



# St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

## 9th October 2020



### Headteacher's Message - Harvest



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Harvest is always a special time at St Augustine's and this year, despite it being different, it was definitely no exception. Firstly, can we say a huge thank you for the donations of food produce which we received. The community has shown great generosity and the Foodbank are very thankful for their gift.

Our Harvest Festival provided the perfect opportunity for us to have our first ever 'Wild Worship' in our school grounds. For the first time this half term we were able to sing our hearts out together as a school and be thankful for God's wonderful provision for us. We listened to Psalm 46 about being God's creation, made prayer circles filled with gathered items that would be good food for an animal, and gave thanks for God's provision. We also enjoyed taking part in the special class worship using the 2020 Diocesan Harvest video with a focus on 'Creating a Buzz in Nepal'. More about bees next week!

Our newsletter this week contains important information about our Parent Governor election, Manshead Virtual Open Day and Flu Vaccinations.

Once again, thank you for your generous support.

**Amanda Howes - Headteacher**

### Year 1 Outdoor Learning

Year One have enjoyed Forest School this week. Following on from the story of Stanley's Stick and That's Not My Stick we hunted for sticks and then turned them into fishing rods.



Using our rods, we then fished for objects, using our Imaginations to describe what we found such as 'stinky seaweed', 'a beautiful gold fish' and 'a treasure box'



### Lifebuoy's Soaper Heroes



It is more important than ever to ensure that children fully understand the importance of regular handwashing— not just during the pandemic, but as part of their daily routine. At St Augustine's Academy we have signed up to be part of a new, national handwashing behaviour initiative approved by the Royal Society for Public Health.

As part of this initiative, we have been very kindly donated hand sanitiser for every member of the school community – children and staff – for those times when water and soap are not readily available. Your children will also take part in various activities linked to this initiative.

**'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 – Stephen  
Year 2 – Terri  
Year 3 – Bathujan  
Year 4 – Riley  
Year 5 – Chancenes  
Year 6 – Lillie-Mai

Our 'SELF' Pupils of the Week for,  
"What are my ambitions?" are...

Year 1 – Nahul  
Year 2 – Yoanna  
Year 3 – Santiago  
Year 4 – Zuzanna  
Year 5 – Khaliq  
Year 6 – Kayla



Our Readers of the Week are...

Year 1 – Eddie  
Year 2 – Armel  
Year 3 – Alfie  
Year 4 – Isabelle  
Year 5 – Skye  
Year 6 – Jake

Our Attendance Bear Winner this week is...



The House Point totals this week are...



## Notice Board

Parent/Teacher  
telephone calls will  
continue into this week.  
Thank you for your  
patience.



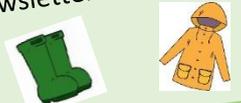
Our value for this half  
term is...



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



Remember your wellies  
and waterproof coats  
for Outdoor Learning.  
(See last week's  
newsletter for details.)



## Prefix of the Week



# Dis



**Dis** is from Latin and means 'not' or 'the opposite of'.

You find 'Dis' as a prefix in many English words.

**Disappear** – to stop being visible, to go missing or become impossible to find

**Disagree** – to have a different opinion to someone else

**Dislike** – to not like

**Disguise** – to change an appearance so that someone or something can't be recognised

**Disrupt** – to prevent something from continuing as normal

**Disobey** – to refuse or fail to follow an order or a rule

## Diary Dates

WB 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Parent/Teacher Pupil Settling in Phone Calls Continue
Fri. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct.	Last day of Half Term

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



## Manshead CE Academy

A member of the Diocese of St Albans Multi-Academy Trust



- Meet the Headteacher
- Find out more about each subject area
- Hear what our current students have to say
- Learn more about the school's facilities
- Virtual Tour of the school & grounds

# VIRTUAL OPEN DAY

**Thursday 15th October 2020**

Visit [www.mansheadheadschoo.co.uk](http://www.mansheadheadschoo.co.uk) for the launch of our Virtual Open Day to find out more about Manshead CE Academy.

