

We live, love and learn together in the light of the life of Christ.

# St Augustine's School

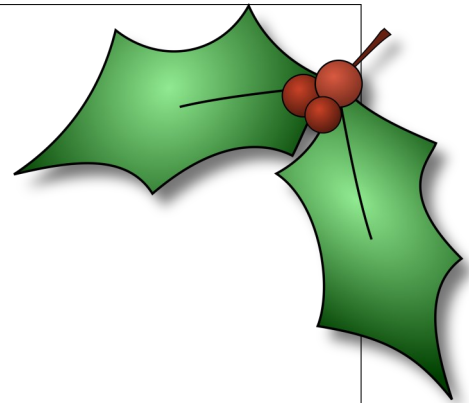


9th December 2016

## This week ...

What an amazing week it has been at St Augustine's School! It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

The Christmas Fayre, on Sunday afternoon, was very well attended and Father Christmas was kept busy meeting many of you. The Santa Dash was won by Stan. It was as if Stan was being pulled along by reindeer! Special mention goes to Niamh in Year 1 as she was the best dressed Santa and to Jacob (Leila and Francesca's brother) as the best 'sport'. My own Santa outfit only slowed me down!



Our Christmas Nativity, 'Superstar!', was a 'shining' success, with every child from Year 1 to Year 6 involved in the presentation. We managed to squeeze over 150 visitors in to the evening performances and our amazing PTA provided welcome refreshments while our guests waited for the show to begin.

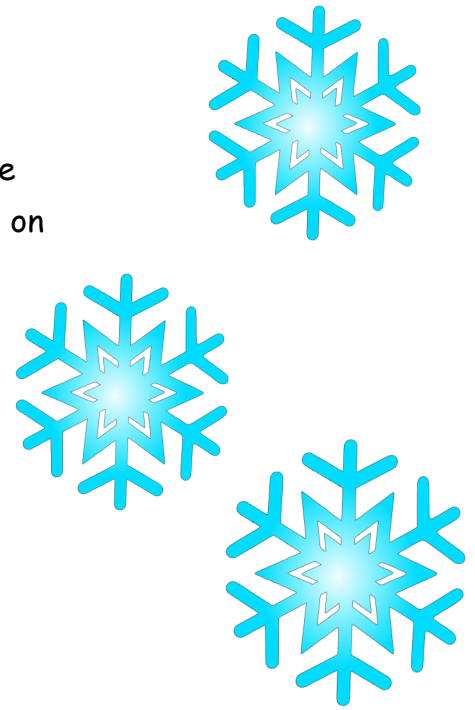


## Catholic Life

Mass - Thank you to Year 5 who read at Mass at St. Francis Church on Sunday. Most of you were there with Miss Scott to celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent. Our candle of Peace has been lit at school.



Next week we will celebrate Mass with the whole school on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15. This Mass will be our final Advent Mass and everyone is welcome.



## Community

### PTA

A heartfelt warm thank you to you all for helping with the Christmas Fair in any way you did - by coming and enjoying it.

A big thank you to Laura Wild and Laura Greenacre who took charge of the organisation. A particular thank you to all those who gave their time to ensure all was ticking over on the day, without your help, your creativity and good humour there wouldn't have been a Fair.

Thank you ever so much for your great generosity! We are so truly blessed with an amazing community here at St Augustine's.

May we also ask each of you to please feedback to us and tell us what you thought of the Christmas Fair (as well as any event we organise) - What worked well? What could be improved and how? Do you have any idea for next year? Would you like to do anything yourselves?

Please feel free to comment to help us make it even better! Thanks to those who have already provided feedback. Your comments have been noted!

Have a lovely weekend,  
Your PTA Team

### Theatre Trips - Monday

On Monday, the coach taking Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to Birmingham, will arrive in the car-park at 8.45am so please get to school early to avoid being trapped in the carpark!

It will leave at 9am so please make sure your child has been registered in school by 8.45am. The KS1 and Reception coach will arrive later and leave at 9.45am.

As the whole school are going to be off site during the morning, please be aware that the answer machine will be on and the school will be locked between 10.00am and 12.30pm.



