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## NEWSLETTER 7

6.12.24

### DISCO FEVER!

Thank you to our wonderful  
PTFA who will be running our  
Christmas discos on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup>  
December. Please support this  
event. Their newsletter is at the  
end of this one.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week marked the first week of Advent. This is a period of preparation for the coming of Lord, Jesus Christ. The rather wonderful sound of children practising for their nativities or carol services fills the air. The children can't wait to share their performances with you, you are in for a festive treat! You may have seen that our foyer is once again resplendent with a beautiful Christmas tree, wreath and nativity scene.



With so many exciting events, the Advent candles and nativity scene in particular remind us of the true meaning of Christmas.

With best wishes,

*M Hilliam*

Mr Mark Hilliam,  
Headteacher



### Swimming:

Swimming is on Wednesdays. Please let us know if you can volunteer to accompany the class. Dates are:

Oak (Year 6) 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> January

Birch (Year 5): 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> January, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April

Hazel (Year 4): 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> July



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Season's Greetings, ST Augustine's families,

As we bid farewell to another wonderful year, it is time to embrace the festive spirit and celebrate the joy of the season. The PTFA have been very busy preparing for the festive events we have on this month. Here is a glimpse of the exciting happenings this December:

- 1) Year 4 Cake Sale - Friday 6th Dec
- 2) Pre Loved Uniform sale - Tue 10th Dec
- 3) Refreshments at the school nativity
- 4) Christmas DISCO - 13th Dec
- 5) PTFA Christmas Raffle - draw 15th December

### The PTFA NEEDS YOU!

**PTFA Volunteers/helpers needed** - we cannot run fundraising events without volunteers. If you would like to volunteer we would love to hear from you. This can be as a one off or on a recurring basis.

**PTFA members needed** - if you would like to take on a formal supporting role in the PTFA next year, we would love to hear from you.

Our numbers are dangerously low and if things do not improve then please expect to see a significant drop in fundraising events for 2025.

The PTFA is increasingly needing to adapt to face the situation we currently find ourselves in. Going forward you may notice changes to familiar events and they will no longer be run as they have been historically as we no longer have the numbers within the PTFA committee to support these events.

It would be a shame to lose the PTFA as our aim is to raise as much additional funds as possible for the school and all our children. Now more than ever with the funding crisis all schools face we all need to come together to support our children's education.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!  
Best Wishes  
St Augustine's PTFA



Meet our PTFA Board

Chair - Clair Ford  
Secretary- Laura Merrick  
Treasurer- Kathryn Dickson

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

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**Volunteers Needed!**

In order for any of the above events to happen we need parent volunteers.

We are in desperate need for volunteers for the KS2 Disco. If we are unable to get enough help then this event will need to be cancelled.

The same applies for the Yr4 Cake Sale, Pre Loved Uniform and Nativity Refreshments.



**Bake Sale Info:**

Volunteers are needed from:

- 8:20am- collect cakes
- 2:30pm - to set up and help the children sell cakes.
- 50p per cake.



**Nativity Refreshments**

The PTFA will be providing refreshments at this year's KS1 nativity performances.

Tea and coffee will be available along with a range of baked goods. Minimum donation of 50p a slice please.

This will be a cash only event.

**Raffle**

A book of raffle tickets for the PTFA Christmas raffle should have by now made its way home to you all. Tickets are 50p or £2.50 per booklet.

Some great prizes up for grabs  
Hampers (adult/child)  
beauty, massage and Kinesiology vouchers, a year's free tuition with MF dance, Ice skating plus many more.

**DISCO**

Friday 13th December.

KS1: 5:30 - 6:45PM  
KS2: 7:00 - 8:15PM

£5 through the PTFA website or £6 cash on the door. (Please do not hand any monies into the school office).  
£1 for Santa hat.

Dates for your diary – more dates will be added as they arise:

Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Year 4 (Hazel Class) Cake sale
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Pre-loved uniform sale after school (PTFA)
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Ash Class nativity, 2:30pm / KS1 nativity, 5:30pm
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Christmas disco (PTFA)
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Clean Air workshop, Willow Class
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	KS2 Carol service, 6pm in church
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Christmas Lunch
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Christmas mass, 9:30am in church
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Last day of term 2
Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Dec	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Jan 2025	INSET Day 3
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	Official launch of Jubilee Year of Hope
Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Book Fair (until Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb)
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Reception (Ash) & Year 6 (Oak) classes cake sale
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Last day of term 3
Monday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	HALF TERM, School returns Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Thursday	27 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Maths themed day 2
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	March	Ash Weds service, 9:30am in church
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup>	March	Year 3 (Willow Class) cake sale
Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	April	Parents' evening 1, 3:30pm-6:40pm
Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	April	Parents' evening 2, 4pm-7pm
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup>	April	INSET Day 4
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	May	Maple Class assembly, 2:30pm
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	May	Mathstermind 3
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup>	May	Year 2 (Maple Class) cake sale
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup>	May	Bikeability Week
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	May	Elm Class assembly, 2:30pm
Monday	26 <sup>th</sup>	May	HALF TERM
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	June	School returns
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	June	Willow Class mass, 2pm
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>	June	Ash Class assembly, 2:30pm
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup>	June	Hazel Class assembly, 2:30pm
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	June	Ash Class mass, 2:00pm
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup>	July	INSET day 5