



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

2nd October 2020



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,



There has been a super range of learning taking place at school this week. Year 6 are currently studying Graffiti and Wall Art and have been learning about positive and negative images. Outdoor learning continues to be a very popular new addition to our Curriculum and our Early Years took part in their first Forest School lesson.

Well done to all the children who have biked to school this week. It was great to see so many of you keeping fit and healthy through cycling.

Attached to this newsletter is our School Vision. It is important to remind ourselves of our vision regularly so please take the time to reread it through and see what we aim to achieve as a school.

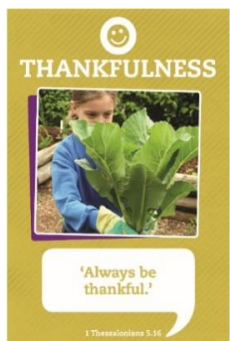
We hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Amanda Howes - Headteacher

Harvest

Next week we will be giving thanks for our food through our Harvest celebration. We will be providing food storage in our car park from Monday where donations of food can be placed. This food will be collected by the Foodbank on Thursday morning.

Every year we are overwhelmed by the generosity of our community. This year, donations are particularly appreciated.



Parent/Teacher Telephone Calls



At this time of year we would usually be having Parent/Teacher consultations in our school hall, however due to the new Covid-19 Health and Safety guidelines that we have in place, we are not able to do this.

Instead, next week (and possibly into the week after), teachers will telephone parents and carers to talk with them about how their child/ren are settling into their new classes.

Telephone calls will be made during the school day or in the early evening before 7pm. Phone calls will be made from one of the 3 telephone numbers below or they may be 'withheld'.

01582 661778
07934 167055
07934 167063

Teachers are very much looking forward to talking with you. If you have any questions then please contact the school office and we will be more than happy to help.

Outdoor Learning

All children in the school are taking advantage of our fantastic Forest School area in order to develop skills and knowledge in outdoor lessons.

As the weather is becoming less kind to us, it is important that your children are equipped for learning outside as this will take place whatever the weather! Therefore, can you please ensure that your children have a waterproof coat and waterproof footwear, in school, on the following days:



Year 1 – Wednesday and Friday
Year 2 – Monday and Wednesday
Year 3 – Monday and Thursday
Year 4 – Monday and Thursday
Year 5 – Tuesday and Friday
Year 6 – Tuesday and Wednesday

'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...

Year 1 – Raisa
Year 2 – Cody
Year 3 – Jamie
Year 4 – Kai
Year 5 – Amelie
Year 6 – Kianna

Our 'SELF' Pupils of the Week for,
"What are my strengths and weaknesses?"
are...

Year 1 – Lili
Year 2 – Mya-Rose
Year 3 – Maliscia
Year 4 – Alfie
Year 5 – Jacob
Year 6 – Zac



Our Readers of the Week are...

Year 1 – Courtney
Year 2 – Hayden
Year 3 – Lina
Year 4 – Ruby
Year 5 – Lily
Year 6 – Tommie

Our Attendance Bear Winner this week is...



The House Point totals this week are...



Pupil Admission Number – Opinion Canvas

At St Augustine's Academy, our Governing Board are considering whether to reduce our Pupil Admission Number (PAN) from 30. This would mean smaller class sizes with more space in classrooms for our pupils. Currently, with 30 pupils in Key Stage 2 classrooms, there is not adequate classroom space to allow 2m² per pupil, which is an aspirational guideline. The school would like to become closer to that figure.

Please note that pupils already at our school would not be affected if our Pupil Admission Number was lowered.

We would like to request your views on reducing our PAN before we make a decision that may then lead to a formal consultation.

Please follow the Survey Monkey link below to share your opinion with us by Friday 9th October. Your opinion matters and we would very much like to hear your views.

Thank you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VYQ9T3R>

Prefix of the Week



Un



Un is of old English origin and means 'not' or 'the opposite of'.

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

Un fair – to not be fair	Un well - ill
Un known – not known	Un do – to loosen or reverse the effects of
Un kind – not kind and not considerate to others	Un happy – not happy
Un zip – to open something by using a zip	Un box – to take out or remove from packaging

Diary Dates

WB 5 th Oct.	Parent/Teacher Pupil Settling in Phone Calls
Mon. 5 th – Wed. 7 th Oct.	Harvest Collection for the Food Bank
Fri. 23 rd Oct.	Last day of Half Term

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

At St. Augustine's Academy:



Cross...Our ethos is built on Christian values with 'love' at the core.



Child...Our pupils are at the heart of all we do.



