



# St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

## 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021



### Headteacher's Message



### Vocabulary Velociraptors – Letter 'H' Week

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

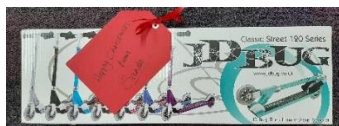


Every class has been busy producing wonderful Christmas baubles for the Bedfordshire Police Bling-a-bauble competition. Don't they look amazing? This newsletter contains lots of information about the festive season. There is much to look forward to at St Augustine's!

**Best wishes, Amanda Howes - Headteacher**

### Santa Challenge

**Monday 29th November to Friday 10th December**



Yet again, we are joining the SANTA CHALLENGE, a virtual Christmas trip to Lapland, where we count up our active travel trips during the two weeks of the competition. Each time a child or parent travels actively, they will be credited with one mile. These miles will be used to map the school's journey to Lapland. We will add up all of the miles completed to see whether we can reach our goal of arriving at Lapland. As we get nearer to Christmas we thought it would be a great opportunity to keep everyone walking, biking and scooting. While the weather is getting colder and the days shorter, we believe there are still opportunities to be bright and stay safe when wheeling or on foot. Being active can warm us up and cheer us up. We understand this is not always an option for those travelling long distances. We want to open the competition up as much as possible, which is why we include Park and Stride or Park and Scoot as an option. Pupils who travel actively for the entire 10 days will have their names entered into a draw to win a scooter.



'H' has been the focus letter for the week. The children have learnt the names of different types of hats and headwear and have also had the opportunity to view a range of hats.

In addition, the children watched 2 videos about the Luton hat industry and saw how straw boaters were made. It was very interesting to learn about an aspect of local history. Please follow the links below to watch the videos.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q7jBD5N2\\_xQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q7jBD5N2_xQ) - a 5 min documentary about the Luton Hat industry made by students at Luton Sixth Form College.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jUBhU5RVioo> - a 1 and a half minute Pathé news broadcast. This black and white video shows Luton straw boaters being made in the factories in 1952.

Specific hats that children learnt this week were: beanie, bobble hat, flat cap, bonnet, straw boater, beret, sun hat, sombrero, bowler hat, trilby.

### Vocabulary Tip of the Week

Visiting museums is a super way to learn new vocabulary. Our most local Museums are in Stockwood Park and Wardown Park Luton and they are free. Why not try to visit.



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

## CONGRATULATIONS to the following children.

Our Stars of the Week are...

Year 1 – Kendall  
Year 2 – Diana  
Year 3 – Cody  
Year 4 – Daniel  
Year 5 – Caiden  
Year 6 – Daniel

Our 'SELF' Pupils of the Week for,  
"What should I do when I find things  
difficult?" are...

Year 1 – Deivid  
Year 2 – Angel-May  
Year 3 – Katelyn  
Year 4 – Carlos  
Year 5 – Mason  
Year 6 – Jack



Our Vocabulary Velociraptors of the Week  
are...

Year 1 – Eldon  
Year 2 – Kaysie-Mae  
Year 3 – Charlie  
Year 4 – Bathujan  
Year 5 – Christopher  
Year 6 – Summer-May



Our Attendance Bear Winner this week is...



The House Point totals this week are...



**We raised £136.15 for  
Children in Need.  
Thank You Everyone!**

### Year 4's Compassion Prayer

Dear God,

Help us to put on glasses  
of compassion,  
so that we can see things  
through others' eyes.  
Help us to put on shoes of  
compassion,  
so that we will walk over to  
people who are sad.  
Help us to put on clothes  
of compassion,  
so that we remember others  
who might not have enough  
clothes to wear.

