



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

20th November 2020



Headteacher's Message – Anti-Bullying Week

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,



It was fun to see everyone wearing odd socks on Monday in support of Anti-Bullying Week. Children also took part in a range of activities remembering how each person is special and unique.

Year 4 have also been busy making bug hotels in our Forest School area. The photograph opposite shows what a superb job they have done in providing small creatures with a home for the winter.



Next week, we will tell you all about our school's Christmas plans.

Best wishes, Amanda Howes - Headteacher

Year 6 SATs Presentation

At this time of year, the school usually holds a workshop for Year 6 parents, carers and pupils about the Year 6 SATs. This year we have put together a PowerPoint presentation with a voiceover instead. Please listen to the presentation by downloading it from our website using the following link. Remember, contact us if you have a question. <https://staugustine.sites.schooljotter2.com/parents/workshops-and-presentations>



Road Safety Week



Our Junior Road Safety Officers have been promoting road safety week. The theme of the week is 'No need to speed!'

If you drive a car or ride a motor bike please read this information. All vehicles are heavy and hard and if they hit someone they will hurt. The faster we drive, the higher the risk of crashing. If we drive at high speeds, vehicles hit people much harder, cause more injuries or might even kill people. Slow traffic makes happier, healthier communities.

Don't forget – if you speed you might get a fine or hit a child or an animal. Look at the signs so you know what is a safe speed for where you are driving. Near school you need to really slow down and drive no faster than 20mph. If you keep to the speed limit you are a good parent as your risk of an accident is much lower!

In addition, we ask for your support in keeping the local streets safe. Most of our parents who drive to school, park in a considerate manner. However, it has been brought to our attention, by a local resident, that vehicles are being parked at the junction of Oakwood Avenue and Jardine Way. This anti-social parking causes issues for the local bus and also for local residents trying to get into their driveways. Please can we ask you to park further away from the school and to walk the last distance.

Thank you. From The JRSOs. (Junior Road Safety Officers)

'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 – Dollie-May
Year 2 – Maisie
Year 3 – Matylda
Year 4 – Jacob
Year 5 – Kelsey
Year 6 – Kayla

Our 'SELF' Pupils of the Week for,
"How can I help others to have a better self-esteem?" are...

Year 1 – Raisa
Year 2 – Izabella
Year 3 – Logan
Year 4 – Ethan
Year 5 – Cameron
Year 6 – Jake



Our Readers of the Week are...

Year 1 – David
Year 2 – Saoirse
Year 3 – Rico
Year 4 – Tyler
Year 5 – Erin
Year 6 – Adrian

Our Attendance Bear Winners this week are...



The House Point totals this week are...



Poppy Appeal – Well Done Everyone!

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



POPPY APPEAL

Patron: Her Majesty The Queen

Dear Head Teacher

Can I thank you, your staff and pupils for making such a special effort this year to support the Poppy Appeal. Despite the 2020 COVID lockdowns, it has been wonderful to see so many Remembrance displays at schools and to find that the children have donated so much money to the appeal. This year St Augustine's Academy raised an amazing

£271.58

Thank you very much indeed.

John Buckledee, Dunstable Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser.

Internet Safety

At St Augustine's Academy, we want to be able to support our children in remaining safe, even when they are not in school. We know that many parents and carers find the online world a scary one and many have asked for support in dealing with online issues.

ThinkUKnow have produced a range of home activity packs which contain simple 15-minute activities that you can do with your family to support their online safety at home. There is also a link where you can seek further advice if you're worried and think that something is not quite right. Please contact the school if you require further support.

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=dd271ec52e-

Prefix of the Week



Uni



Uni is from Greek and means 'one'.

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

Unicorn – a mythical animal with a single horn on its forehead

Unicycle – a cycle with a single wheel

Universe – all existing space and matter as a whole

Uniform – remaining the same in all cases and at all times

Unity – the state of being united or joined as a whole

Union – the action of joining together or becoming one.

Diary Dates

WB 30 th Nov.	Year 6 Mock SATs Week
18 th Dec.	Last Day of Term
5 th Jan.	Children Back to School

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



TRUST



**‘My God is my
strength in
whom I trust.’**

Psalm 18.2

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**.



School Guidelines

Expectations for Pupils, Parents and Carers



Our country continues to face Coronavirus restrictions, it is important that we all follow Government guidelines, our Risk Register controls and our own 'St Augustine's Way' to ensure that everyone is as safe as possible. The list of expectations below must be followed by all pupils, parents and carers to help our school stay a safe environment for all.

Pupils Expectations:

- *Live the St Augustine's Way by following our Golden Rules 'Show Respect, Be Kind and Try Our Best' and remembering our values.*
- *Keep yourself and others safe by:*
 - *Listening carefully to school staff and following their instructions*
 - *Waiting patiently – everything will take longer than usual*
 - *Entering the school building separately and patiently at start time*
 - *Social Distancing e.g. Play games that do not involve touching others*
Keep 2 metres apart from adults, and from children not in your bubble
Follow the school's one-way system
Stay in your designated areas for play and lunch times
 - *Washing your hands when you enter the school and at regular times during the day*
 - *Leaving all PE kit and toys at home and only bringing essential equipment to school*
 - *Avoid sharing or touching other people's personal things e.g. water bottles*
 - *Avoiding touching your mouth, nose, and eyes*
 - *Remembering to 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'*
 - *Avoiding putting things in your mouth e.g. pencil*
 - *If you wear a face covering or mask to school, you must take it off before you enter the school building and give it to your parent or carer to throw away or take home.*
- *Wear your school uniform; wear your PE kit to school on PE days*



Remember – *If you are unsafe, consequences will be given, and your parents/carers informed. This includes actions such as: deliberately coughing or spitting, touching others, playing unsafe games, and not following social distancing rules.*

Parents and Carers Expectations:

- *DO NOT bring your child/ren to school if they (or anyone in your household) have Coronavirus symptoms but follow the Government guidance here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>*
- *Collect your child immediately if you are called regarding illness*
- *Support the school in getting a test and engaging with Track and Trace if Covid-19 symptoms are detected in school*
- *ONLY 1 Parent/Carer may enter the school site (past the silver gates), to bring their child to school*
- *Ensure that your child has good attendance and is only away from school if they are ill*
- *Encourage walking, cycling or scooting to school*
- *Young children must always stay next to their parent/carers (e.g. buggy, holding hands, reins)*
- *Ensure social distancing from other adults while waiting for the doors to open – as per government guidance*
- *Be on time. (Please do not arrive too early as this will cause congestion and unnecessary mixing with other families – if your child's allotted time is missed then please phone the school for further instructions.) Remember, Breakfast Club will only run for the children of Key Workers and there will be no After School Clubs until further notice*
- *Do not congregate outside the school gates; this will enable others to come into school safely*
- *Adults should wear a mask when dropping off and picking up children from school.*
- *Support school staff in reinforcing health and safety messages and set a good example by following them too.*
- *Do not attempt to enter the school building or meet with staff at the start or end of the school day but contact the office by telephone or email if you have a message for a staff member.*
- *Ensure that the school's uniform policy, including for jewellery and hair, is followed*



Remember – *Parents/carers/younger siblings will not be permitted to enter the school building at drop off and pick-up times. This includes for use of the toilet.*