St John with St Augustine Newsletter

Safeguarding

We are writing to remind everyone of the importance of parking safely and considerately when dropping off and collecting children from school. We have recently received some concerns from local residents regarding parking and driving in the streets surrounding the school.

We would ask everyone to play their part in ensuring that the start and end of the school day remain safe, positive and pleasant for everybody.

Thank you for your support.

Church Dates

11 Nov	Mr Hollinshead	Remembrance Day
18 Nov	Miss Livsey	The Wise King
25 Nov	Year 6	RE Topic
2 Dec	Mr McLeod	Jonah the Groaner
9 Dec	Mr Asif	The Annunciation
16 Dec	Mrs Henderson	The Christmas Story
18 Dec	Year 4	Christingle Service

After School Clubs

Mon	KS2 Football
Tue	KS1 Stike
Wed	Dodgeball
Thur	KS2 Choir

Studybugs



Download the Studybugs app for reporting your child's absence

A quick and secure way to report absence due to illness and send messages to school.

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Diary Dates

Tue 10 Nov	Rec Forest School
Fri 13 Nov	Year 5 Swimming Lessons
	Celebration Assembly School Hall 3:00pm
	Children In Need - Wear silly socks
Mon 23 Nov	Parents Evening

Celebration Assembly

Reception	
Year 1	Francesca
Year 2	Soren
Year 3	
Year 4	Daisy
Year 5	Holly
Year 6	Kornelia



Children In Need



Silly Socks Day
Friday 13th November
Come to school in your full school uniform wearing silly socks!

Donate to support this fantastic cause.
https://donatebbcchildreninneed.co.uk



Parents Evening

A face to face Parents Evening will take place on Monday 23rd November. Appointments can be made via Schoolcloud from 9am on Monday 16th November.

Please visit https://stjohnaugustine.schoolcloud.co.uk to book your appointment. You will be asked to login with the folliwing information: Student's First Name, surname and date of birth.

If your require any further information please contact the school office on: 01254 392717. Thank you

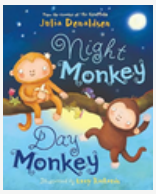
EYFS - Asia

Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely half term.We are now at the start of a very busy half term in Reception class.

We started our 'Let's Celebrate!' theme with a week learning about Bonfire Night. We read the story 'Sparks in the Sky' and discussed firework safety as well as writing the initial sounds for words related to Bonfire Night.



In maths, we have been learning about time as well as sequence and routine. We used the Julia Donaldson story 'Night Monkey, Day Monkey to think about different times of the day. We also learnt songs for the days of the week and months of the year. We have ordered the steps to washing hands correctly too as part of our time learning.



In our wider curriculum, we have been learning about the history of Bonfire Night and why it is celebrated today. We learnt all about Guy Fawkes and 'The Gunpowder Plot'. The children have enjoyed creating lots of bonfire and firework art and enjoyed messy play using shaving foam and paint. The glitter season has certainly arrived in Reception.



In RE, we have learnt about the Hindu festival of Diwali and this leads us onto our theme for week 2, which is Diwali, with a day of Remembrance on Wednesday.

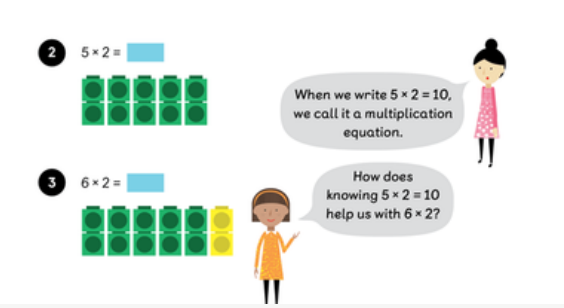
Notices:
The new Forest School group started last week. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather, as it is getting colder now.
PE days are Wednesday and Friday – please note earrings must not be worn on PE days.
Reception class will not attend Friday's assembly. (Please note, if your child is part of the 'Time to Talk' intervention, this will be taking place during this time).
Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Jesson and the EYFS Team.

Year 1 - Antarctica

Year 2 - Africa Class

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely half term break.

In maths we have started our next chapter looking at multiplication. We have been looking at 2 times tables. Please continue to practice this at home.



In English we have been looking at different fairy tales and have been using adjectives to describe characters from these stories.The children have also enjoyed making puppets and acting out the story of the three little pigs.

In Science we started our new topic on living things and their habitats. We looked at 6 different life processes and how these look for both animals and plants.

In History we started our new topic on World War 1 and the Accrington Pals by researching into symbols of remembrance and creating beautiful poppy artwork.

In RE we looked at how we share good news in our lives and how good news is shared in the Bible.