Manshead CE Academy Dunstable Road, Caddington, Bedfordshire, LU1 4BB  
T 01582 679400 W [www.mansheadschool.co.uk](http://www.mansheadschool.co.uk)



**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**.

Headteacher:  
Mrs. Amanda Howes BEd (Hons), NPQH



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: ST AUGUSTINE'S ACADEMY GOVERNING BOARD – ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR**

We have a vacancy for 1 governor directly elected by the parents and we are therefore writing to invite nominations. No formal qualifications are required; you just need common sense, time, enthusiasm and a commitment to working as part of a team to make a difference for all of the children at our school. The role of the Governor is strategic e.g. setting targets for school achievement; ensuring that a broad and balanced curriculum is taught, and managing the school's budget. It is important to note that Governors do not have influence over the operational, day-to-day running of the school. Being a school governor can provide an opportunity to develop a wide range of transferable skills. As a guide, being a school governor would take up 6 – 8 hours a month of your time. The term of office is 4 years.

In order to carry out its core functions our board needs people with a wide range of competencies and skills. The particular skills we are looking for at the moment are those in relation to finance, property and estate management, and human resources policy and processes. We are, however, keen to recruit parents and carers coming from 'all walks of life' and representing all groups in our school community. You can find out more about the role by contacting the Headteacher, Amanda Howes or the Chair of Governors, Carole Hegley, by contacting the School Office on 01582 661778 or by emailing [office@staugustinesacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@staugustinesacademy.co.uk).

If you wish to stand for election you may nominate yourself as a candidate using the slip provided. We also request that you include information about yourself consisting of approximately 200 words, for distribution to parents if a ballot is required. No proposer or seconder is required but you must signify your intention to stand, in writing. Those eligible to stand are the parents or carers of pupils who are currently registered pupils at this school. A person who works at the school for more than 500 hours in a consecutive twelve month period or who is an elected member of the Local Authority is not eligible to be a parent governor.

The term of office will be for a period of four years. A parent whose child leaves the school may continue as a parent governor until the end of their term of office, if he or she so wishes.

Nominations should be sent to me within the next two weeks, that is before the closing date for nominations which is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020. If there is only 1 parent nominated, they will of course be elected unopposed, but if there are more candidates than vacancies, a postal ballot will be held.



The ballot will be entirely secret and a further letter about the arrangements will be sent to you. All parents whose child/children attend this school will be entitled to vote in the postal ballot and voting will be on the basis of one vote per parent/carer per place available. Before the ballot takes place we would hope to arrange a meeting when parents would have an opportunity to meet the candidates who have been nominated for election. We would also circulate information from the candidates to all parents, for the benefit of the parents who may be unable to attend this meeting.

If it proves impossible to fill the vacancy, the governing board has the right to make an appointment in order to fill the parent governor place on the governing board. If the need to do this arises, the governing board would first of all consider appointing a parent who has a child on roll at the school, followed by consideration of parents of former pupils, and finally parents of a school-aged child not necessarily a registered pupil at this school.

Please note that governors will be required to apply to the Disclosure and Barring Service for a DBS certificate when appointed and the school will advise on this process.

*Parents may be interested in the overall constitution of the governing board, which is as follows:*

- Three governors appointed by the Trustees as a whole
- One Foundation Ex-Officio Governor
- One Foundation Governor
- Two parent governors
- Two staff governors elected by other staff at the school
- One Headteacher

A name of the successful candidate will be made available as soon as all the appointments have been finalised.

We enclose a slip for the parent governor nomination procedure which parents may find useful, but a separate nomination letter is just as acceptable. If you require a paper copy of this letter then please contact the school office. Please return the slip or letter by 3:30pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020.

Yours sincerely

*A. Howes*

Amanda Howes  
Headteacher



## REQUEST FOR PARENT GOVERNOR NOMINATION

St Augustine's Academy

I,....., wish to nominate myself for the position of parent governor.

SIGNED:.....

DATE.....

Please return to the Headteacher by 3:30pm Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020.

Will candidates please include information about themselves consisting of approximately 200 words, for distribution to parents.

## Flu Vaccinations

Dear Parent,

Your child's annual flu vaccination is now due. We are introducing electronic consent forms this year to make it more convenient for parents to consent for their child's vaccine.

Please find attached a letter containing the secure link to complete your child's form. The letter also includes the link to additional information about the vaccine.

