



Autumn 2 Newsletter 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians

Nativities

Thank you for supporting our nativities. I thought the children did a great job!

Attendance

You may be aware the Department for Education has attendance as a current focus. Their aim is to bring attendance levels back to pre-pandemic levels. As part of this, we will be writing to the parents of children in the New Year who have attendance levels below 90%. This is classed by the Department of Education as being persistently absent. Further information and a summary of responsibilities updated in September 2023 can be found using the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>

We know regular attendance is fundamental to your child's success in school. We also understand that unforeseen circumstances may arise and absences might be unavoidable at times. However, it's crucial to prioritise regular attendance to ensure your child receives the full benefits of their education.

Lates

Linked to the above information can I also ask that children arrive in the school building by 8:55am. We are getting an increasing number of children arriving after 8:55am. The door is open from 8:40am each morning. Your support with this is appreciated.

Staffing Changes

We will be saying a sad goodbye to Mrs Vincent. She is an integral part of the school and is a long standing member of the school staff who recently returned to support the school.

It is also with mixed emotions that we also say goodbye to Mrs Pascale-Lamy. We are sorry to lose her from the school but we are pleased for her gaining her new job role. I am pleased to say that Mr Boucher, who the children are familiar with, will be covering. He is very excited to be working regularly at the school again. We would like to thank them for their dedication and warmth to our school family.

Mrs Howard will be temporarily leaving us to start her maternity. We are delighted for her and her family. We are lucky and have secured Mrs Attridge, an experienced teacher who has recently moved into the area, to cover the maternity. The children have had an opportunity to meet with her this afternoon.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the support you have all shown towards both me and the school. I think it is a delightful school with dedicated staff, lovely children and supportive parents. Having been asked to support the school I have really enjoyed the autumn term at the school and I am looking forward to this continuing next term.

I would like to add that I have an open door policy at the school and if you have any questions, please catch me on the door in the mornings or contact the office to arrange an appointment.

All the staff of St Augustine's wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday, 2nd January 2024.

Many thanks

Alan Frame