Reminders:
PE – Mondays and Thursdays – please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school and earrings are not worn on PE days.
Homework and reading books– will be sent out each Friday and need to be returned on the following Thursday.

Thank you
Mrs McLeod and Miss Fletcher

Year 3 - Europe

Year 4 - Austalasia

The class have all been focused and dedicated to their learning and have made good progress with their learning.

Maths

We have started our new topic Multiplication and Division. In this topic we will move on to more multiplication calculations. So far, we have looked at the 6,7,9s timetable.



English

In English, we have been reading The Loch Ness Monster. We have been looking at key facts about the monster. Spag we have been focusing on complex sentences, knowing the main clause is the sentence that makes sense on its own. Also subordinating clause is the part that will not make sense on its own.

Science

We are learning about digestive system; the children explored the human organs that we use to digest food. We will be learning in greater detail about how the organs work together to break down food.

History

we continued our Anglo-Saxons unit- the children identified where the Anglo-Saxons came from and the reasons why they left their countries and invaded England.



PE

We are practising our dance skills linked in with science electricity. Our first lesson focused on traveling, front and back balances and dish balance.

Key Information:

Please remember that times tables are a key focus in Year 4 as we have the official test in June. Please focus once again on the 2,5,6,9 10, and 11x tables.
Homework will be given out on Friday. This should be completed and handed in no later than Thursday every week. This will be returned by Friday.
Please read with your child at least 3 - 4 times per week. Please sign your child's yellow reading record and return both this and the reading book to school every day where this will be monitored.

Class teacher email: mr.asif@st-john-augustine.lancs.sch.uk

Mr Asif 😊
Year 4 Class Teacher

Year 5 - South America

Maths

This week, we have started our new topic on multiplication and division. We have been exploring multiples, factors and common factors, and the children have been developing their understanding of how numbers are connected. We will be moving on to prime numbers today. This week's homework focuses on multiples and factors, so please encourage your child to practise these skills at home.

Reading

We are thoroughly enjoying our new class text, The Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo. So far, we have been making predictions about the story and discussing what we think might happen next. We are particularly curious about what the Butterfly Lion actually is and what Bertie's story might be. There is plenty more to discover!

English

Our new English topic is legends. We have listened to a range of traditional legends, including Finn McCool, The Fairy Flag of MacLeod and George and the Dragon. We have been exploring the key elements of fiction: character, setting and plot, and have used these to help us develop our understanding of how legends are structured.

RE

In RE, we have been recapping the Christmas story and exploring what the Bible tells us about the birth of Jesus. We have also discussed the different ways people celebrate Christmas, considering both religious and non-religious traditions.

PE

We have been developing our hockey skills this week. The children have been practising how to hold and control their hockey sticks safely, as well as learning how to perform a powerful pass to a teammate.

History

We have started our exciting new History topic: the Transatlantic Slave Trade. In our first lesson, we explored Black History and began learning about the lives, achievements and contributions of Black people throughout history. This will provide an important foundation for our learning over the coming weeks.

Science

We have begun our new Science topic on materials. Our first lesson focused on making mixtures, and the children thoroughly enjoyed getting hands-on and exploring how different materials can be combined. We are looking forward to investigating materials further!

Weekly Newsletter

Your weekly newsletter about Year 6!

This Week at School

In Maths, we solved 2 step problems, which was tricky at first but by the end of the week we were feeling more confident.

In PE, this week we started our hockey unit. We practised keeping our bottom hand soft and low and the top hand steady to gain more control over the ball.

In RE, we made kindness Advent calendars, linked to our new topic, to share with the other classes.

Food Bank Donations

Year 6 are collecting donations for our local food bank to help support families in our community. We would be very grateful for any donations you are able to send in. Every donation, big or small, will make a difference.



Extra School Activities

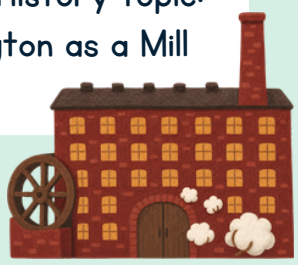
Xmas Craft Club - Monday lunchtime
Football Club - Mondays
Choir - Thursdays
Dodgeball

Reminders

PE - Monday and Thursday
Homework - Due Thursday
Reading Books - Please read three times per week and complete record

What are we Reading?

Thishalf term, we reading many biographies as part of our English unit, as well as Street Child by Berlie Doherty which links to our History topic: Accrington as a Mill Town.



Upcoming Events

Children inNeed - Friday 13th November
Parents Evening - Monday 23rd November
Scholastic Book Fair - 23rd - 26th Nove