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ST AUGUSTINE'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Families

I can hardly believe we have reached the end of our first half term. I am so impressed with how well the children have settled back into school life. We have had lots going on this week, and staff have been incredibly pleased with the children's behaviour, positive attitudes and focus during lessons. Hearing such lovely feedback about the children always makes me very proud, and they should be extremely proud of themselves, too.

As we head into the half-term break, I have a few gentle reminders to help us prepare for a smooth return to school.

A few important reminders

Please ensure that every item of your child's uniform is clearly labelled with their name, including coats, shoes and PE kits. This makes it much easier for us to return lost items to their rightful owners, as we do not have a large lost property collection. Thank you for your support with this.

When we return to school on Monday 2nd November, please ensure that your child arrives at school on time and is collected promptly at the end of the day. Being punctual helps the children settle into their routines and ensures that valuable learning time is not missed.

Finally, a kind reminder that holidays should not be booked during term time. Requests for leave during term time will be considered in line with the school's attendance policy, and unauthorised absences may result in a fine. Thank you for your understanding and for supporting us in ensuring that the children attend school regularly and make the most of every learning opportunity.

Staffing Update

We have a couple of staffing updates to share with you.

Miss Doherty has moved on to an exciting new role as a SEND Advisor for the County. We wish her every success in this next chapter of her career. She has been a valued member of our school community, and I know she will be greatly missed by us all. We are very grateful for all she has contributed to our school and wish her the very best for the future.

Mrs Haimour also finishes today as she begins her maternity leave. We are so excited for her and her family and wish her lots of happiness as she prepares to welcome her new baby. I will, of course, keep you updated when Baby Haimour arrives.

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I will be in touch after the half-term break with further information about staffing arrangements and the colleagues who will be joining us in these roles. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time of change.

Our Word of the Week: Change

As we return to school, our Word of the Week will be change.

Change is a natural part of life, and school is full of opportunities for us to experience it. We see change when we learn something new, try something that feels challenging, make new friends or welcome new people into our school family. Although change can sometimes feel a little uncertain, it also gives us the chance to grow, develop our confidence and discover new things about ourselves.

As a Catholic school community, we are reminded that Jesus is always with us, guiding and supporting us through every season of life. We can follow His example by showing kindness, patience and understanding to others, especially when they are experiencing change. Together, we can help one another feel safe, valued and supported, remembering that even small acts of kindness can make a big difference.

As we approach the half-term break, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and partnership. It has been a wonderful start to the school year, and I am incredibly proud of the children and all they have achieved so far.

I hope you and your families have a wonderful, restful half-term break. Enjoy some well-deserved time together, make lovely memories and take the opportunity to relax and recharge. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 2nd November, refreshed and ready for another exciting half term of learning and growing together.

If you ever need to contact me, my email address is frances.moore@st-augustines.nottingham.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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