



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

27th November 2020



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,



Every class has been busy producing wonderful Christmas baubles for the Bedfordshire Police Bling-a-bauble competition. Don't they look amazing? This newsletter contains lots of information about the festive season. There is lots of fun and excitement to look forward to for our children.

Best wishes, Amanda Howes - Headteacher

Admissions Consultation 2022-2023

We are consulting on reducing our published admission number (PAN) to 27 pupils per class. The reason for this is to ensure that adequate classroom learning space is available for our pupils. A recent canvassing of opinion has taken place among our local community which has led to the decision to consult on a PAN reduction. The 6-week consultation period starts today (27th November 2020) and runs until Friday 8th January 2021. The policy can be viewed at <https://staugustine.sites.schooljotter2.com/our-school/policies>. Please send any feedback regarding this policy to Dee Drennan at office@staugustinesacademy.co.uk. Thank you.

Year 6 Mock SATs Week



Every year, our Year 6 children have a practice run for SATs. This helps them to know what to expect when they take the real tests next year. SATs week is always made fun for the children and this year is no exception. On Monday to Thursday next week, we will be holding a special Breakfast Club for Year 6 children in the school hall. Children should arrive at 8:15am at the hall entrance.



Christmas at St Augustine's Academy

Although Christmas will be a little bit different this year, we will still be making it as exciting as possible for the children. Please read the information below to understand what will be happening at school during the festive season.

Christmas Bauble Competition

As always, we will be holding our Christmas Bauble Competition. Children should make a bauble at home and bring it into school, by **Friday 11th December**, to help decorate the Christmas trees in their classrooms. The bauble could be made from any art or craft. There will be a prize for the winning bauble from each class.



Christmas Cards

Christmas post boxes (1 for each class and 1 for staff) have been created in the wooden outbuilding. Please make sure you put your cards in the correct post box so that they will not need sorting. The post boxes will be open from **Monday 30th November – Friday 11th December**. The cards will then be quarantined for 3 days and then handed out. No cards can be posted after Friday 11th December and no cards are allowed to be handed out to others at all.



Christmas Service

Reverend Ricky will lead children in a Christmas service on **Tuesday 15th December**. Some children will be participating in a recording/photo montage of the Nativity. This will be available to watch as part of the St Augustine's church Christmas Eve church service and photographs will be placed on the school newsletter.



Christmas Dinner

Our delicious Christmas dinner will take place on **Wednesday 16th December**. If you usually pay for school dinner then please pay Gary in the usual way.



Christmas Wonderland

We have a special visitor coming to school on **Thursday 17th December**. The children are in for a very exciting treat on this day. Each child will also have a Christmas gift to take home with them.



Christmas Party and Jumper Day

On the last day of term, **Friday 18th December**, we are asking children to wear Christmas Mufti/Jumpers to school. Each class will have their own Christmas party organised by their class teacher in the afternoon. The school will be providing food and drink so please do not send any into school.



'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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CONGRATULATIONS to the following children.

Our Stars of the Week are...



Year 1 – Olly
Year 2 – Hayden
Year 3 – Bathujan
Year 4 – McKenzie
Year 5 – Jamie
Year 6 – Adrian

Our 'SELF' Pupils of the Week for,
"How can we work well together?" are...

Year 1 – Riley P.
Year 2 – Elis
Year 3 – Alan
Year 4 – Ceana
Year 5 – Summer-May
Year 6 – Alex



Our Readers of the Week are...



Year 1 – Kaysie-Mae
Year 2 – Shelby
Year 3 – Karla
Year 4 – Aidan
Year 5 – Mason
Year 6 – Rose

Our Attendance Bear Winners this week are...



Year 5
99.62%

The House Point totals this week are...



