



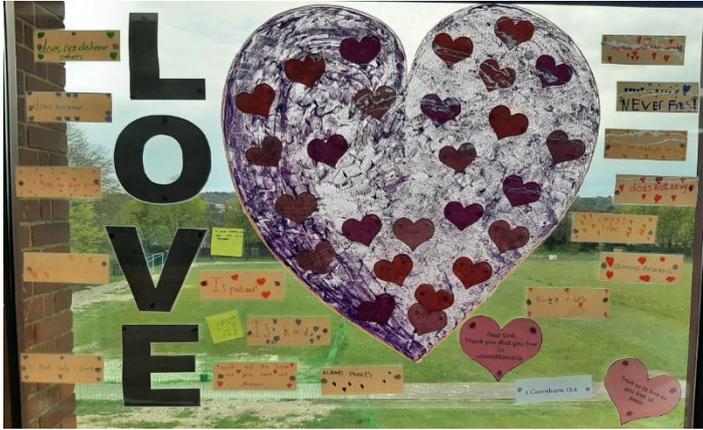
St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

30th April 2021



Headteacher's Message – Collective Worship

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,



Throughout the last year we have not been able to meet together in the hall because we cannot mix class bubbles. This hasn't stopped us enjoying our daily Collective Worship though.

We have found creative ways to come together. 3 times a week we use our webcams to share Collective Worship over Zoom; we also enjoy 2 Class Worships, and take part in worship outside as well as inside. These lovely displays were created as part of class worship.

Wishing you a happy weekend.

Amanda Howes
Headteacher



Parent/Carer Survey – Children's Vocabulary

We are excited to be involved in a 2 year, action research programme with The Schools Of Tomorrow Fellowship.



The project is called 'Build Back Better' and is for schools, like us, who believe that the experience of coronavirus and lockdown, offers a unique opportunity for a deep re-think on how we do things, and reflect on much of what we often take for granted.

The focus of our project will be on helping children to develop their vocabulary. Staff have been learning from the book 'Closing the Vocabulary Gap' by Alex Quigley and we are in the process of planning how, as a school community, we can help our children to develop a real excitement for words.

To help us plan, we need your help. We have created a simple survey for you to complete, it should only take a couple of minutes. You may complete a survey for each child.

If you place your name on the survey, then we will make sure that your child receives a prize from the school's prize box as a thank you for taking part. 😊

The link to the survey is...

<https://forms.gle/CdjGjXKHqPiQdKHx6>

Beanstalk

As part of Year 1 Science last term, beans were planted at school; they were then taken home to nurture and to observe their growth.

The children learnt that plants need water and sunlight to thrive, and learnt the names of the parts of a flowering plant: stem, roots, leaves, flower, petals and seed.

Look how tall this beanstalk has grown already! Soon it will need to be planted outside, so that it can produce its bean harvest.



'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...

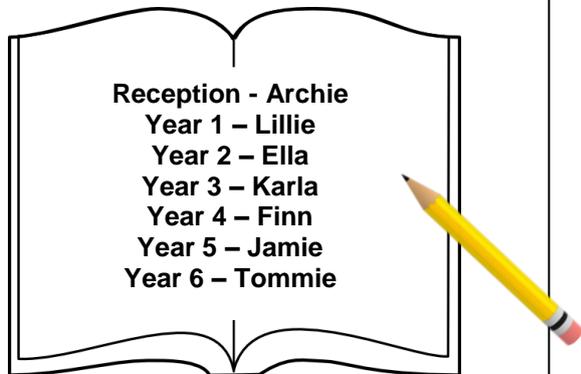


Our 'SELF' Pupils of the Week for,
"What makes you want to stay in bed in the
morning?" are...

Reception - Ellie
Year 1 – Ronnie
Year 2 – Riley
Year 3 – Tyler
Year 4 – Alfie
Year 5 – Sally
Year 6 – Zak



Our Mathematicians of the Week are...



Our Attendance Bear Winner this week is...



The House Point totals this week are...



Value of the Half Term - Service

This week in Collective Worship, we have continued to think about service.

Rev. Ricky asked us to think about whether we expect a reward for helping others or whether we help others to be kind, not expecting anything in return.

Let's live a life of service based on love.



SEND – Local Offer

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person identified with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) in Central Bedfordshire, or do you know someone who is?

If the answer is yes, then did you know that the Council's Children's Services team has a suite of resources to support people in Central Bedfordshire, called the **Local Offer**?

A Local Offer gives children and young people with SEND and their families a wide range of information about the support services that are available in their local area. The information covers education, health and social care support and services for people aged between 0 - 25 years. Please follow the below link to the Local Offer:

<https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/localoffer>

Prefix of the Week



Centi is from Latin and means 'a factor of one hundredth'.

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

Centimetre – A measure of length. A hundredth of a metre

Centipede – A creature with 1 pair of legs per body segment. It can have 30 – 354 legs

Centigrade – Another term for the Celsius of measurement temperature

Centilitre – A measure of capacity. A hundredth of a litre.

Diary Dates

Fri. 28 th May	Last day of the half term
Mon. 7 th Jun.	Children return to school
Thu. 22 nd Jul.	Last day of term

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>