Amen



### Diary Dates

WB 29th Nov.	Letter 'I' Week Santa Challenge Christmas Post Boxes Open
Mon. 29th Nov. – Thu. 2nd Nov.	Year 6 Mock SATs week and Breakfast Club
Fri. 10th Dec.	Last day for posting Christmas cards
Mon. 11th Dec.	Christmas Wonderland
Tue. 14th Dec.	Christmas Dinner
Wed. 15th Dec.	St Albans Cathedral Christmas Celebration(Virtual)
Thu. 16th Dec.	Christmas Service
Fri. 17th Dec.	Christmas parties and Christmas jumper day.

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



## Christmas at St Augustine's Academy

Although Christmas will again be a little bit different this year, we will still be making it as exciting as possible for the children. Please read the information below so that you know what will be happening at school, for our pupils, during the festive season.

### Christmas Cards



Christmas post boxes (1 for each class and 1 for staff) have been created in the wooden outbuilding. Please make sure you put your cards in the correct post box so that they will not need sorting. The post boxes will be open from **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**. The cards will then be quarantined for 3 days and then handed out. The post boxes will be closed from Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December and no cards are to be handed out to others at all.

### Christmas Bauble Competition



As always, we will be holding our Christmas Bauble Competition. Children should make a bauble at home and bring it into school, by **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**, to help decorate the Christmas trees in their classrooms. The bauble could be made from any art or craft. There will be a prize for the winning bauble from each class.

### Christmas Wonderland



We have a special visitor visiting our Christmas Wonderland on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. The children are in for a very exciting treat on this day. Each child will also have a Christmas gift to take home with them.

### Christmas Dinner



Our delicious Christmas dinner will take place on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. If you usually pay for school dinners then please pay Gary in the usual way.

### Christmas Services



On **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** pupils will join the virtual St Albans Cathedral Christmas Celebration. Our pupil Worship Leaders will lead us in our school Christmas service on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December**.

### Christmas Party and Jumper Day



On the last day of term, **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**, we are asking children to wear Christmas Mufti/Jumpers to school. Each class will have their own Christmas party organised by their class teacher in the afternoon. The school will be providing food and drink so please do not send any into school.



## Freddy Teddy's Birthday Party in EYFS

Early Years have had a wonderful time planning and then holding a birthday party for Freddy Teddy. Their preparations included making party hats and a pinata, designing party banners and icing delicious cakes. The party was full of fun as the children played games and celebrated Freddy Teddy's special day together. You can see by their faces just how much fun they had.