Safety pin...The safety and well-being of our pupils is our top priority.



Sunflower Seed... We grow and flourish in a happy, stimulating and treasured environment.



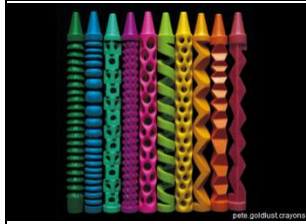
Jigsaw piece...We value relationships and work together to make a difference.



Balloon... We have high expectations and strive for the highest academic standards.



Stretchy person...We stretch ourselves and each other to achieve our full potential.



Crayon...We inspire creativity, innovation and self-belief.

Coronavirus information for Parents/Carers in Central Bedfordshire (18.09.20)

For general advice about COVID-19 and the symptoms to look for go to: www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

Young person or someone in your household, develops **symptoms of COVID-19**: new continuous cough (coughing frequently for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours) and/or high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If the young person is at home, **do not send them to their education setting**. Inform the setting through absence reporting.

If the young person develops symptoms at their education setting, they will be separated from others and **sent home**.

If the young person, or anyone in your household has symptoms they must isolate at home for **10 days (from date of onset of symptoms)**. If the young person does not have symptoms but someone in the household does, the young person, and all other household members without symptoms must isolate at home for **14 days**.

Book a test as soon as possible for anyone in your household with symptoms. This can be done online at: www.nhs.uk/coronavirus.
Alternatively a test can be ordered by phone on **NHS 119** for those without the internet.

Your closest test location will be offered when you book, and both drive-in and walk-in tests are available. You may need to visit the website regularly for more slots to be released. If you are not able to walk or drive to the test centre, and no-one you live with can take you, you can request a home test kit.
Do not take a taxi, use public transport or ask anyone outside your household to take you.

Result of test (you will receive this by email or text message).
It is important you inform the setting of the test result as soon as possible.

Negative

Young person/staff member can return to setting once well.

If the young person is identified as having been **in close contact with a confirmed case**, they will be asked to **self-isolate for 14 days**. The rest of the household does not need to isolate unless the young person/close contact develops symptoms.
ONLY GO FOR A TEST IF SYMPTOMATIC.

For medical advice call NHS 111, or in an emergency call 999

Positive

Inform setting of positive test result as soon as possible.

Ensure positive case completes remainder of **10 day isolation period (from date of onset of symptoms)**. Household members without symptoms should complete **14 day isolation even if they have received a negative test result**.

NHS test and trace service will send you a text, email alert or call you with instructions of how to share details of people with whom you have had close, recent contact and places you have visited.

If a young person is a **confirmed case** they can return to school after **10 days**. However if they still have a temperature, diarrhoea or are being sick they should wait a further **48 hours** after these symptoms stop. If a household member is a confirmed case, but the young person does not develop symptoms, they can return to the setting only after completing the **14 days household isolation period**.



Test and Trace

23 September 2020

Dear parents and guardians,

This is an important letter to share some information on how we can work together to make sure we can continue to give children and young people the best education in the safest way possible.

One important part of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of pupils, parents and our communities is testing for coronavirus. We all have a duty to make sure that the right people have access to get tested at the right time. Every time a test is used inappropriately, a person with Covid-19 symptoms may miss out on getting tested.

Therefore, I ask that you all follow these principles:

- You should only book a test if your child has any of these three coronavirus symptoms:
 1. **a high temperature:** any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)
 2. **a new continuous cough:** coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
 3. **a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste:** a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal
- Your child **does not need a test** if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.
- If you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly:
www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/
- Only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they also have any of the three symptoms listed above. All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result.

- If the person with symptoms' test comes back positive, other members of their household should continue self-isolating for 14 days and **only get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms.**
- If a pupil in a class or bubble tests positive for coronavirus, anyone who is advised to self-isolate **does not require a test unless they subsequently develop symptoms.**

No one else in the same class or bubble as the symptomatic person needs to take any action unless advised by the school. Schools have detailed guidance and access to a Department for Education and Public Health England helpline for advice and support.

Contacts of a person who has tested positive must follow the guidance carefully and in full, which means they must stay at home for 14 days. This is because it can take several days following contact with an infected person before an individual develops symptoms or the virus can be detected. Students should only book a test if they get symptoms.

The NHS has produced some guidance to help parents understand when their child can and cannot attend school which you may find useful: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

It is vital for children's learning and future opportunities that they are able to return to school and college. It is therefore vitally important that all we work together and do our bit to make this possible.

Yours sincerely,



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