

SAPA Newsletter

January 2021

★ Happy New Year from everyone at SAPA!!!

Not exactly the start of a new year that we wanted but we hope that you are all well and staying safe. Firstly, we would like to thank you for joining in with the 12 days of Christmas Raffle, it was a great success raising **£202.65** which allowed us to gift; a book, selection box and a hot chocolate cone, to every pupil. We hope the children enjoyed their gifts and all our families enjoyed the best possible Christmas.

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Grant Approved

Our fantastic Chairperson Michelle has very successfully secured SAPA a grant worth **£459.47** from The Winter Wellbeing Fund at Wellbeing Enterprise CIC. This will be used to put together mindful and wellbeing packs for all of our children to use over half term. We hope that they will encourage positive mental health and wellbeing during such an unsettling and stressful time. These packs can be used by the whole family and will teach some new ways to help to reduce stress and ideas for the whole family to enjoy!

This Month

Improving Access to Technology for Home Learning!

We have started a GoFundMe page to raise £500 which will go towards supplying tablets or laptops to students who may be struggling to access home learning. Any donation however big or small is greatly appreciated.

What we have achieved so far:

- Local boutique, Ragdollz, situated in the Old Town have pledged to donate £5 from the sale of their adult and child hoodies (£2.50) until the end of the current lockdown. Check out their page here:
<https://www.facebook.com/ragdollzbeautybarandboutique/>
- Nicola Collier, a former St Augustine pupil, has very kindly donated two tablets
<https://www.facebook.com/Nicola-Collier-Just-Mortgages-101052751750693/>
- Kim Liu of Bamboo Botanicals bought and donated a brand new laptop to the school
<https://m.facebook.com/bamboobotanical/>

For all donations we are truly grateful. If you would like to donate to our appeal please go to [gf.me/u/zfjbuv](https://www.gofundme.com/u/zfjbuv) before 5th February! Any donation big or small will go a long way towards helping our children to continue their learning from home. We have also secured Match Funding so your donation will raise **DOUBLE** the amount for our children!

WHATSAPP

Whatsapp Class Groups

As SAPA have a representative for each class we have set up whatsapp group chats so that parents can communicate and support each other with online working or just use it to have a chat with other mums, dads, grandparents or carers and get some support. If you would like to be added to your class group please email staugustinespta.chair@gmail.com With your child's class and your mobile number and we will ensure you are added. Alternatively on the **St Augustine's Parents** Facebook page please post asking to be added.



DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS TO KEEP SPIRITS LIFTED DURING LOCKDOWN? WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR!!!

We are always looking for new members to join SAPA to help bring in fresh, new ideas for events and ways to fundraise. This year will be challenging due to local restrictions and social distancing so any help you can offer will be greatly appreciated in helping us to realise our goals.

Meetings are currently being held virtually, once a month via Microsoft Teams. If you would like to join the next meeting or have any ideas to share, please speak to one of the SAPA members or email staugustinespta.chair@gmail.com

Easy Fundraising

Please sign up to easy fundraising to help raise money for St Augustine's. It is **ABSOLUTELY FREE** and we get a percentage of what you spend online. All you have to do is sign up and do your normal shopping through stores who offer the fundraising and it helps raise money for us to spend on children at our school. We already have around 15-20 Supporters who have all been helping to raise money from their Christmas shopping. The more people to sign up the more free money we raise.



Important

If you find yourself struggling, there is help available so please contact school staff for support or check out local mental health resources which will be outlined within our wellbeing packs. We understand that times are hard at the moment and SAPA would like to let you know that we are all here to help. Please feel free to message any of the members if you need ANYTHING and we will do all we can to help. Even if it isn't school related. WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER.

Please continue to follow the government guidelines and keep yourself and your families safe.