



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

28th May 2021



Headteacher's Message Swiss Garden Wheelbarrow Competition

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,



We are excited to be entering the Swiss Garden's wheelbarrow competition this weekend. Our Gardening Club and Year 6 pupils have worked together with Mrs Babiak to produce the most wonderfully intricate and detailed garden. Everything from the beehives to the bird table and clay painted animals were handmade by our school. They really have done a sterling job.

As the half term draws to a close, we would like to wish you all a happy holiday and look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 7th June.

Best wishes

Amanda Howes
Headteacher



Thank you



Pupils at St Augustine's continue to receive prizes for living out The St Augustine's Way. They are always excited when it comes to choosing a prize from our Prize Box and we have a large array of toys, toiletries and stationery items for them to choose from. This week we would like to say a huge thank you to Carol and Margaret for the lovely knitted toys that they made especially for our Prize Box. Also we would like to thank Home Start for the toys and costumes that they donated. Your support for our school is very much appreciated and your donations have brought many smiles.

Throat Sweets

Please can we remind children, parents and carers, that children are not allowed to bring throat sweets to school as they pose a choking hazard.



MUGA – Multi Use Games Area

During the half term holiday we will be having a MUGA installed on our site to provide a wonderful new sports facility for our school. The MUGA will provide an additional all weather surface which can be used for a variety of sports and the fencing will keep balls contained. We are very excited about the project. Please read the Public Notice at the end of this newsletter so that you are aware of parking restrictions that will be enforced during its installation. 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...

Reception – Charlie
Year 1 – Diana
Year 2 – Mya-Rose
Year 3 – Khalidah
Year 4 – Jason
Year 5 – Mason
Year 6 – Alfie

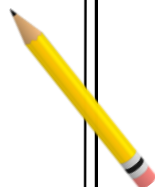
Our 'SELF' Pupils of the Week for,
"What I have I learnt about self-motivation?"
are...

Reception – Kajetan
Year 1 – Lily
Year 2 – Elis
Year 3 – Stephen
Year 4 – Mia
Year 5 – Soraya
Year 6 – Kayla



Our Mathematicians of the Week are...

Reception – Scarlett-Marie
Year 1 – Dollie-May
Year 2 – Alexander
Year 3 – Daniel
Year 4 – Jay
Year 5 – Billy
Year 6 – Lillyanna



Our Attendance Bear Winner this week is...



The House Point totals this week are...



Value of the Half Term - Service

This week in our Collective Worship we learnt about how we need to look after ourselves just as we need to look after each other.

How do you look after yourself? Maybe it is something as simple as taking time to read a book or a long, hot bath. Maybe it is enjoying a favourite snack or taking a walk in the countryside. Looking after ourselves is very important. Be kind to yourself today.



Bottle Top Collection

We are collecting bottle tops to use to create a piece of art work for an inter-school competition. The winning school will win a playground makeover.

Please collect your plastic, twist top bottle tops and bring them into school. Remember to rinse them first there will be a collection point in the carpark.



Prefix of the Week



Cyber



Cyber is from Greek and means 'skilled in steering'.

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

Cyberspace – A computer bulletin-board system used for communication

Cyberbullying – Sending or posting mean or false information about someone online

Cybercafé – A café where customers can access the internet

Cyberpunk – Science fiction about futuristic computer-based societies

Cyberman – An alien from the television series Doctor Who

Cybercrime – Crime that involves a computer and a network

Diary Dates

Fri. 28 th May	Last day of the half term
Wed. 9 th Jun	Alternative Sports Day – All children to wear PE Kit to school
Mon. 7 th Jun.	Children return to school
Thu. 22 nd Jul.	Last day of term

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



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:

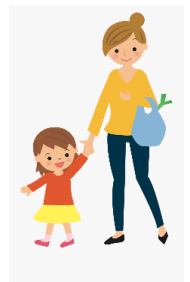
- *Live the St Augustine's Way by following our Golden Rules 'Show Respect, Be Kind and Try Our Best' and remembering our values.*
- *Keep yourself and others safe by:*
 - *Listening carefully to school staff and following their instructions*
 - *Waiting patiently – everything will take longer than usual*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

Visit our website: www.prosportsacademy.org

DUNSTABLE FOOTBALL CAMP

Wednesday 2nd June - Friday 4th June

Venue

Ashton St Peter C of E School,
Leighton Court, Dunstable, LU6 1EW

Ages

Under 5's - Under 12's

Times

10am - 3pm

Cost

£60 for 3 days



To book email - Hannah@prosportsacademy.pro

Head Coach: Cam Brooks - @cam@prosportsacademy.pro



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DAYTIME SESSION

EVENING SESSION

WEDNESDAY 9TH
JUNE 2021

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10.00 AM - 11.30 AM 6.00 PM - 7.30 PM

FOR FULL DETAILS CLICK ON THE FOLLOWING LINKS

[DAYTIME SESSION](#)

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OR FOLLOW US ON TWITTER @CAMHSWELLBEING1



Children's Community Health HUB

Your one stop
contact point

0300 555 0606

ccs.bedsandlutonchildrenshealthhub@nhs.net

Open 9am-5pm
every weekday
(excluding BH)

New contact number and email
address for the Beds and Luton
0-19 services, including:

- Health Visiting
- School Nursing

New contact number for:

- Luton Community Paediatric
services (Edwin Lobo Centre)
- Beds and Luton Looked after
Children's services

Health HUB - a single contact point,
making it easier for you to
get in touch with us.