Mars
207



Venus
191



Neptune
209



Earth
217



HANDS

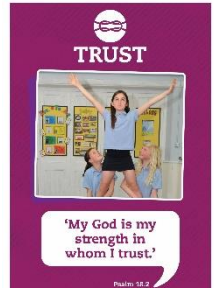
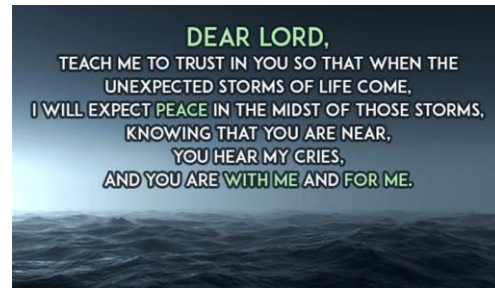


FACE



SPACE

Value of the Half Term - Trust



Prefix of the Week



Tri



Tri is from Greek and Latin and means 'three'.

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

Trinity – the unity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as one	Triangle – a 2-dimensional shape with three sides and 3 angles
Tricycle – a vehicle with 3 wheels	Triathlon – an athletic contest with swimming, cycling and distance running
Trilogy – a group of 3 related plays, novels or films	Triceratops – a dinosaur with 3 horns

Diary Dates

WB 30 th Nov.	Year 6 Mock SATs Week
Mon. 30 th Nov.	Christmas Post Box open
Fri. 11 th . Dec.	Last day for posting Christmas Cards
Tue. 15 th Dec	Christmas Service (Led by Rev. Ricky for Pupils)
Wed. 16 th Dec.	Christmas Dinner Day
Thu. 17 th Dec.	Christmas Wonderland!
Fri. 18 th Dec.	Christmas Party and Jumper Day 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.

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:

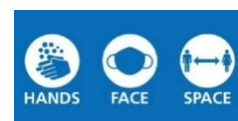
- *Live the St Augustine's Way by following our Golden Rules 'Show Respect, Be Kind and Try Our Best' and remembering our values.*
- *Keep yourself and others safe by:*
 - *Listening carefully to school staff and following their instructions*
 - *Waiting patiently – everything will take longer than usual*
 - *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.



CHILD & ADOLESCENT EMOTIONAL WELLBEING PROGRAMME

NOW AS ONLINE WEBINARS & AVAILABLE
IN BEDFORDSHIRE & LUTON

A PROGRAMME FOR PARENTS & CARERS TO GET ADVICE AND
STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THEIR
EMOTIONAL WELLBEING

LOW MOOD, SELF-HARM & SUICIDE

DAYTIME SESSION

EVENING SESSION

WEDNESDAY 13
JANUARY 2021

WEDNESDAY 27TH
JANUARY 2021

10.00 AM - 11.30 AM 6.00 PM - 7.30 PM

FOR FULL DETAILS CLICK ON THE FOLLOWING LINKS

DAYTIME SESSION

EVENING SESSION

OR FOLLOW US ON TWITTER @CAMHSWELLBEING1

Get involved in the

Santa Challenge

Cycle, Scoot or Stride to Santa

Monday 30th
November to
Friday 11th
December

Walk,
scoot or
cycle to
school



Win a Scooter Set
for your school

Remember, if you live too far away Park & Stride or Park & Scoot

We're the charity that's making it
easier for people to walk and cycle

sustrans
JOIN THE MOVEMENT



Why am I being given this flyer?

**Because it's
currently against
the law to ride an
e-scooter on a
public road
or pavement.**



**We understand that
buying an e-scooter
can be tempting,
especially as you can
get them from many
popular retailers.**

**However, the
current law is clear**

You can buy one but you
can't ride it on a UK public
road, cycle lane or pavement.
The only place an e-scooter
can be used is on private land.

Why is this?

E-scooters are classified
as Personal Light Electric
Vehicles (PLEVs), so they
are treated as motor vehicles
and subject to the same legal
requirements.

All details can be found on the
following Government website:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/powered-transporters/information-sheet-guidance-on-powered-transporters>

**What happens if
I've been stopped
by Police?**

The Police will advise you of
the current law about how to
use an e-scooter legally and
ask you to take your e-scooter
home. They may however still
penalise you depending on
the nature and gravity of the
offence.

We understand the public's
support for environmentally
friendly modes of transport.
We want to work with the
public to make sure the roads
are safe for everyone.

The UK Government is
currently taking part in 'Future
Transport Zone' trials for
e-scooter hire, with a view to
making them legal to use on
the roads.

**Check out the gov.uk
website or enquire with your
local authority for a trial
closest to you.**