# Online Safety

We have been informed that some people are posting pictures of children at the Christmas Concerts on Social Media. Please remove these photos immediately.

We are currently allowing photos at school to be taken for personal use. However, if pictures are posted online, we shall have to refuse the use of cameras/phones in school at all events.

## Music

On Thursday, we listened to a demonstration of drumming by Nathan Anderson-Barr. He will now offer drum lessons to Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Next week, we will listen to a recital which has been prepared by our Year 3 violinists.



## Carols at the Castle

We would love to know just how many of you will be joining us for Carols at the Castle on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December. This is a wonderful evening and a chance to show the wider community in Kenilworth what a great school we have in St Augustine's. Anyone from KS2 is welcome. I will provide Santa hats and candles!

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.....(Child's name) will be attending Carols at the Castle

on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Signed..... (Parent/Guardian)

## School Meals

We are now offering a choice of meals for children at lunch time. Please check the school website for menu options.

School meals for those in Key Stage 2 cost £2.20 per meal. Please ensure that your Parent Pay account is in credit.

We currently have 2 vacancies for Lunch Time Supervisors. If you are interested in the position for any day/combination of days, then please ask at the school office for more information.



## Next Week

Saturday Singing Playgrounds at All Saint's Church in Leamington

Sunday

Monday KS1 and Reception to Warwick Arts Centre to see Stick Man  
KS2 to Birmingham Rep to see The Wind in the Willows

Tuesday 2.30 Reception Christmas Nativity Play - Christmas Counts

Wednesday Christmas Lunch  
Christmas Parties

Thursday Violin and Dance Assembly

Friday 9.15 Mass

Saturday Carols at the Castle



Have a lovely weekend,  
Lesley Ritchie

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# Costa Rica



Arenal Volcano

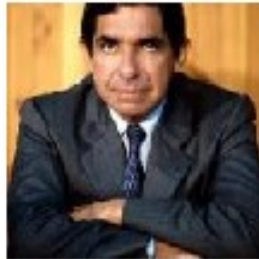
**Capital:** San Jose  
**Population:** 4.5 millions  
**Currency:** Costa Rican Colon (CRC)  
**Official languages:** Spanish  
**Religion:** Roman Catholic

- *Costa Rica climate:* **tropical and subtropical**; dry season (December to April); rainy season (May to November); cooler in highlands.
- In 1949, Costa Rica **dissolved its armed forces** (one of 23 countries without a standing army). Although it still maintains a large agricultural sector, Costa Rica has expanded its economy to include strong technology and tourism industries. The standard of living is relatively high. Land ownership is widespread.
- Costa Ricans refer to themselves as **Ticos (males)** or **Ticas (females)**.
- There are **more than 121 volcanic formations** in Costa Rica, and seven of them are active. Poas Volcano has the second widest crater in the world (nearly one mile in diameter), and Arenal Volcano is one of the ten most active volcanoes in the world.
- Costa Rica has a **life expectancy of almost 77 years**, one of the highest in the world.
- Most Costa Rican **radio stations play the country's national anthem at 7:00 each morning**. The national anthem, unofficially called "Noble patria, tu hermosa bandera" ("Noble homeland, your beautiful flag") was first played in 1852 to welcome United States and United Kingdom diplomatic representatives.

## Some famous people – do you recognise any?



**Emilia Solórzano Alfaro** (1835 – 1914)  
Used her influence to help bring about the end of the death penalty in 1871



**Oscar Arias Sanchez** (Born 1940)  
Nobel Prize in 1987 and twice President



**Juan Santamaria** (Born 1959)  
1<sup>st</sup> woman to become president in Costa Rica



**Paulo Cesar Wanchope Watson** (Born 1985)  
Scored twice against Germany in WC 2006



**Franklin Chang-Díaz** (Born 1967)  
First Hispanic-American astronaut

Do you recognise this person?



## Some famous food



**Gallo Pinto** (Beans and rice fried together)



**Casado** (Beans and rice with salad and meat, traditionally served for lunch)



**Olla de carne** (Soup with large chunks of beef and vegetables)



**Cacique Guaro** (distilled liquor, slightly sweet flavour)