



St Augustine's Bi-Weekly Newsletter

Friday 14th December 2018 — Edition 7



Together in Jordan

Mission Together Advent Calendar 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1st Sunday of Advent HOPE Why do we have an Advent wreath? 2</p>	<p>Give other children the gift of hope by raising money for Mission Together this Advent 3</p>	<p>Why is the birth of Jesus so important? 4</p>	<p>As a class, pray that children who are refugees can find safe homes 5</p>	<p>St Nicholas' Day Who is St Nicholas and what did he do? 6</p>	<p>Your mission today: Find out about Jordan 7</p>	<p>Apart from presents, what do you hope for this Christmas? 8</p>
<p>2nd Sunday of Advent PEACE What do the wreath's evergreen leaves mean? 9</p>	<p>Pray for an end to fighting and for peace around the world 10</p>	<p>Make a class nativity set using recycled materials 11</p>	<p>Your mission today: Make peace by saying sorry to someone you've hurt 12</p>	<p>Write a Christmas card for a friend or neighbour 13</p>	<p>How many people can you give the sign of peace to? 14</p>	<p>Spend some peaceful time with your family today 15</p>
<p>3rd Sunday of Advent JOY Why is the third candle on the wreath pink? 16</p>	<p>Your mission today: Spread some joy by bringing a smile to at least five people 17</p>	<p>Find out about Christmas celebrations in another country 18</p>	<p>Sing the Christmas carol 'Joy to the World' as a class or school 19</p>	<p>Make a Christmas paperchain of angels or shepherds 20</p>	<p>Say the Mission Together prayer as a class 21</p>	<p>Help out at home with Christmas preparations 22</p>
<p>4th Sunday of Advent LOVE Why is the Advent wreath circular? 23</p>	<p>Read the story of the first Christmas 24</p>	<p>Jesus is born! Happy Christmas! 25</p>	<p>Say a prayer thanking God for your family and the gifts you have received 26</p>	<p>Your mission today: Show someone you love how much they mean to you 27</p>	<p>The most important thing about Christmas is... 28</p>	<p>Make a New Year's resolution: How can you share God's love with others? 29</p>

Christmas Good Wishes

As this will be the last newsletter until the New Year, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Parents/Carers, Students and Families, Governors and Staff a very joyous Christmas and peaceful New Year. Stay safe, happy and healthy.

School re-opens to students on Tuesday, 8 January 2019

PE News



NEW timetable for after school clubs starting Wednesday 9th January— ALL WELCOME:

- * Wednesday: **GIRLS' NETBALL**
- * Thursday: **BADMINTON**
- * **GYM CLUB** starts: Tuesday 15th January
- * **STARTING Monday 14th January: Year 11 "Drop in badminton" on Monday lunchtimes**

The PE department always looks forward to hearing about your achievements outside of school. Please share your successes with the PE staff when they happen.

Attendance by Year Group—Sept to Date



Former Student Success

Nathan Sheron was a student at St Augustine's and left in 2014. His uncle, Mike Sheron is also a past student of St Albans/St Augustine's. Mike was also a professional footballer playing for the likes of Manchester City, Stoke and Blackpool.

During his time at St Augustine's Nathan, or Shez as many of us remember him, was at Liverpool FC Academy. He was also an active member of the PE department, and despite his commitments with Liverpool, he was always happy to play football and rugby for the school teams. He was also an outstanding athlete who helped the school indoor athletics team to be St Helens Champions on two occasions and to be Merseyside Champions, finishing fourth in the North West Indoor Athletics Finals.

Unfortunately, Liverpool released him, but Nathan signed for Fleetwood and was loaned out to Chorley, Chester and Southport. He never gave up when out on loan and is grateful for the opportunity to develop as a player: "The loans were massive for me. I learned how to compete, how to get involved and get stuck in."



However, it looks like he is now a regular in the Fleetwood team under the management of Joey Barton. Barton has high praise for Nathan: "Shez showed that maturity that we know he has got – which is way beyond his years – and the reason he has been a big asset to us."

Nathan is also thankful for the opportunity he has so far had at Fleetwood and the trust that Barton has given to him saying, "He has stuck by his word and he has trust in me. I cannot be any more thankful for the opportunity." **A Huge Well Done to Nathan**



New School Day Timings

Remember - with effect from **Monday, 25 February 2019** the new school day will be:

08:45 Registration / Assembly	Please remember attendance at <u>both</u> morning and afternoon Registrations is a legal requirement for schools.
09:00 Lesson 1	
10:00 Lesson 2	
11:00 Break	
11:20 Lesson 3	
12:20 Lunch	
12:50 Lesson 4	
13:50 Lesson 5	
14:50 Registration	
15:00 End of registration / dismissal / clubs	



Faith in Action

Responding to this teaching Y7 Faith in Action students donated warm duvets to the St Helens Hope Centre. As temperatures plunge, rough sleepers face yet another hurdle. The freezing weather leaves those who have nowhere warm to stay feeling uncomfortable and, worse still, at risk from exposure and hypothermia. The duvets we donated will help to keep those struggling on the streets of St Helens, warm and safe.

Millie, Niamh and Amy are pictured with Mrs Cheshire, Hope Centre coordinator.

"I was shivering and you gave me clothes" Jesus (Matthew 25)



Dates for the Diary (**REVISED DATES)



Monday, 17th December: Y7 & Y8 Disco 6-8pm
Tuesday, 18th December: Y7 & Y8 Trip to Chester Zoo
Tuesday, 18th December: Christmas Concert 6:30pm
Wednesday, 19th December: Close for Christmas **--REVISED**
Thursday, 20th December: INSET DAY ****REVISED**
Monday, 7th January 2019: INSET DAY ****REVISED**
Tuesday, 8th January 2019: School Re-Opens ****REVISED**

Chaplain's Corner

The Advent Wreath is made up of ever-green leaves to remind us that God's love for us never changes.



The circular shape reminds us that God's love is eternal, it has no beginning and no end.

The purple candles represent our sorrow, for our failure to love in so many parts of our lives.

The pink candle represents our joy and happiness at the coming of Christ.