



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

23rd October 2020



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We are delighted that we have made it through to the half term holiday without having to ask any 'Bubbles' to isolate, and we would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard at helping us all to keep safe.

The school has been working to ensure that we have excellent provision for remote learning. This means that we will be able to keep high quality teaching and learning going, in the event that we should have to isolate 'Bubbles' in the future.

Google Classroom will be our main source of lesson provision alongside Accelerated Reader and the Flurish Number-Fy app. Children will also be provided with exercise books and pencils if they are required to work from home. Staff training will be taking place on the use of Google Classroom during our November training day.

Attached to this newsletter, you will find a lot of information from Central Bedfordshire. As well as library and safety information, you will also find a 'Trick or Treating' initiative which aims to help everyone keep socially distanced this Halloween.

We hope that you all have an enjoyable half term holiday, and look forward to seeing you all back at school again on Tuesday 3rd November.

Amanda Howes - Headteacher



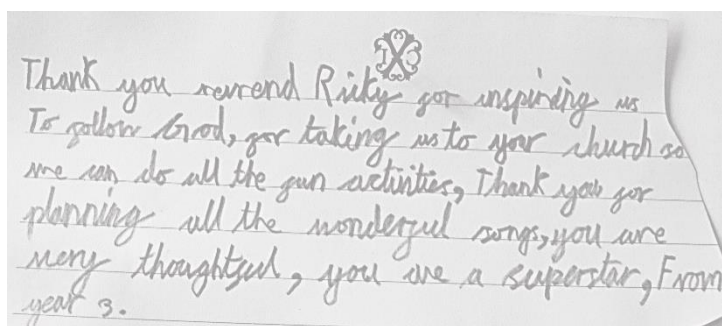
Creating a Buzz at St Augustine's



Children from each class in the school, had a wonderful time this week, learning about bees and bee hives. Gary brought his bee hive into school and delivered an interesting talk in our Forest School area.

The children learnt about the different layers of a bee hive and how it works, and smelt their delicious honeycomb. They also learnt about different types of bees and what their roles are within the colony. The work that they produced has formed an engaging display in our school.

Thank Your Vicar Week



Rev. Ricky had a surprise at the end of our virtual Collective Worship this week. As part of Thank Your Vicar Week, each class had prepared a 'Thank You' for Ricky to acknowledge all he does for our school and community. The lovely words from our Year 3 are shown in the picture above.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

St Augustine's Academy, is once again supporting the British Legion's Poppy Appeal. Poppies will be available after the half term holiday for those wishing to donate.



Merchandise will also be on sale. Zip pulls and reflectors are 50p, wristbands are £1.00 and snap bands are £1.50. No change will be given. Please give generously. Thank you.

'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 – Kacper
Year 2 – Ella
Year 3 – Carlos
Year 4 – Jacob
Year 5 – Mason
Year 6 – Tommie



Our 'SELF' Pupils of the Week for,
"What have I learnt about self-esteem?" are...

Year 1 – Riley
Year 2 – Katelyn
Year 3 – Khalidah
Year 4 – Aidan
Year 5 – Skye
Year 6 – Lillie-Mai



Our Readers of the Week are...

Year 1 – Riley
Year 2 – Alessia
Year 3 – Stephen
Year 4 – Bentley
Year 5 – Summer
Year 6 – Sky



Our Attendance Bear Winner this week is...



The House Point totals this week are...



Alternatives to Trick or Treating



With social distancing guidelines in place, and with recent research showing that the virus can stay on surfaces for longer than previously thought, trick or treating is not really practical this year.

So this year, why not organise your own community pumpkin hunt? Central Bedfordshire Council have created a poster, which you can download, to print off and stick in your window. Household groups can then make their way safely around your neighbourhood, being careful to stay 2 metres away from anyone not in their household. Whenever children spot a pumpkin in a window, their parents can give them a treat! You can find the poster at the end of the newsletter.

Prefix of the Week



Tele



Tele is from Greek and means 'far' or 'distant'.

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

Telephone – a system for transmitting voices over a distance using wire or radio	Television - a device with a screen for receiving television signals.
Telescope - an optical instrument designed to make distant objects appear nearer	Telegraph - a system for transmitting messages from a distance along a wire
Telecommunication – communication over a distance by cable, telegraph, telephone, or broadcasting	Teleport - transport or be transported across space and distance instantly (especially in science fiction)

Diary Dates

Fri. 23 rd Oct.	Last day of Half Term
Mon. 2 nd Nov.	Staff INSET Day – Children not in school
Tue. 3 rd Nov.	Children return to school
Wed. 11 th Nov.	Remembrance Day
Fri. 13 th Nov.	Children in Need – Mufti Day
WB 16 th Nov.	Anti-bullying Week Road Safety Week

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



Satisfaction of SEND Services Survey

Please complete our survey

Survey link

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FKVZYW3>

We need to understand what is working well and what issues remain since we carried out our previous survey.

