



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

26th March 2021



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,



Easter is always one of the most special times of year at St Augustine's Academy. This week, our beautiful Easter garden, created by Gardening Club, has been on display as a reminder of Jesus' resurrection and the promise of new life. Rev. Ricky led the whole school in a special Easter Service and various Easter related activities have taken place throughout the week.

On Tuesday 23rd March, it was the 1-year anniversary of the first Coronavirus lockdown. The whole school took part in a special minute's silence, at 12 o'clock, to remember those who have died, to reflect on all that has happened in the past year, and give thanks for the people who have helped us.

We also held a Celebration via Zoom where children received lots of certificates, took part in Autism Awareness Week, wore purple for World Epilepsy Day and finished the week with a special surprise for our children...an amazing performance of the Wizard of Oz by M&M Theatrical Productions.

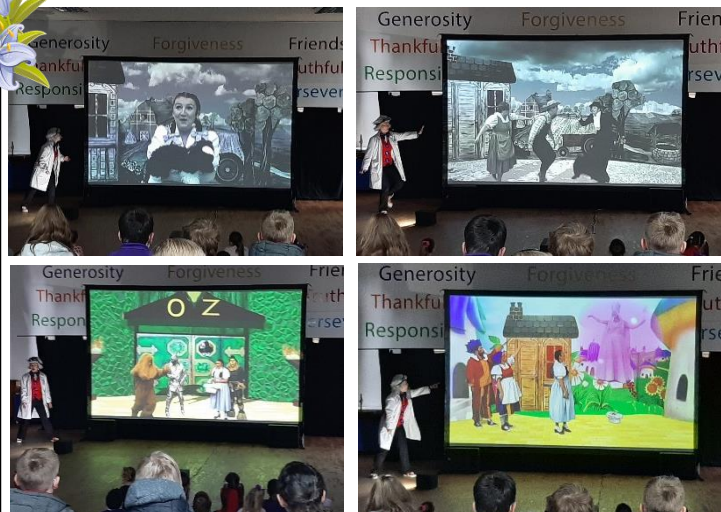
It truly has been a whirlwind 3 weeks. It has been so good to be back at school and enjoying hearing our building filled with children's laughter. We wish you all a happy and blessed Easter break and look forward to seeing you all back at school again on Tuesday 13th April.

Best wishes

Amanda Howes
Headteacher



Pantomime



To finish off the term with fun and laughter, M&M Theatrical Productions came into school to perform their amazing interactive pantomime, The Wizard of Oz, to our Year 1 – 6 children. The pantomime was performed 3 times throughout the day to allow for social distancing! It was a truly super day and the children, and staff, were wowed by the performance. Thank you M&M Productions.

Early Years watched a special film in class and will enjoy a Circus Day in the summer term as their special treat.

National Day of Reflection

Prayer For National Day of Reflection

Dear God,
Be with us as we think about all
that has changed this year,
And help us to trust that you are always with us.
Be close to us as we remember those who have died,
And help us to trust they are at peace with you.
Show us how to reach out to others
with kindness and care,
So that hope shines out in every heart and home,
Amen



'Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.' Matthew 5:16

Celebrations

CONGRATULATIONS to the following children.



✙ Christian Values ✙

Reception – Hannah
Year 1 – Kacper
Year 2 – Yoanna
Year 3 – Santiago
Year 4 – Mia
Year 5 – Kyle
Year 6 – Adrian

🇬🇧 British Values 🇬🇧

Reception – Jada
Year 1 – Riley
Year 2 – Kenzie
Year 3 – Matylda
Year 4 – Aaron
Year 5 – Cameron
Year 6 – Jake



★ Effort ★

Reception – Antoni
Year 1 – Samiksh
Year 2 – Akila
Year 3 – Alan
Year 4 – Ethan
Year 5 – Jack
Year 6 – Lillyanna

✍ Handwriting ✍

Reception – Kajetan
Year 1 – Lillie
Year 2 – Cody
Year 3 – Sophia
Year 4 – Isabelle
Year 5 – Kayden
Year 6 – Kayla



📖 100 Reads 📖

Archie, Raisa, Matylda, Carlos, Christopher, Jacob

📖 200 Reads 📖 Diana, Orion 📖 300 Reads 📖 Ciaran

✖ Times Tables to 12 ✖

Mateen, Jay, Vanessa, Amelia, McKenzie, Kyle, Erin, Zak, Tommie

★ Star of the Week ★

Reception - Eldon
Year 1 – Miryam
Year 2 – Charlie
Year 3 – Rico
Year 4 – Bobby-Lee
Year 5 – Jasmin
Year 6 – Alex



☺ 'SELF' Pupil of the Week ☺

Reception – Inaaya
Year 1 – Raisa
Year 2 – Brian
Year 3 – Lina
Year 4 – Zuzanna
Year 5 – Daniel
Year 6 – Adrian



📖 Reader of the Week 📖

Reception - Matei
Year 1 – Lily
Year 2 – Oscar
Year 3 – Angelo
Year 4 – Bentley
Year 5 – Jamie
Year 6 – Lillyanna



The House Point totals for this term are...



Our Self question for the first week after Easter is,
"What is self-motivation?"

Attendance



Year 1 achieved 100% attendance this week and have a Mufti Day on Tuesday 13th April.

