



# St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

## 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020



### Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,



Once again, European Day of Languages, proved to be an enjoyable whole school event. Children dressed in traditional costume or flag colours and learnt in depth about different countries. Some of our bilingual children taught their class some words and phrases in different languages and much delicious foreign food was tasted. We enjoy celebrating our school's diversity and taking part in this special day.



Remember that Bike to School Week takes place from Monday, and please note other diary dates that are coming up soon.

See you all next week for another busy but fun week in school.

**Amanda Howes - Headteacher**

### Pupil Admission Number – Opinion Canvas

At St Augustine's Academy, our Governing Board are considering whether to reduce our Pupil Admission Number (PAN) from 30. This would mean smaller class sizes with more space in classrooms for our pupils. Currently, with 30 pupils in Key Stage 2 classrooms, there is not adequate classroom space to allow 2m<sup>2</sup> per pupil, which is an aspirational guideline. The school would like to become closer to that figure.

We would like to request your views on reducing our PAN before we make a decision that may then lead to a formal consultation.

Please follow the Survey Monkey link below to share your opinion with us by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VYQ9T3R>

### Bike To School Week



Next week (28th September to 2nd October) is Bike to School Week. Bike to School Week is a great opportunity to promote the positive impact that an active lifestyle can have on pupils' wellbeing and health. It's free and there's no need to register.

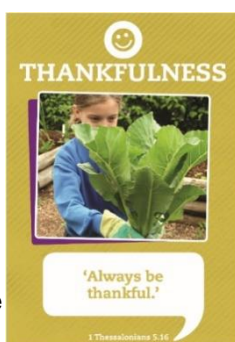
Bike to School Week is organised by Sustrans and celebrates cycling to school and the benefits of travelling actively for children. Sustrans has also produced a guide to walking, scooting and cycling to school, which can also be downloaded from the Sustrans website here: <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/sign-up-to-receive-your-free-family-guide/>

There is also a family competition with the chance to win a new bike. To find out how to enter, visit: <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/projects/2019/uk-wide/bike-to-school-week-family-competition/>

Sustrans works with Central Bedfordshire Council to encourage walking, cycling and scooting to school, aiming to promote healthy journeys and reduce congestion at the school gate. If you would like to get in touch, contact [alister.barclay@sustrans.org.uk](mailto:alister.barclay@sustrans.org.uk)

### Collective Worship

Our Collective Worship on a Thursday is a celebration. We enjoy awarding pupils for their achievements which include giving certificates for Star of the Week, SELF and Reader of the Week. Attendance Bear also makes an appearance via Zoom to announce our attendance winner for the week. Even though we can't all physically be together in school, we are so glad to be able to celebrate together virtually.



**'Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.' Matthew 5:16**



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## Celebrations

### CONGRATULATIONS to the following children.

Our Stars of the Week are...

Year 1 – Mason  
Year 2 – Saoirse  
Year 3 – Hayley  
Year 4 – Amelia  
Year 5 – Jasmin  
Year 6 – Lillyanna

Our 'SELF' Pupils of the Week for,  
"How would I describe myself and how would  
others describe me?" are...

Year 1 – Riley  
Year 2 – Laelia  
Year 3 – Taya  
Year 4 – Christopher  
Year 5 – Soraya  
Year 6 – Kayla



Our Readers of the Week are...

Year 1 – Ronnie  
Year 2 – Charlie  
Year 3 – Blake  
Year 4 – Riley  
Year 5 – Summer A  
Year 6 – Alfie

Our Attendance Bear Winner this week is...



The House Point totals this week are...



## Noticeboard



If you have any children's wellies and plastic macs that can be donated for Outdoor Learning, they would be gratefully received.



Please check our school website or School Jotter App for more information about St. Augustine's Academy.



Curriculum Overviews for each year group are available to view on the school website. Look at them to see what children will be learning this term.



## Prefix of the Week



# Anti



**Anti** is of Greek origin and means '**against, opposed to, opposite of, instead**'.

You find '**Anti**' as a prefix in many English words.

