



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

16th October 2020



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,



During the last few months, our school garden has been undergoing a transformation. Work is still ongoing, but you can see in the photograph the beautiful new pond that has been created. Gardening Club has now started again at lunchtimes with a different 'bubble' each week taking turns to attend. Our scarecrow has been taking safety precautions by wearing a face mask and making sure that he has his disinfectant wipes and spray.

We all need to remind ourselves to carry on being as safe as possible. Well done children for being so sensible at school.



Amanda Howes - Headteacher

Tommy 10K Challenge

Charles Rowe (Jasmin and Logan's Dad) is taking part in the Tommy 10K challenge to raise money for the Royal British Legion Institute (RBLI). They provide financial, social and emotional support to members and veterans of the armed forces and their families. The challenge that he is doing is to run 10km for 10 days equating to 100km in total, but he is aiming to run 10km for a month (not just 10 days). The challenge ends on the 14th November 2020. His target amount to raise is £150, but he is trying to raise as much as he can for this good cause. To donate, go to:



http://www.facebook.com/donate/331511944606977/?fundraiser_source=external_url

Thank you for your support.

Creating a Buzz in Nepal – The Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal 2020



[download this video](#)



Our Bishop's Annual Harvest Appeal this year will help many people in Nepal. In 2015, Nepal suffered immense loss and devastation in two major earthquakes; thousands of lives were impacted- 9,000 people died, communities made homeless, infrastructures collapsed and livelihoods completely lost.

In more recent years, however, the Nepalese people are growing to appreciate the value of beekeeping. Bees help to maintain the fragile biodiversity, as pollinators, to enhance crop production and a good income can be generated from sales of honey. It has been estimated that the country of Nepal can sustain 125,000 beehives; presently, there are around 26,000, showing there is significant opportunity.

In the Harvest Appeal resources, you can read Pastor Manish's story, whose life has now been transformed – his faith in God, determination and entrepreneurial attitude have resulted in him now having a successful beekeeping business - and his desire is that many other families can experience the same.

Resources

- Promotional Leaflet
- Poster
- Church Information Sheet
- Children's Sheet
- Powerpoint Presentation



Individual donations

An individual wishing to give to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal can use the online giving facility (link below) & where indicated our Appeal partner, Tearfund, will collect the Gift Aid on these donations.

<https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/creating-a-buzz-in-Nepal-bee-1-270x267px-150x150.png>

Thank You in anticipation of your generous support to 'Creating a Buzz in Nepal' – the Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal 2020.

'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 – Dollie-May
Year 2 – Kenzie
Year 3 – Angelo
Year 4 – Finn
Year 5 – Sally
Year 6 – Zak

Our 'SELF' Pupils of the Week for,
"How can I be more self-aware as a learner?"
are...

Year 1 – Roman
Year 2 – Shelby
Year 3 – Ashton
Year 4 – Mia
Year 5 – Jack
Year 6 – Rose



Our Readers of the Week are...

Year 1 – Miryam
Year 2 – Hanish
Year 3 – Tyler
Year 4 – Vanessa
Year 5 – Leon
Year 6 – Adrian

Our Attendance Bear Winner this week is...

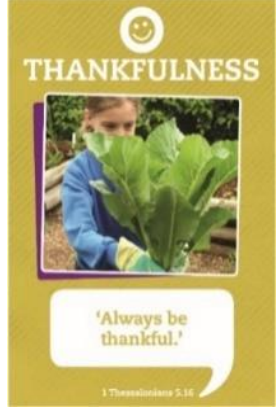


The House Point totals this week are...



Value of the Half Term - Thankfulness

THANK YOU GOD FOR ALL
YOUR BLESSINGS TO ME
AND MY FAMILY. FOR THE
STRENGTH YOU GIVE ME EACH
DAY AND FOR ALL THE PEOPLE
AROUND ME WHO MAKE LIFE
MORE MEANINGFUL. AMEN.



Prefix of the Week



Super



Super is from Latin and means 'above' or 'beyond'.