We will report our findings to OFSTED CQC, the DfE, CBC, the BCCG and to our members.

All feedback data will be anonymised.

You can enter into our prize draw. We have three vouchers to give away a £50, £25 and £10 M&S e - gift card.



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

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.
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**.



Date: 21 October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

With COVID-19 cases rising again in Central Bedfordshire, I am writing to ask for your help to control the spread of infection.

Over the summer we saw a fall in COVID-19 cases locally, and I'd like to thank you for everything that you did to achieve this and the sacrifices you made to keep all of our families and communities safe.

However, like many places across the country, COVID-19 cases are rising once more in Central Bedfordshire. This means that we will continue to have cases in our nurseries, schools and colleges that come from the community; but it does not necessarily follow that transmission has occurred in the setting. The local Public Health team is working closely with Public Health England and our education settings to ensure that they remain safely open for as many children and young people as possible.

Play your part

We need your help to break the chain of transmission and bring the virus under control. Please continue to observe **Hands – Face – Space**:

1. **Wash your hands** frequently with soap for **at least 20 seconds**, or use hand sanitiser.
2. **Wear a face covering** correctly when you are required to do so – especially on public transport.
3. Keep **2 metres apart** from anyone you do not live with.

We are also asking parents and carers to take the following actions with their families:

- If your child displays coronavirus symptoms (high temperature, continuous cough, or a loss of, or change in sense of taste or smell) please keep them at home, request a test and notify the nursery, school, or college. If your child's test is positive, they will be advised to self-isolate for 10 days and the household for 14 days. You can book a free test online at: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or by calling **119**.
- Please limit the number of social contacts you and your family have outside of your household; avoid mixing in situations where social distancing cannot be maintained; meet outside where possible. Remember that meeting in groups of more than 6 is illegal and you could face a fine of at least £1,000. Please explain this to your
 - children/young people, as they have a responsibility to follow these rules too. This remains very important during half-term.
 - If your child uses school or public transport, please emphasise to them the importance of getting on and off the bus in an orderly fashion, not crowding onto a busy bus if another bus is coming, observing face covering at all

times (unless exempt), following seating plans where these are in place, and keeping the windows open to ensure the bus is properly ventilated.

The NHS Test and Trace system has a vital role to play in controlling the virus. The NHS has launched a new app to help us to safely check into venues and inform us if we have been in contact with someone who has tested positive. To find out more and download the app please visit <https://covid19.nhs.uk>. If you are contacted by the NHS Test and Trace system you must follow their advice and stay at home for 14 days to avoid any risk of spreading the virus to others.

More information about how we can all help tackle the virus, details about the local situation and support that is available can be found on our website: <https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/>

I know that these measures are difficult when we want to meet with friends and family, but we have seen that they can make a difference. We must do all that we can to protect those we love and care for at this difficult time, and to avoid the further restrictions that are being imposed in other areas.

Yours sincerely



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The Enormous Crocodile

Looking for children's entertainment this half term? Join John Kirk for his interactive zoom performance of Roald Dahl's *Enormous Crocodile*, Tues 27 October at 2pm.

Praise for his summer show:
"thank you, we had lots of fun"
"brilliant, thank you".

Suitable for 3+

BOOK your free place using promo code CROC2020 and your library card number.

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E-books and audiobooks

Audiobooks to listen to on phone, tablet or computer, via our [BorrowBox](#) service, include popular children's authors Julia Donaldson, Matt Haig, Liz Pichon, Cressida Cowell; and old favourites Michael Bond, Michael Rosen, Harry Hill and Jeremy Strong.

Ebooks and more audiobooks are available through [BBDigital](#). For Halloween, we recommend the classic *Funnybones* by the Ahlbergs, or *The Big Pumpkin* by Erica Silverman. For older children, listen to *Goth Girl* and the *Ghost of a Mouse* or *Sam Wu is not afraid of ghosts!*

Select & Collect

Select and Collect is our library service for children and adults, in current circumstances. You may request books and choose from which library you would like to collect them. There are two ways to do it, either by requesting a specific title, or by requesting a staff-selected bundle. There are no charges for Select and Collect and no fines for late returns.

If you select a bundle, you can ask for a selection of picture books, learning to read books or chapter books. There is an additional information box, and it is helpful if you give the child's age, state if boy or girl, and tell us the sort of books they like. You can ask for stories, information books or books to help with schoolwork. If you can give examples of books they have enjoyed (or not!) that is also helpful. If you find it easier to explain what you would like in person, there is also a telephone service at each library.

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[9-12 year-olds](#)

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