



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

20th March 2020



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,



Even during this week of worldwide challenge, we have tried to keep things as normal as possible for our children.

The photographs above show some of our recent activities such as Year 2's Great Fire of London, OSCAR the safety car's visit and Sports Relief, which raised £70 for this important charity.

Being sensitive to our pupils' mental health and well-being, answering their questions and offering them our support, have been big priorities this week. We thank you for the support you have shown us as a school too.

The road ahead will be a test for all of us. We pray that each and every one of you stays safe and well, and that it is not long before we are all together again. Our school is here for our community and we will do all that we can to help and support you.

'Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.' *Joshua 1:9.*

Amanda Howes - Headteacher

IMPORTANT – SCHOOL CLOSURE INFO.

"If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be." (Government Guidance.)

Our school will close for most children except for children of key workers and for those children who are considered vulnerable and have been approached by Mrs. Fourmy or Miss White. Breakfast Club will continue to run for the above pupils, but after school clubs will not. Lunch will continue to be provided; usual costs will still apply.

Teaching and learning, in the traditional sense, will not be taking place; school will have more of a 'club' feel with a range of activities for children to enjoy. This will include: sport, board games, construction challenges, art and craft.

Children may come to school in sensible, comfortable clothing which suit outdoor and physical activities.

Familiar staff will continue to be in school and we aim to make each day fun!

Communication and Home Learning

Whether in school, or out of school, our children's learning is important to us. During the next few weeks, our school will be closed to the majority of our pupils. So that they keep on learning, we have created packs of activities for them to do at home. These will be sent home today, for pupils in school, and will be delivered over the next few days to those who are currently at home.

In addition, our website has many learning links that you can use to access a range of online learning. Please follow this link which will take you straight there.

<https://www.staugustinesacademy.co.uk/pupils/online-learning-games>

Please take the time to enjoy the activities with your children and enjoy the time that you can spend learning together. Now is a wonderful opportunity to learn something new together - to share books, delight in weird and wonderful facts, create works of art, write creatively and learn new recipes.

Please keep looking at the website, checking Parentmail and using our 'School Jotter' Apple and Android App, where we will keep you updated with new information.



The school telephone line will still be contactable and we will continue to check email correspondence too.

'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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Goodbye Sharon

This week, we said our final goodbyes to Sharon Wells. Sharon's funeral was very moving as expected; it was a fitting tribute to a wonderful lady. Our thoughts and prayers remain with Sharon's family and friends in the weeks ahead.



Celebrations

Well Done to the following children.

★Star of the Week ★

Reception – Ronnie
Year 1 – Tyler
Year 2 – Khalidah
Year 3 – Elise
Year 4 – Xander
Year 5 – Alfie
Year 6 – Ellie

☺ 'SELF' Pupil of the Week ☺

Reception – Samantha
Year 1 – Bliss
Year 2 – Lilly
Year 3 – Isabelle
Year 4 – Amelie
Year 5 – Lillyanna
Year 6 – Harvey



+x÷ Mathematician of the Week +x÷



Reception – Edward
Year 1 – Miguel
Year 2 – Tyler
Year 3 – Bentley
Year 4 – Billy
Year 5 – Kayla
Year 6 – Lewis

🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune - 245
Mars - 221
Earth - 183
Venus - 236



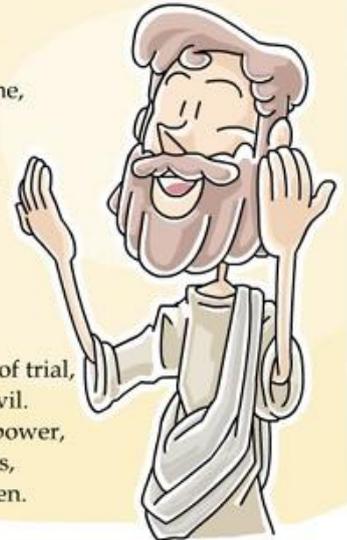
Year 6 were our attendance bear winners this week with 97.98%. Well Done!

Worship at Home

You can worship anywhere and in any way! Use some of these prayers and ideas to help you.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
Now and forever. Amen.



The Grace

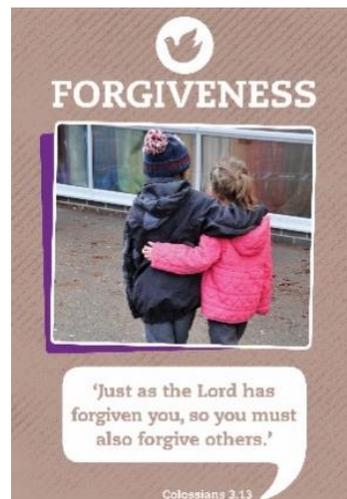
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
Be with us all,
Evermore,
Amen

Why don't you sing some of our songs from Collective Worship at home; you could teach them to your family too.

Read Bible stories from a Bible or from online.

Make your own prayer box for your house. Everyone could write and decorate prayers to put in it.

Love each other by finding ways to help your family and your neighbours.



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
Children's Centre	0300 300 8104	Contact - Kim.woodland@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk	Support for parenting, debt, domestic abuse and foodbank vouchers etc.
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
NSPCC	0808 800 5000	https://www.nspcc.org.uk/	Help for adults concerned about a child
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>

Dear Everyone at St Augustine's Academy,

I hope that you are keeping safe and well.

I thought you might like some things to do to help you keep heart with (or without) your children in these difficult times.

1. I saw this on Facebook and thought it looked fun! → → → → →
2. At St Augustine's Academy we love to sing songs by Fischy Music.

They are offering everyone three ways to help us keep singing, even though life's about to change for quite some time!

- i. Fischy Music are allowing schools to share their Fischy login details with parents and carers. Website: www.fischy.com
Username: staugustines & password: 50und5F1schy!
- ii. Children: check out Fischy Tunes, our music video website for you. We'll add some of your favourite Fischy songs in the next week. www.fischyTunes.com
- iii. Everyone: subscribe and join us live on YouTube, Mondays 11AM for a live streamed assembly!
www.youtube.com/fischymusic

Love this idea!!! Anyone else up for it?!?! 🌈 xx

The neighborhood kiddos are going on walks but no longer can see their friends or go to playgrounds.

Some of us are putting rainbows 🌈 up in our windows for them to spot as many as they can on a walk. Like a giant neighborhood wide I spy game.

If you are wondering what you can do in this time - put a rainbow in your window to spread some joy!

Thank you!



3. If you would like the Dunstable Team vicars to pray for you or for anyone else about anything, please email: PrayDunstable@gmail.com

4. Here are some links to prayers to say for everyone affected by the Coronavirus:

From the Church of England:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer-resources>

From the Corrymeela Community:

<https://www.corrymeela.org/news/180/prayers-for-community-in-a>

5. As suggested by our Archbishops, we will be keeping this coming Sunday – Mothering Sunday (22nd March) – as a day of prayer and action, remembering especially those who are sick or anxious, and all involved in our health service.

They are asking everyone to place a lighted candle in their window at 7pm on Sunday as a sign of solidarity and hope in the light of Christ that can never be extinguished; please do join us in doing that.

6. Please do get in touch if you need some emergency shopping or would like someone to talk to and please let your light shine brightly as you continue to love one another and your neighbours.

With my love and prayers for you and your loved ones,

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