Bedfordshire
Community
Health Services



Dear Parent/Carer,

Cases of the new COVID-19 variant first identified in India (known as VOC-21APR-02 or B.1.617.2) have recently been identified in Central Bedfordshire. These cases are not related to travel and include cases in children and adults in all education settings.

We are working closely with Public Health England to investigate the cases and will undertake additional testing where this is appropriate.

Evidence suggests that this variant spreads more easily than previous strains. In nearby Bedford, cases of this variant are increasing, and there has been a rapid rise in cases overall, particularly amongst children and young people.

The emergence of this new strain locally, and the speed with which it has spread in Bedford, is a reminder that we must all continue to be cautious and do what we can to control the spread of the virus.

Latest guidance from the Director of Public Health for Central Bedfordshire is that schools should continue to use all preventative measures, including face coverings, to help to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 cases in Central Bedfordshire. This change has been approved Nationally.

Around 1 in 3 people do not have symptoms of COVID-19; Increased testing will help to find other cases, and to limit the spread of this disease.

To access testing please visit <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> using the option:

'My local council or health protection team has asked me to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms' OR 'I've been in contact with someone who's tested positive for coronavirus - I found out in another way that I'm a contact (England, Wales and Scotland only)'

You can also call 119 to book a test if you do not have access to the Internet.

Alternatively, local testing centres for PCR tests are available at:

- **Brewer's Hill, Dunstable** – open from 8am to 1:30pm, 7 days a week
- **Steppingley Road (old Flitwick Leisure Centre site)**, open from 8am to 1:30pm, 7 days a week
- **Girtford Bridge House, Sandy** (the former Days Inn Site). The test centre will operate on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 8am to 7pm. Parking is available at the centre
- **Astral Park, Leighton Buzzard** – open from 9am to 3pm Mondays and Thursdays only

Central Bedfordshire Council

Prory House, Monks Walk
Chicksands, Shefford
Bedfordshire, SG17 5TQ

Telephone 0300 300 8000
Email customers@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk
www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

PLEASE NOTE: EVEN IF A PCR TEST RESULT COMES BACK NEGATIVE, ALL CLOSE CONTACTS OF A POSITIVE CASE MUST CONTINUE TO SELF-ISOLATE FOR THE FULL 10-DAY PERIOD.

If anyone has had a positive PCR test for COVID-19 **within the previous 90 days**, they are likely to have developed some immunity. **Individuals are, therefore, exempt from testing by both PCR and LFD within 90 days of a positive PCR test unless they develop new symptoms.**

There are 4 key things that you can do to help:

1. All identified close contacts of positive cases should self-isolate and book a PCR test as soon as possible.
Please book at: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.
2. Continue to be vigilant for symptoms of Covid-19.
Please be vigilant for symptoms of COVID-19 and keep your child at home if unwell. If this happens, then please self-isolate and book a PCR test as above.
3. Continue to participate in regular LFD testing.
Everyone over the age of 11 in Central Bedfordshire, is encouraged to take up the offer of twice weekly testing. We have [test centres](#) across Central Bedfordshire for people to get tested, which can provide results usually within 30 minutes. You can also collect tests from [test centres](#), from [local pharmacies](#) or order tests for home delivery at: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>
4. If you (as a parent/carers) are eligible for vaccination, please book this promptly.
You can book your vaccination at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/> or visit the Clinical Commissioning Group website for details of drop-in sessions: <https://www.blmkccg.nhs.uk/>

We will continue to work with our education settings to ensure that they remain as safe as possible for our children, young people, and staff.

Whilst we are concerned about this new variant, there is little evidence at present to suggest it causes more severe illness or makes the vaccines less effective.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Central Bedfordshire Public Health

PUBLIC NOTICE

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

(OAKWOOD AVENUE, DUNSTABLE)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Central Bedfordshire Council has made an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle, except a vehicle being used for fire, police or ambulance purposes in an emergency, from proceeding along the length of Oakwood Avenue, Dunstable at the Parking Area opposite the School.

This temporary closure is required to enable safe access to the school to take place and shall apply to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. Where possible access will be maintained to property and premises but may be restricted from time to time according to local signing.

It is expected that the works will take place over FIVE DAYS from 1st to 5th June 2021 between the hours of 08:00 and 18:00. The road will be closed at all times during this period.

There is no alternative route for this closure.

The Order will come into operation on 01 June 2021 for a period of twelve months or until the proposed works have been completed, as detailed above, whichever is the earlier.

For further information please contact Sam Flatman – Pentagon Play.

DATED 26 May 2021

Central Bedfordshire Council

Priory House

Chicksands

Shefford SG17 5TQ

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