

St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to thank you all for your continued, outstanding commitment and support for all that we do to provide the best for all the children in our care. Our mutual partnership is supported by your ongoing involvement which is vital to our school's success. Over recent months, our school's success has been verified officially following inspection by Ofsted, a visit from the city council auditors and by external moderation of our Y6 writing judgements. The children's success in all aspects of assessment - Early Years Profiles, Phonics screening, Y2 SATs, Y4 Multiplication Tables tests and Y6 SATs - pays tribute to the hard work and dedication of all members of staff throughout the children's journey in our school. Without the superb teamwork displayed by every member of staff, our children could not achieve such consistently good outcomes.

On behalf of all the staff, may I thank you sincerely for the many gifts and cards we have received this week - your enduring kindness and generosity are overwhelming and we are genuinely grateful.

Over the year, we have been able to invite you into school again for different celebrations and workshops. These will certainly continue as we move forward and we aim to extend the range of opportunities for parental involvement. In addition to such workshops, we have been able to re-establish a programme of Educational Visits. Our thanks are extended particularly to Sandwell Valley Riding Stables for enabling all pupils to experience horse riding & grooming. It was wonderful to see all the smiling faces and hear such excited chatter on the children's return to school. Various visitors have provided great stimuli for the children's learning and we were truly impressed by the way our youngest pupils held spiders and a variety of reptiles during the recent visit from the Animal Man!!! We are looking forward to our performance with Black Voices at the National Memorial Arboretum to celebrate the Windrush Anniversary on 06 August. More exciting opportunities are planned for the coming year.



In September, we shall continue to open the gate at 08:45 and would like all the children to be in class by 09:00 at the latest. Children who arrive at the last minute or even arrive late miss the opportunity to settle down quickly for their day's work. Late arrivals disturb the smooth running of classes so we ask you to aim for 08:55. Thank you for making the process of dropping off & collecting function smoothly and for adapting to the use of our new electronic system for recording late arrivals and early collections at the school office.

I must stress the importance of good attendance and the need to avoid taking children out of school in term time. Our challenge is to ensure that we achieve an overall percentage of 96% over the year. Sadly, families who take children out of school for reasons other than illness or serious family circumstances are preventing us from reaching our goal. Children do suffer as a result of unauthorised absences and find it very difficult to catch up on lost learning.

As we say "Goodbye" to our Y6 children and those younger children starting in a new school in September, we are confident that they will continue to try to do their very best in all things. We pray that the Lord will guide and protect them and their families and keep them in his loving care.

As always, if you have any concerns at all and need to contact us, please do so at your earliest convenience. The best e-mail address to use during the holiday will be:

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I wish you all a happy, peaceful holiday with your families and look forward to welcoming you all again on **Wednesday 06 September 2023**.

God bless



Mrs MM Stanley
Headteacher



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