



# St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

## 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020



### Headteacher's Message

### Poster Competition Winner

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,



Christmas is well under way at St Augustine's. The classrooms are looking very festive with Christmas trees full of decorations made by the children.

Our Christmas Post Office has proved a huge hit over the last 2 weeks. The Post Office is now closed and the Sorting Office will be busy quarantining the cards and then delivering them to the right places. Thank you Mr Smart for your inventiveness in ensuring that everyone is able to receive their Christmas cards this year.

We can't wait for next week. It is more important than ever that we wear masks to and from school and pay close attention to keeping our distance from others. We want everyone to be able to have a happy Christmas.

Please look especially carefully at the dates on the calendar so that you know what is happening when.

**Best wishes, Amanda Howes - Headteacher**



This year, our school took part in the Luton and Dunstable Hospital Poster Competition and we are proud that it was won by one of our pupils.

This beautiful poster will be displayed in the hospital and shared for all to see on social media.

We are pleased to have been able to support our hospital and bring a smile.

### Christmas at St Augustine's Academy

The last week of term is nearly upon us. Here are the events that are planned to make it special for the children.

#### Christmas Service

Reverend Ricky will lead children in a Christmas service on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** with a special showing of our photo nativity.



#### Christmas Dinner

Our delicious Christmas dinner will take place on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**. If you usually pay for school dinner then please pay Gary in the usual way.



#### Christmas Wonderland

We have a special visitor coming to school on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. The children are in for a very exciting treat on this day. Each child will also receive a Christmas gift.



#### Christmas Party and Jumper Day

On the last day of term, **Friday 18<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 provide food and drink so please do not send any into school.



### Congratulations to our Catering Team

'Congratulations' to our catering team for achieving 5 stars from the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme.

This means that the food hygiene standards at our school have the highest possible rating.



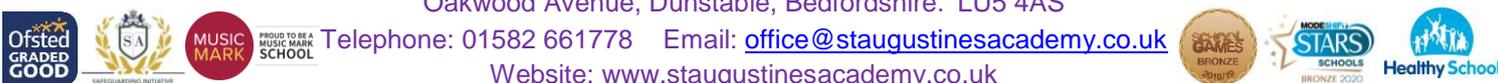
### Scooterbility with Sustrans

Years 1 and 2 had fun this week, learning how to safely ride their scooters.

Thank you to Sustrans for providing the excellent lessons and to our children for being so well-behaved and focussed.



**'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...



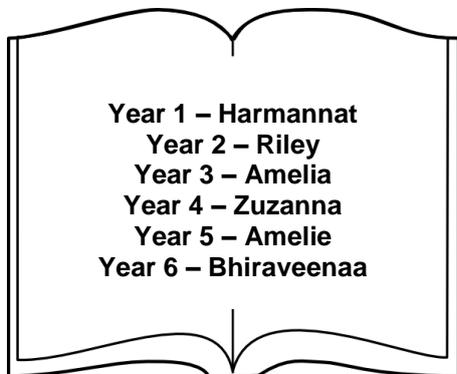
- Year 1 – Stephen
- Year 2 – Bliss
- Year 3 – Santiago
- Year 4 – Jason
- Year 5 – Skye
- Year 6 – Rose

Our 'SELF' Pupils of the Week for,  
"What have we learnt about self-esteem?"  
are...

- Year 1 – Lily
- Year 2 – Kenzie
- Year 3 – Hayley
- Year 4 – Kiera
- Year 5 – Kyle
- Year 6 – Zak



Our Readers of the Week are...

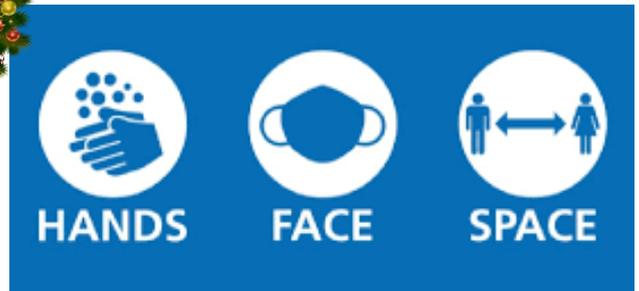


- Year 1 – Harmannat
- Year 2 – Riley
- Year 3 – Amelia
- Year 4 – Zuzanna
- Year 5 – Amelie
- Year 6 – Bhiraveenaa

Our Attendance Bear Winner this week is...



The House Point totals this week are...



**Value of the Half Term - Trust**

**Prefix of the Week**



**Ex** is from Greek and means **out of, from, not** or **without**.  
You find 'ex' as a prefix in many English words.

<b>Exit</b> – To go out of; to leave	<b>Exhaust</b> – Make ready for use or to be able to do something
<b>Exceed</b> – To be greater than	<b>Exterior</b> – Outer part
<b>Exhale</b> – To breathe out	<b>Exclude</b> – To prevent from entering; keep out

**Diary Dates**

Tue. 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Service (Led by Rev. Ricky for Pupils)
Wed. 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Christmas Dinner Day
Thu. 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Christmas Wonderland!
Fri. 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Christmas Party and Jumper Day Last Day of Term
5 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Children Back to School

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



Our country continues to face Coronavirus restrictions, 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/carer (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 and there will be no After School Clubs until further notice*
- *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*



**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.*

## 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](http://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](http://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**.