If you would prefer to complete a paper form please contact your school office. If you are having difficulties with the form, please contact us on **01234 310408/310401**.

Yours sincerely

Essex Partnership University Trust- Immunisation Service



Essex Partnership University  
NHS Foundation Trust



Dear Parent/ Guardian,

**Your child's annual flu vaccination is now due**

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family members and friends by preventing the spread of flu. In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic it is more important than ever that we ensure that children receive the flu vaccine to protect themselves, their families and to help protect the NHS.

Your child's consent form is available [here](#).

Your school code is: **138558** Please insert this code into the required field to correctly identify your child's school.

**Please complete the consent form** (one for each child) by **21st October 2020** to ensure your child receives their vaccination. Please contact your immunisation team on **01234 310408 / 310401** if you would like any help with the form. Alternatively paper copies are available from your school office.

The vaccination is free and is a quick and simple spray up the nose. It is recommended that flu vaccination is given each year.

A leaflet explaining the vaccination programme is available [here](#).

A short video is available [here](#)

The leaflet includes details about a very small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. If your child cannot have the nasal vaccine we will contact you directly to offer them the injectable vaccine.

Since the programme was introduced, most children offered the vaccines in schools have had the immunisation.

If you have any queries, please contact the immunisation team on **01234 310408 / 310401**

Yours sincerely  
Essex University Trust Immunisation Team

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**If your child becomes wheezy, has a bad asthma attack, or has started oral steroids for their asthma after you return this form, please contact the immunisation service on the number above.**

If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, please return the consent form giving the reason. This will help us to plan and improve our service.

For further information see: [www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)

More information about your immunisation service is available [here](#).



## **Additional Information:**

### **Possible Side Effects:**

- decreased appetite
- headache
- nasal congestion (stuffy nose)
- aching limbs
- a high temperature

These side effects should pass quickly and can be treated with paracetamol/ibuprofen if you feel your child needs it. Children are most likely to experience side effects when they receive their first ever dose of the nasal Flu vaccine. Side effects normally reduce with doses in additional years.

### **The consent form needs to be signed by a person with parental responsibility which includes:**

- **Mother:** automatic
- **Father:** if married to mother either when baby is born or marries subsequently
- **Unmarried father:** if name appears on birth certificate (since 01.12.03) or legally acquired
- **Others:** if parental responsibility is legally acquired
- **Parental Responsibility Agreement:** signed, properly witnessed and sent for registration to Principle Registry or the Family Division (High Court)
- **Residence Order:** granted by the Court

## **Immunisation Service Privacy Notice - May 2018**

### **Who is collecting the data?**

Essex Partnership University Trust Immunisation Service is collecting information about your child to ensure that we have up to date health information about their health at the time that you are consenting for them to receive an immunisation. Their demographic information is used to ensure that we identify their electronic health record accurately.

### **What data is being collected?**

We ask for basic demographic data to allow us to identify them and their health record. The information about their health is utilised by the nurses to ensure that they can confirm that the immunisation is suitable for them.

### **What is the legal basis for processing the data?**

Section 9(2)(h) allows for the processing of your child's data for the provision of direct healthcare and the management of healthcare systems.

### **Will the data be shared with any third parties?**

Your child's data will be shared with their general practice (GP) and with the child health information system (CHIS) which holds immunisation and screening information for all children in the UK.

### **How will the information be used?**

We collect data on consent forms to allow us to identify a person's health record if you have consented to their immunisation and to allow the nurses to make decisions about their care based on the most up to date information about their current health.

### **How long will the data be stored for?**

The information will be stored on their electronic health record after their vaccination; this information will then be available throughout their lifetime. Their paper records will be destroyed once they have been scanned onto their record.

### **What rights does the data subject have?**

Data subjects have the right to request a copy of any data we request or record about them.

### **How can you contact us with queries or concerns about this privacy notice?**

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the information that we hold about your child or have a question regarding this privacy notice, please contact:

Our Data Protection Officer: [Epunft.dpo@nhs.net](mailto:Epunft.dpo@nhs.net) Tel: 01268 407724

Or the Information Governance team: [Epunft.info.gov@nhs.net](mailto:Epunft.info.gov@nhs.net)

Or the Information Commissioner Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Web: <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> Tel: 0303 123 1113