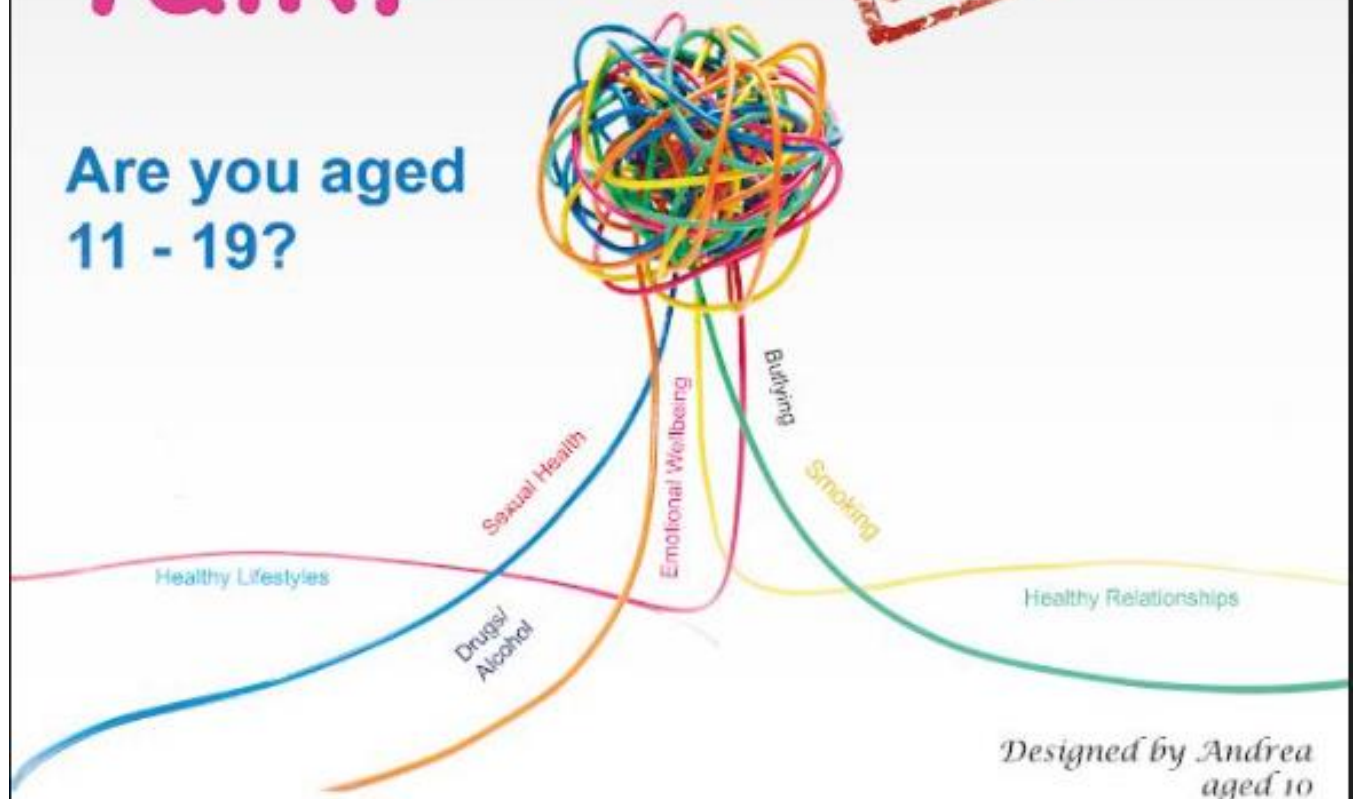


Bedfordshire  
Community  
Health Services



# Need to talk?

Are you aged  
11 - 19?



*Designed by Andrea  
aged 10*

**Text your school nurse on  
07507 331450 (Beds)**

Messages are charged at your usual rate

Text messages will be answered between 9am and 4.30pm (Mon to Fri)



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# Parentline

A confidential text messaging advice and support line for  
Bedfordshire parents and carers of children aged 0-19.

**Text: 07507 331456**

Parenting advice and support   Sleep   Contenance

Immunisations   Mental health   Minor illness

Speech   Behaviour   Temper tantrums

Infant feeding   Diet & exercise

Child development   Parenting


and much, much more....



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 ChatHealth

 Pop-ins





## December 2021 Zoom Parent Network

Parent Network is open to ANY parent in the UK caring for a child with any Special Education Needs including those awaiting assessment or diagnosis.

*If you would like to join us, email [bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk](mailto:bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk) and we'll send you the Zoom codes*

zoom with Francine and Lesley	Thursday December 2nd 9.30-11.30am	How to parent with empathy
zoom with Francine and Lesley	Monday December 6th 7-9pm	Making a sensory circuit at home
Early Years zoom with Tracey and Georgie	Wednesday December 8th 9.30-11.30am	Food issues and helpful tried and tested tips
zoom with Siobhann	Monday December 13th 10am - 12pm	Tips for a happy Christmas and children with SEND
zoom with Vicky and Sharon	Wednesday December 15th 9.30-11.30am	Let's pop the kettle on - SEND chat, giggles and a cuppa
zoom with Siobhann and Sharon	Thursday December 16th 7-9pm	Tips for a happy Christmas and children with SEND
Teens 15+ zoom with Finola and Karen	Tuesday December 21st 7-9pm	Building a community of shared experiences

Parents who have attended previous sessions will receive a text invitation to join the virtual meetings



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