

Wishing you all a very happy and holy Christmas.

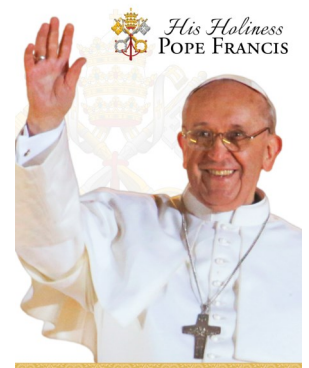
Mrs M Yates



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## DIARY DATES

Thank you to our wonderful PTFA!  
The panto was a huge success! All pupils (and staff) had a wonderful time and we are incredibly grateful to the parents who work tirelessly to ensure our pupils have wonderful opportunities. Thank you all!

Congratulations to all children for their hard work throughout the term and a special mention to those who won the exceptional achievement award at Monday's Celebration Assembly...

F1 LYDIA MINISTER	F2 MALIHA AMIN
Y1 SASHA BIRKS	Y2 ADRIAN PASZKOWSKI
Y3 JEMIMA NSIMI	Y4 NIKODEM WISNIEWSKI
Y5 BAILEY WORRALL	Y6 FAYE COFFEY



### DECEMBER

Fri 18 School closes for Christmas

### JANUARY 2016

Mon 4 School reopens

Wed 6 FAMILY LINKS 1-3pm

Wed 13 Parent Forum 2pm  
ALL WELCOME!

Sat 23 FAMILY MASS  
ALL WELCOME!

Fri 29 PTFA COFFEE MORNING  
9am

### FEBRUARY

Mon 1 — Fri 5 Y6 Residential trip to  
**STANLEY HEAD**

Wed 10 Ash Wednesday

Fri 12 School closes for half term

Mon 22 School reopens

Tues 23/Wed 24 Parents' Evenings

### Attendance

7 Sept—18 Dec

Class	Total Percentage
F1	92.5
F2	98.1
Y1	96.7
Y2	97.1
Y3	98.1
Y4	96.5
Y5	96.5
Y6	95.3
Totals	96.4

**Well done for the huge effort to achieve excellent attendance.**

**A special mention to F2 and Y3 whose attendance is 98.1% since the start of term!**

**FANTASTIC!!!!**

### *Safeguarding our School*

#### E-Safety

As many children will have access to technology over the holidays, please remember to monitor their internet usage to ensure they stay safe!

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