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

Superman – an individual that exceeds customary norms or levels

Supercomputer - a computer that is larger or more powerful than others of its kind

Supermarket - a large shop that sells food and other household goods

Supersonic - greater than the speed of sound waves through air

Supervise – to oversee an event or person/people

Superimpose - to place or be placed above or over

Diary Dates

Fri. 23 rd Oct.	Last day of Half Term
Mon. 2 nd Nov.	Staff INSET Day – Children not in school
Tue. 3 rd Nov.	Children return to school
Wed. 11 th Nov.	Remembrance Day
Fri. 13 th Nov.	Children in Need – Mufti Day
WB 16 th Nov.	Anti-bullying Week Road Safety Week

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

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**.

Headteacher:
Mrs. Amanda Howes BEd (Hons), NPQH



Friday 9th October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: ST AUGUSTINE'S ACADEMY GOVERNING BOARD – ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR

We have a vacancy for 1 governor directly elected by the parents and we are therefore writing to invite nominations. No formal qualifications are required; you just need common sense, time, enthusiasm and a commitment to working as part of a team to make a difference for all of the children at our school. The role of the Governor is strategic e.g. setting targets for school achievement; ensuring that a broad and balanced curriculum is taught, and managing the school's budget. It is important to note that Governors do not have influence over the operational, day-to-day running of the school. Being a school governor can provide an opportunity to develop a wide range of transferable skills. As a guide, being a school governor would take up 6 – 8 hours a month of your time. The term of office is 4 years.

In order to carry out its core functions our board needs people with a wide range of competencies and skills. The particular skills we are looking for at the moment are those in relation to finance, property and estate management, and human resources policy and processes. We are, however, keen to recruit parents and carers coming from 'all walks of life' and representing all groups in our school community. You can find out more about the role by contacting the Headteacher, Amanda Howes or the Chair of Governors, Carole Hegley, by contacting the School Office on 01582 661778 or by emailing office@staugustinesacademy.co.uk.

If you wish to stand for election you may nominate yourself as a candidate using the slip provided. We also request that you include information about yourself consisting of approximately 200 words, for distribution to parents if a ballot is required. No proposer or seconder is required but you must signify your intention to stand, in writing. Those eligible to stand are the parents or carers of pupils who are currently registered pupils at this school. A person who works at the school for more than 500 hours in a consecutive twelve month period or who is an elected member of the Local Authority is not eligible to be a parent governor.

The term of office will be for a period of four years. A parent whose child leaves the school may continue as a parent governor until the end of their term of office, if he or she so wishes.

Nominations should be sent to me within the next two weeks, that is before the closing date for nominations which is Friday 23rd October 2020. If there is only 1 parent nominated, they will of course be elected unopposed, but if there are more candidates than vacancies, a postal ballot will be held.



The ballot will be entirely secret and a further letter about the arrangements will be sent to you. All parents whose child/children attend this school will be entitled to vote in the postal ballot and voting will be on the basis of one vote per parent/carer per place available. Before the ballot takes place we would hope to arrange a meeting when parents would have an opportunity to meet the candidates who have been nominated for election. We would also circulate information from the candidates to all parents, for the benefit of the parents who may be unable to attend this meeting.

If it proves impossible to fill the vacancy, the governing board has the right to make an appointment in order to fill the parent governor place on the governing board. If the need to do this arises, the governing board would first of all consider appointing a parent who has a child on roll at the school, followed by consideration of parents of former pupils, and finally parents of a school-aged child not necessarily a registered pupil at this school.

Please note that governors will be required to apply to the Disclosure and Barring Service for a DBS certificate when appointed and the school will advise on this process.

Parents may be interested in the overall constitution of the governing board, which is as follows:

- Three governors appointed by the Trustees as a whole
- One Foundation Ex-Officio Governor
- One Foundation Governor
- Two parent governors
- Two staff governors elected by other staff at the school
- One Headteacher

A name of the successful candidate will be made available as soon as all the appointments have been finalised.

We enclose a slip for the parent governor nomination procedure which parents may find useful, but a separate nomination letter is just as acceptable. If you require a paper copy of this letter then please contact the school office. Please return the slip or letter by 3:30pm on Friday 23rd October 2020.

Yours sincerely

A. Howes

Amanda Howes
Headteacher



REQUEST FOR PARENT GOVERNOR NOMINATION

St Augustine's Academy

I,....., wish to nominate myself for
the position of parent governor.

SIGNED:.....

DATE.....

Please return to the Headteacher by 3:30pm Friday 23rd October 2020.

Will candidates please include information about themselves consisting of approximately 200 words, for distribution to parents.