



# St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

## 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020



### Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

The Christmas holidays are here and we are thrilled that we have made it through to the end of term without having to send any 'Bubbles' home – so far.

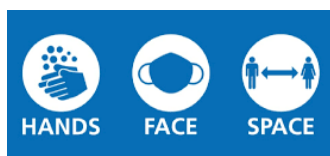
It is very important that if your child develops Covid symptoms during the school holiday, and is receiving a Covid-test, that you let us know immediately via email. Telephone lines will be closed. If your child has symptoms over the next 2 days and then receives a positive test, we will contact children and staff in their 'Bubble' and inform them of the need to self-isolate for 10 days as per the Government guidelines.

This week has been wonderful at school. Our magical Christmas Wonderland, delicious Christmas dinner, heart-warming Christmas service and festive Christmas parties, all helped to make Christmas at St Augustine's an experience that our children loved. Ceana in Year 4 said of the Christmas Wonderland, "It was very beautiful. I really appreciated it."

All that is left to say, is to wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year on behalf of all of us here at St Augustine's.

**Happy Christmas!**

**Amanda Howes - Headteacher**



### Christmas Service



Although a little different this year, our Christmas Service was every bit as special. Rev. Ricky led us, via Zoom, in a pre-recorded Christmas nativity, helped by some of our children. We were delighted that some of our Governors also joined us for the service. Thank you to everyone who helped to make it such a lovely time of Collective Worship.

### Help and Support Services

If you need to access support or advice during the holiday then please visit the websites or contact one of the following services who will be able to help you.

MIND – [www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk) 0300 123 3393



SALVATION ARMY – 01582 60 60 31  
[dunstable@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:dunstable@salvationarmy.org.uk)



CHILDLINE – [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk) 0800 1111



NSPCC – [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)



SAMARITANS – [www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org) 116 123



ACCESS AND REFERRAL HUB (for Safeguarding Concerns) – 0300 300 8585

### Bling-A-Bauble



As Bling-a Bauble winners, Year 4 had great fun leading the countdown for the turning on of the Christmas Tree lights for Kempston Police Headquarters. The video can be seen at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ed3MlvHUUlo&feature=youtu.be>

**'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.

### ✠ Christian Values ✠

Reception – Ella-Louise  
Year 1 – Lily  
Year 2 – Akila  
Year 3 – Khalidah  
Year 4 – Mia  
Year 5 – Carlos  
Year 6 – Rose

### 📖 British Values 📖

Reception – Inaaya  
Year 1 – Eddie  
Year 2 – Maisie  
Year 3 – Angelo  
Year 4 – Riley  
Year 5 – Jacob  
Year 6 – Lillie-Mai

### ✧ Effort ✧

Reception – Kendall  
Year 1 – Riley  
Year 2 – Elis  
Year 3 – Tyler  
Year 4 – Jay  
Year 5 – Amelie  
Year 6 – Kayla

### ✍ Handwriting ✍

Reception – Logan  
Year 1 – Raisa  
Year 2 – Oscar  
Year 3 – Hayley  
Year 4 – Zuzanna  
Year 5 – Yasmin  
Year 6 – Bhiraveenaa

### 📖 100 Reads 📖

Orion, Kajetan, Diana, Sabina, Sophia,  
Stephen, Christopher, Ciaran, Ruby, Aidan

### x Times Tables to 12 x

Daniel, Mason, Ciaran, Adrian, Aleksander, Bhiraveenaa, Kayla,  
Lillie-Mai, Lillyanna, Rose, Tommie, Kayden

### ★ Star of the Week ★

Year 1 – Sabina  
Year 2 – Oscar  
Year 3 – Karla  
Year 4 – Finn  
Year 5 – Ciaran  
Year 6 – Jake

### ☺ 'SELF' Pupil of the Week ☺

Year 1 – Riley  
Year 2 – Ella  
Year 3 – Daniel  
Year 4 – Jacob  
Year 5 – Logan  
Year 6 – Sky

### 📖 Reader of the Week 📖

Year 1 – Nahul  
Year 2 – Mya-Rose  
Year 3 – Hayley  
Year 4 – Jay  
Year 5 – Jacob  
Year 6 – Rose

### The House Point totals for this term are...



**Mars**  
209



**Venus**  
168



**Neptune**  
196



**Earth**  
200

Our Self question for the first week of January is,  
"What is self-control?"

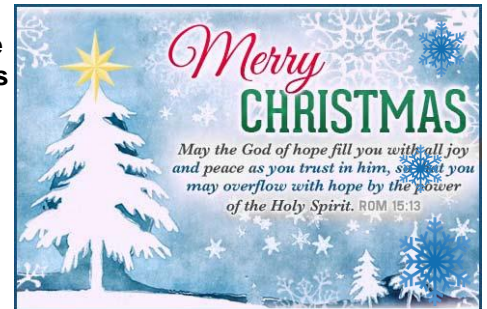


Years 2 and 5 achieved  
99% this week.

Our Attendance this  
term was 97.19%  
WOW!

## Value of the Half Term - Trust

May you have the  
spirit of Christmas  
which is *peace*.  
The gladness of  
Christmas  
which is *hope*.  
The heart of  
Christmas  
which is *love*.



## Santa Challenge – 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. – 11<sup>th</sup> Dec.

A huge thank you to all of you who took part  
in the Santa Challenge this year. Together,  
we managed to travel 2308 miles actively.  
This means that as a school we made it to  
Lapland virtually!



## Prefix of the Week



# Christ



**Christ** is from Greek and means 'anointed one'.

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

**Christmas** – An annual  
church festival in  
memory of the birth of  
Christ

**Christingle** – A lighted  
candle symbolising Christ as  
Light of the World

**Christian** – Following  
the teachings and  
qualities of Jesus Christ

**Christening** – Giving a  
Christian name in baptism

**Christlike** – Showing  
the spirit of Christ

**Christmassy** – Happy  
because it is Christmas

## Diary Dates

Tue. 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Children Back to School
Fri. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan.	Pantomime (Years 1 – 6)
Fri. 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Last Day of the Half Term

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



Merry Christmas from Everyone at St Augustine's Academy



and a Happy New Year to you all!



## Christmas Bauble Competition Winners



Congratulations to...

Alessia Tymon Antoni  
Jamie Tyler Jasmin

Thank you to everyone who took part and made a  
bauble for their class Christmas trees.  
The classrooms all looked wonderful this year.  
Well done everyone!



# Christmas Wonderland



Thank you to our staff and PTFA for making our Winter Wonderland so magical, and to Father Christmas and the Dunstable Elf ([www.perfectpersonalisedparties.co.uk](http://www.perfectpersonalisedparties.co.uk)) for coming along to visit our children.





# ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>: **Carols on the Green** **4:30pm**  
**Mayfield Road/Oakwood Ave**

Christmas Eve: **Online Community Service** **4pm**  
**With St Augustine's Academy**  
**Midnight in Bethlehem** **9:30pm**  
**Online & In-Person**

Christmas Day: **Celebration Service** **10:30am**  
**Online & In-Person**

*For more information please visit:*

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7700/service-and-events/advent-christmas/>

Online Services: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1539192089547238>

In-Person Services: due to the coronavirus, please can you book a place by  
Tel. 01582 528485 or email: [rickyturner@ntlworld.com](mailto:rickyturner@ntlworld.com)





# 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.



### 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**.