



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

9th July 2021



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

It has been a very full and busy week here at school. On Wednesday, children enjoyed briefly meeting their new class teachers, for September, on Transfer Day. Staff very much enjoyed meeting the children too.

Although our Year 6 pupils have been unable to visit their new schools for September, we have been helping to prepare them for moving on. This week they have been learning how to tie a tie, and have made a very good job at it!



The rest of the newsletter is full of photographs and information about our visiting petting farm, Year 6's climbing trip, the 'Message in a Bottle Top' competition and Year 2's ukulele playing. We hope you enjoy reading it all.

Many of you will be feeling extremely excited about the Euro's final at the weekend. There has certainly been a buzz about it at school.



We hope that you all have a super weekend.

Amanda Howes
Headteacher



Year 2 Ukulele Lessons



Year 2 have learnt to play the Ukulele exceptionally well during the last term. Today, they gave a rousing performance of the songs they had been learning and you can see by the smiles on their faces, just how proud of themselves they were. It has been wonderful to be able to use Inspiring Music to provide such excellent music lessons for our children across the school. Well done everyone!

Message in a Bottle Top Competition

The plight of our wildlife, as they face ever growing amounts of litter pollution, was the theme for our bottle top entry for the 'Message in a Bottle Top' competition.

Take a look at the picture and see if you can identify how litter has caused danger or injury to the duck.



Please remember to put your litter in the bin to keep our wildlife safe.

'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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Petting Farm



Wycomb Pastures Mobile Petting Farm provided 2 days of animal fun for all of our children this week. Friendly guinea pigs, hungry sheep, a Shetland pony, cheeky chickens, an enormous cuddly rabbit, mischievous goats, and a fidgety ferret, all helped to turn our school field into a miniature farm.

"A fun and exciting way to learn about animals by actually seeing and touching them," said Chancenes.



Year 6 Climbing Adventure



We were so pleased to be able to offer an exciting trip to Climb Quest in Milton Keynes for our Year 6 pupils. Climb Quest were extremely generous in offering us this free trip for our pupils, and as they had the centre to themselves, they were kept safe by not needing to mix with others.

The children were excellent ambassadors for our school both in terms of their behaviour and their engagement with the activities. Centre staff were impressed with their courage, agility and determination and the children had a fantastic time.

Well done Year 6. We are glad you have this amazing day to remember.



Celebrations

CONGRATULATIONS to the following children.

Our Stars of the Week are...

Reception – Ella-Louise
Year 1 – Riley
Year 2 – Shelby
Year 3 – Lina
Year 4 – Tyler
Year 5 – Chancenes
Year 6 – Bhiraveenaa

Our 'SELF' Pupils of the Week for,
"What has made me feel proud this year?"
are...

Reception – Andreas
Year 1 – Olly
Year 2 – Izabella
Year 3 – Sophia
Year 4 – Mason
Year 5 – Khaliq
Year 6 – Alfie



Our Mathematicians of the Week are...

Reception – Kiera
Year 1 – Raisa
Year 2 – Riley
Year 3 – Maliscia-Mai
Year 4 – McKenzie
Year 5 – Carlos
Year 6 – Jake

Our Attendance Bear Winner this week is...



The House Point totals this week are...



Value of the Half Term - Truthfulness

Little children, let
us not love in word
or talk but in deed
and in truth.
1 John 3:18

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TRUTH and
TRUTHFULNESS



'Tell the truth
to each other.'

Zechariah 8:16

Eat Well For Less

**Eat Well
For Less?**

**BBC One's
Eat Well For Less?
is back on the hunt for households looking
to save on their food shop!**

Email:
eatwell@rdfttelevision.com
0117 9707632

We are looking to represent the whole of the UK and will consider all
applications.

Any information you give us will be processed in accordance with our privacy notice, a
copy of which is available on request.

Prefix of the Week



Aqua



Aqua is from Latin and means 'water'.

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

Aquarium – A transparent
tank of water where fish
live

Aquatic – A plant or
animal suited to a pond or
aquarium

Aquaplane – To slide
uncontrollably on a wet
surface

Aquamarine – A bluish-
green precious stone or
colour

Aquapark – A water park

Aquaphobia – A fear of
water or drowning

Diary Dates

Wed. 14th Jul.

