



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

11th June 2021



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,



What a fantastic week for our school! Firstly, we were delighted to receive the news that St Augustine's were the winners of the Swiss Garden Wheelbarrow competition. The school receives a £75.00 prize which the Gardening Club will be able to put to very good use. Congratulations everyone!

Also this week, we welcomed 9 baby chicks into the world, which Year 5 hatched in an incubator; Year 2 enjoyed flying the wonderful kites they had made, and we had the the most amazing 'Alternative Sports Day', which all pupils from across the school joined in with.



On Monday we welcomed Mr Steve Mead to our staff team as our new School Business Manager and we have also watched with anticipation as our MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) nears completion.

In the warm weeks ahead, can we remind everyone to bring named sunhats and water bottles to school, and also to put sun cream on before coming to school in the mornings. Let's all have a safe and happy half term.

Best wishes
Amanda Howes



Alternative Sports Day



"We are so lucky to be at this school!" This was a quote by one of our Year 4 pupils after enjoying our amazing Alternative Sports Day. The children took part in a wide range of sporting activities, many of which they had never tried before. Archery, Golf, Tennis and an inflatable obstacle course were just some of the activities they tried. They even made smoothies by using pedal power!

We received many comments from the instructors about how supportive our children were of each other, and their thankfulness and kindness. Our children really do shine!

'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.

Our Stars of the Week are...

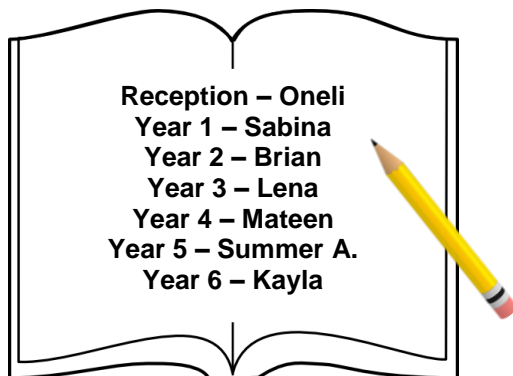
Reception – Kiera
Year 1 – Ronnie
Year 2 – Katelyn
Year 3 – Maliscia-Mai
Year 4 – Elise
Year 5 – Kelsey
Year 6 – Tommie

Our 'SELF' Pupils of the Week for,
"What is self-reflection?" are...

Reception – Matei
Year 1 – David
Year 2 – Megan
Year 3 – Lilly
Year 4 – Amelia
Year 5 – Khaliq
Year 6 – Adrian



Our Mathematicians of the Week are...



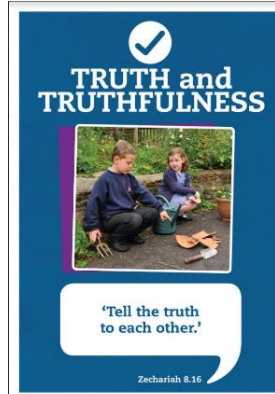
Our Attendance Bear Winner this week is...



The House Point totals this week are...



Value of the Half Term - Truthfulness



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.

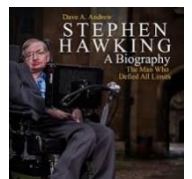


Prefix of the Week



Biodegradable

Bio



Bio is from Greek and means 'life'.

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

Biodegradable – Can be broken down into small, harmless parts by living organisms

Biosphere – The part of the Earth's crust, waters and atmosphere that supports life

Biography – A story about a person's life

Biodiversity – Many different plants/animals in the same environment

Biology – A science that deals with living things and life processes

Bionic – Having biological abilities enhanced by a special device

Diary Dates

WB 14 th Jun	Bikeability – Year 5
Tue. 15 th Jun	Year 6 visit to St Albans Cathedral re Transition to High School
Tue. 29 th Jun.	Class Photographs
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:

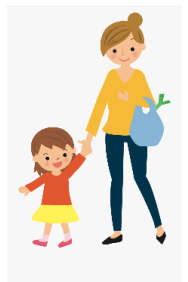
- *Live the St Augustine's Way by following our Golden Rules 'Show Respect, Be Kind and Try Our Best' and remembering our values.*
- *Keep yourself and others safe by:*
 - *Listening carefully to school staff and following their instructions*
 - *Waiting patiently – everything will take longer than usual*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

EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF COVID-19

If you, or anyone in your household, has any symptoms of COVID-19 do not leave the house and book a PCR test immediately. Tests can be booked at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. Alternatively call 119 if you do not have access to the internet.

Symptoms can be; a high temperature, a new continuous cough, loss of your sense of smell or taste. Some children also experience symptoms similar to the flu such as headaches and upset stomach.
DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL/COLLEGE/NURSERY/CHILDMINDER WHILE AWAITING THE TEST OR THE TEST RESULTS. DO NOT GO TO WORK/SHOPPING/VISITING FAMILY OR FRIENDS. THE HOUSEHOLD MUST BEGIN SELF-ISOLATION IMMEDIATELY.

If you, or anyone in your household, have taken a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test and have received a positive result **you and your household must begin self-isolating immediately**. Book a PCR test to confirm the results. PCR tests can be booked at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. Alternatively call 119 if you do not have access to the internet.

Ensure you inform your school/college/nursery/childminder that you have received a positive LFD test result. Your setting will begin contact tracing so ensure to tell them as a priority.

POSITIVE PCR RESULT

If you receive a positive PCR result, then you, your household and all of your close contacts must continue to self-isolate for the full 10-days self-isolation period.

Ensure you inform your school/college/nursery/childminder that you have received a positive PCR result. The setting will now begin/continue contact tracing immediately and all close contacts will be asked to **self-isolate and book a PCR test**.

Settings must inform the local Public Health team of **ALL** positive cases via the online notification form.

ISOLATION PERIODS

If you, or your household member was **symptomatic** then you begin counting your isolation period from the day your symptoms started. That day is classed as Day 0 and then you must isolate for 10 full days after this date. You can end self-isolation at midnight of the 10th day. Your household members must also follow these self-isolation dates.

If you, or your household member was **asymptomatic** and tested positive via an LFD or PCR test then you begin counting your isolation period from the day of the positive test. That day is classed as Day 0 and then you must isolate for 10 full days after this date. You can end self-isolation at midnight of the 10th day. Your household members must also follow these self-isolation dates.

NEGATIVE PCR RESULT

If the person who has taken the LFD test subsequently receives a negative PCR result, they and their household can end self-isolation and return to their school/college/nursery/childminder.

If you are a close contact of a confirmed positive case and you have taken an LFD or PCR test, a negative result DOES NOT mean you can end self-isolation. All close contacts of a confirmed positive case MUST complete the full 10-day isolation period.

At the end of the isolation period, if you're feeling well, you can return to your school/college/nursery/childminder.

If household members and close contacts have not developed any COVID-19 symptoms, they can end their self-isolation at the end of the isolation period.

If any household members or close contacts develop COVID-19 symptoms during the self-isolation period, then they must book a PCR test immediately.

If any household members or close contacts take an LFD test and tests positive during the isolation period, then they must book a PCR test immediately.

Remember a negative PCR or LFD test does not release you from self-isolation early!