Supporting Anxiety



Anxiety can look like

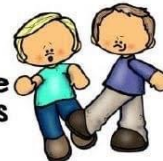
The need to control others



Unable to focus on tasks



Low tolerance of others



Overwhelmed by school



Headaches & stomachaches



Defiance and bad behaviour

Prefix of the Week



Inter



Inter is from Latin and means 'between'.

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

Internet – a global computer network providing a variety of information and communication facilities

Interrupt – Stop the progress or continuity of

Internal – Situated on the inside

Interperse – To scatter among or between things

Interact – Communicate with others

International – A game or contest between different countries

Diary Dates

Tue. 13 th Apr.	Children Return to School
Mon. 3 rd May	Bank Holiday – Children not in school
Fri. 28 th May	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.

EASTER AT ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH



Why not give our 'In Search of Easter' treasure trail a go?

Join the search for the meaning of the Easter story. Find a hidden letter in each of the **5 clues** and piece the story together. Uncover the password to discover the truth about Easter and **win a tasty prize**.

The trail starts at the noticeboard on Oakwood Ave near Graham Road.

Good Luck and Happy Easter!

In-Person and Online Worship Services

Maundy Thursday (1 st April):	7:30pm (in-person*)
Good Friday (2 nd April):	2pm (in-person*)
Easter Sunday (4 th April):	10am & 11:15am (in-person*) 10:30am (Online)

*Due to Covid-19 restrictions, please let us know if you would like to come to an in-person service. Thank you for your understanding.

Find us online:



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

or search in Facebook: @StAugustinesChurch



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC12b6t6VL0fqQ-YpxkpLtNA>



If you would like to receive our Weekly News email, please email us staug@dunstableparish.org.uk

Would you like someone to talk to or pray with?

Please contact Rev Ricky by phone: 01582 528485

CREATIVE BUZZ

A FREE PROGRAMME OF FUN ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN IN CENTRAL BEDS

A CHANCE TO TAKE PART IN **SOMETHING DIFFERENT** AND GET CREATIVE AT **HOME** THIS SPRING – ALL FOR **FREE!**

CHOOSE FROM A SELECTION OF LIVE **CREATIVE WORKSHOPS** – FROM **CIRCUS** TO **BEAT BOX** AND **DRAMA** – AS WELL AS PROFESSIONAL **SHOWS** BY THE UK'S BEST CHILDREN'S THEATRE COMPANIES. THERE'S **SOMETHING** FOR **EVERYONE!**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO BOOK YOUR FREE SPACE:

GO TO: [FULLHOUSE.ORG.UK/CREATIVEBUZZ](https://fullhouse.org.uk/creativebuzz)
OR EMAIL: [INFO@FULLHOUSE.ORG.UK](mailto:info@fullhouse.org.uk)

FULL HOUSE | **20 YEARS**

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS IN CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Central Bedfordshire





School Guidelines

Expectations for Pupils, Parents and Carers



When our school reopens to all pupils again in September, 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. We will inform you of other clubs as they become available.*
- *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. If you have any issues concerning uniform then please contact the school before we return on the 8th March.*



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.

Support and Advice

The table below gives a whole range of support services that you can access for help and advice. Please use them. This is a really testing time for us all and we all need a little bit of help and support sometimes. Remember, if you feel you can't cope, you can also ring the school to speak to someone.

Service	Number	Website	Information
Child Line	0800 1111	https://www.childline.org.uk/	Child Line is a free, private and confidential service where young people can talk about anything. Support is available online, on the phone, anytime
Rev Ricky Dunstable Team Vicars	01582 528485	Contact – rickyturner@ntlworld.com PrayDunstable@gmail.com	Prayer and general help and support.
MIND	0300 300 0648	https://www.mind.org.uk/	Mind offers information and advice to people with mental health problems
Headspace		https://www.headspace.com/ App is available to download on the App store or Google Play	Mental health activities. Provides guided meditations, animations, articles and videos
Victim Support	0808 1689111	https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/	Free and confidential support for people affected by crime and traumatic events – regardless of whether you have reported the crime to the police or not
Salvation Army	01582 606031	https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/dunstable	The Samaritans offer a church and social services to support those in need
Kooth		https://kooth.com/	Kooth is an online and confidential service giving help and advice about emotional health to young people
Samaritans	116 123	https://www.samaritans.org/	Free and confidential support and advice
Anxiety UK	TextService: 07537 416 905 Infoline: 03444 775 774	https://www.anxietyuk.org.uk/	Anxiety UK relieve and support those living with anxiety and anxiety-based depression by providing information, support and understanding
Youngminds	Parents Helpline 0808 802 5544	https://youngminds.org.uk/	A UK charity fighting for children and young people's mental health
Signpost	0800 0282 887	https://www.signpostforbedfordshire.com/	Support for those affected by crime
NSPCC	0808 800 5000	https://www.nspcc.org.uk/	Help for adults concerned about a child
National Online Safety		https://nationaleducationgroup.cmail20.com/t/t-l-nkrhhuy-fyhllutij-y/	Highly visual and informative Online Safety posters for parents, carers and children
Central Bedfordshire Council		https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers	Coronavirus – Information for Parents and Carers
Central Bedfordshire Children's Services	0300 300 8585 Out of hours: 0300 300 8123		If you think a child you know is being harmed or at risk of being harmed, please contact the Access and Referral Hub, who you can talk to about your concerns. All child protection calls are treated in confidence and you don't need to give your details

You can also find the latest information updates on the corona virus at:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>