End of Year Reports out

Thu. 22nd 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:

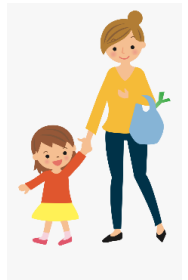
- *Live the St Augustine's Way by following our Golden Rules 'Show Respect, Be Kind and Try Our Best' and remembering our values.*
- *Keep yourself and others safe by:*
 - *Listening carefully to school staff and following their instructions*
 - *Waiting patiently – everything will take longer than usual*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

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

Dunstable Activities

Dunstable Town Council have organised a number of activities for the week beginning 12th July for Love Parks Week which are suitable for all ages and members of the family. Many of these activities are free and are local to our area.



FREE ACTIVITIES IN LOCAL PARKS ACROSS DUNSTABLE!

LOVE PARKS WEEK 2021

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| MONDAY 12 JULY 2021 <i>ENVIRONMENTAL WORKSHOP</i> 3.45 PM TO 5.00 PM OLMA ROAD FREE | MONDAY 12 JULY 2021 <i>Xplorers challenge</i> 3.45 pm to 6.00 pm Grove House Gardens FREE | TUESDAY 13 JULY 2021 <i>OLDER PEOPLES PAMPER IN THE PARK</i> 10.30 AM TO 1.00 PM PRIORY GARDENS FREE |
| WEDNESDAY 14 JULY 2021 <i>OBSTACLE CHALLENGE</i> 3.45 PM TO 5.45 PM DOWNSIDE RECREATION GROUND FREE | THURSDAY 15 JULY 2021 <i>PICNIC IN THE PARK</i> 10.30 AM to 12.00 NOON BENNETT MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND £1 per child (booking required) | FRIDAY 16 JULY 2021 <i>GIN & TEA IN THE PARK</i> 6.00 PM TO 9.00 PM PRIORY GARDENS FREE TO ATTEND *DRINKS CHARGEABLE* |

 Dunstable Town Council  @DunstableTC 01582 513000 www.dunstable.gov.uk



Environmental workshop

MONDAY 12 JULY 2021
3.45 PM TO 5.00 PM
OLMA ROAD DUNSTABLE
RECYCLING
ARTS & CRAFTS

FREE TO ATTEND!



www.dunstable.gov.uk 01582 891434

 Dunstable Town Council  @GroveCorner



School Years 5, 6, 7 & 8

FREE SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY CAMP

10.00am – 3.00pm



Dunstable & Houghton Regis School Sports Partnership Holiday Activity Fund. The summer holiday programme provides **FREE meals and activities** for eligible free school meal children in Yr.5&6 across Dunstable, Houghton Regis and surrounding villages during the summer holidays.

*****Places are limited so please get in touch as soon as possible to book your place!***.**

This year we are running 4 weeks during August 2021.

Camp 1 – Monday 2nd August – Thursday 5th August

Camp 2 – Monday 9th August – Thursday 12th August

Camp 3 – Monday 16th August – Thursday 19th August

Camp 4 – Monday 23rd August – Thursday 26th August

All at Dunstable Rugby Club, Bidwell Park, Bedford Road, Houghton Regis LU5 6JW



Central
Bedfordshire



HOW TO BOOK

All activities are free of charge for eligible free school meal children

To book your place on the camp

Visit our - [Dunstable & Houghton Regis Summer Holiday Activity Fund Programme- Registration Form](#) | [team BEDS&LUTON \(teambedsandluton.co.uk\)](#)

Email – sgo@tithefarmprimary.co.uk to express an interest and we will email you a booking form.

SEND SUMMER ACTIVITIES

**FREE Summer activities programme
for children and families with SEND
(Special Educational Needs & Disabilities)
various locations across Central
Bedfordshire.**

Central
Bedfordshire

great
lifestyles

**Exclusive Swimming sessions for SEND families,
Sensory Story Workshops,
Performing Arts Weeks,
Dance and drama workshops,
Mime and Makaton,
Acro Yoga,
Bug Hunting.**

**Plus a relaxed screening of Peter Rabbit 2 at the Grove
Theatre (charges apply)**

**Advanced booking must be made direct with the activity
providers.**

**Scan the QR code and
search SEND events
for further
information**



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[@letstalkcentral](https://twitter.com/letstalkcentral)



PARENTS ONLINE

Parenting can be tough. That's why The Cellar Trust and Brathay are working together to provide a non-judgemental ear when you need it most.

PARENTS Online provides text-based emotional support from trained volunteers through an online platform. You can chat confidentially and openly about your feelings with someone who is trained to listen and support you through whatever you're facing. Sometimes all you need is to be listened to and that's where we can help.

We provide you with:

- A confidential listening service which can be used anonymously
- Support from a fully trained worker, with their own experience of parenting
- A safe space to talk openly without judgement, about anything that's on your mind

For more information visit:
PARENTSONLINE.CO.UK