**Antifreeze** - A liquid which can be added to water to lower the freezing point and work against it freezing

**Antibiotic** - a medicine that works against disease or illness

**Antiseptic** - preventing the growth of disease-carrying bacteria

**Antidote** - a medicine taken to stop and reverse the effects of a poison

**Antisocial** - against the laws and customs of society, in a way that causes annoyance and disapproval in others

**Anticlockwise** - opposite to the way in which the hands of a clock move round

## Diary Dates

WB 28th Sep. <b>DATE CHANGE</b>	Bike To School Week
Thu. 1st Oct.	Individual Photos (For children attending our school only)
WB 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Parent/Teacher Pupil Settling in Phone Calls Harvest Collection for the Food Bank

Sometimes we have to change diary dates due to circumstances beyond our control. Please keep checking the school diary regularly for updates.



### Coronavirus information for Parents/Carers in Central Bedfordshire (18.09.20)

For general advice about COVID-19 and the symptoms to look for go to: [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

Young person or someone in your household, develops **symptoms of COVID-19**: new continuous cough (coughing frequently for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours) and/or high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If the young person is at home, **do not send them to their education setting**. Inform the setting through absence reporting.

If the young person develops symptoms at their education setting, they will be separated from others and **sent home**.

If the young person, or anyone in your household has symptoms they must isolate at home for **10 days (from date of onset of symptoms)**. If the young person does not have symptoms but someone in the household does, the young person, and all other household members without symptoms must isolate at home for **14 days**.

Book a test as soon as possible for anyone in your household with symptoms. This can be done online at: [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus).  
Alternatively a test can be ordered by phone on **NHS 119** for those without the internet.

Your closest test location will be offered when you book, and both drive-in and walk-in tests are available. You may need to visit the website regularly for more slots to be released. If you are not able to walk or drive to the test centre, and no-one you live with can take you, you can request a home test kit.  
**Do not take a taxi, use public transport or ask anyone outside your household to take you.**

Result of test (you will receive this by email or text message).  
**It is important you inform the setting of the test result as soon as possible.**

**Negative**

Young person/staff member can return to setting once well.

If the young person is identified as having been in **close contact with a confirmed case**, they will be asked to **self-isolate for 14 days**. The rest of the household does not need to isolate unless the young person/close contact develops symptoms.  
**ONLY GO FOR A TEST IF SYMPTOMATIC.**

For medical advice call NHS 111, or in an emergency call 999

**Positive**

Inform setting of positive test result as soon as possible.

Ensure positive case completes remainder of **10 day isolation period (from date of onset of symptoms)**. Household members without symptoms should complete **14 day isolation even if they have received a negative test result**.

NHS test and trace service will send you a text, email alert or call you with instructions of how to share details of people with whom you have had close, recent contact and places you have visited.

If a young person is a **confirmed case** they can return to school after **10 days**. However if they still have a temperature, diarrhoea or are being sick they should wait a further **48 hours** after these symptoms stop. If a household member is a confirmed case, but the young person does not develop symptoms, they can return to the setting only after completing the **14 days household isolation period**.



## Test and Trace

23 September 2020

Dear parents and guardians,

This is an important letter to share some information on how we can work together to make sure we can continue to give children and young people the best education in the safest way possible.

One important part of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of pupils, parents and our communities is testing for coronavirus. We all have a duty to make sure that the right people have access to get tested at the right time. Every time a test is used inappropriately, a person with Covid-19 symptoms may miss out on getting tested.

Therefore, I ask that you all follow these principles:

- You should only book a test if your child has any of these three coronavirus symptoms:
  1. **a high temperature:** any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)
  2. **a new continuous cough:** coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
  3. **a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste:** a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal
- Your child **does not need a test** if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.
- If you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly:  
[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/)
- Only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they also have any of the three symptoms listed above. All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result.

- If the person with symptoms' test comes back positive, other members of their household should continue self-isolating for 14 days and **only get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms.**
- If a pupil in a class or bubble tests positive for coronavirus, anyone who is advised to self-isolate **does not require a test unless they subsequently develop symptoms.**

No one else in the same class or bubble as the symptomatic person needs to take any action unless advised by the school. Schools have detailed guidance and access to a Department for Education and Public Health England helpline for advice and support.

Contacts of a person who has tested positive must follow the guidance carefully and in full, which means they must stay at home for 14 days. This is because it can take several days following contact with an infected person before an individual develops symptoms or the virus can be detected. Students should only book a test if they get symptoms.

The NHS has produced some guidance to help parents understand when their child can and cannot attend school which you may find useful: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

It is vital for children's learning and future opportunities that they are able to return to school and college. It is therefore vitally important that all we work together and do our bit to make this possible.

Yours sincerely,



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