



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

19th March 2021



Headteacher's Message – Comic Relief

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Today, for Comic Relief, we celebrated the heroes, many of them unsung, of the pandemic. NHS staff, police, delivery drivers, builders, teachers, Mr. Hugley, Captain Sir Tom Moore, parents and carers were all represented. However, the outfit that touched me most, was the heart jumper worn by a Year 1 child who said that they had come to school as 'love' because love had seen us through.



We also watched our creative children perform in talent competitions in their bubbles. They were great fun to watch and we were blown away with the amazing talent.



We continue to miss those of you at home and look forward to seeing you soon. Have a good weekend everyone.

Best wishes

Amanda Howes – Headteacher



Census



The census is a survey about all the households in England and Wales. The next census takes place on **Sunday 21 March 2021**. Everyone **must** complete the census and provide accurate information. It helps decide how services are funded in your area. By taking part in the census, you'll make sure that your voice is heard and your community gets the services it needs.

The census has been held every ten years since 1801, with the exception of 1941 during the war. Think about how the advancements in technology have changed, how it would have been taken over 200 years, and how easy it is to complete online today.

The children took part in a range of counting activities relating to themselves and their school environment. We even compared data between adults and children to see the differences, and thought about the census that Mary and Joseph took part in. These activities have helped us understand the necessity to hold data collections. We have also looked at the number of children in different age ranges in the Manshead area and considered how a child who will have been counted on the 0-5 range on the data from 2011 may now be in the 10-11 range. We are looking forward to checking the data, when it is published, to see the changes. Please look at the leaflet your child is bringing home today and complete your census on Sunday.

World Epilepsy Day



Next Friday, the 26th March, we are raising awareness of

World Epilepsy Day

Come to school wearing as much **purple** as possible! This can be mufti, or your school jumpers and cardigans.

'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...

Reception - Ronny
Year 1 – Lillie
Year 2 – Alexander
Year 3 – Bathujan
Year 4 – Ruby
Year 5 – Yasmin
Year 6 – Adrian

Our 'SELF' Pupils of the Week for,
"How can I be more independent?"
are...

Reception - Daria
Year 1 – Lili
Year 2 – Amelia-Lilly
Year 3 – Ashton
Year 4 – McKenzie
Year 5 – Sally
Year 6 – Rose



Our Writers of the Week are...

Reception - Logan
Year 1 – Samantha
Year 2 – Terri
Year 3 – Tee-Jay
Year 4 – Elise
Year 5 – Summer-May
Year 6 – Bhiraveenaa

Our Attendance Bear Winner this week is...



The House Point totals this week are...



Value of the Half Term - Justice



PSALM 33:5

The Lord loves righteousness
& justice; the earth is
full of His unfailing love.

Superthing - Power Machine

Year 1 and 2 pupils will be coming home with a 'Superthing – Power Machine' today. These are promotional toys from Jazzy Media which have been kindly sent to us. We hope the children enjoy them.



Prefix of the Week



Im



Im is from Latin and means 'not' or 'opposite of'.

You find 'im' as a prefix in many English words.

Improve – To make or become better.

Important – Of great significance or value.

Impossible – Not able to occur, exist or be done.

Impact – The action of one object coming into contact with another by force.

Immature – Not fully developed.

Imperfect – Something with flaws, errors or problems.

Diary Dates

WB. 22nd Mar.	Autism Awareness Week Celebration
Fri. 26 th Mar.	World Epilepsy Day – Wear Purple Mufti Day Last Day of Term
Tue. 13 th Apr.	Children Return 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



When our school reopens to all pupils again in September, 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/carers (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. We will inform you of other clubs as they become available.*
- *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. If you have any issues concerning uniform then please contact the school before we return on the 8th March.*



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.*

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
Rev Ricky Dunstable Team Vicars	01582 528485	Contact – rickyturner@ntlworld.com PrayDunstable@gmail.com	Prayer and general help and support.
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
Signpost	0800 0282 887	https://www.signpostforbedfordshire.com/	Support for those affected by crime
NSPCC	0808 800 5000	https://www.nspcc.org.uk/	Help for adults concerned about a child
National Online Safety		https://nationaleducationgroup.cmail20.com/t/t-l-nkrhuy-fyhllutij-y/	Highly visual and informative Online Safety posters for parents, carers and children
Central Bedfordshire Council		https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers	Coronavirus – Information for Parents and Carers
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>