



St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

"I called you by your name, you are mine." Isaiah 43

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Newsletter

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We have reached the end of our second week of term and I would like to say how impressed I am with all of the children, for their enthusiasm to school life and doing so well with the control measures including frequent handwashing and staying in their Bubbles. I would also like to thank all our parents and carers for adhering to social distancing whilst dropping off and collecting your children. We held a fire drill today and I am delighted to say that it went very well with the control measures in place. On Wednesday, we welcomed back Medway Sports Partnership specialist PE coaches to teach the children PE (in line with COVID control measures) the children thoroughly enjoyed their lessons and I am pleased we have been able to reintroduce something that feels very 'normal' to school life for our children.

I would also like to thank all of our Parent and Carers for your support and vigilance to follow Government guidance and procedures if your child experiences symptoms of COVID 19. Government Guidance states: *'Ensuring that pupils, staff and other adults do not come into the school if they have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or have tested positive in at least the last 10 days and ensuring anyone developing those symptoms during the school day is sent home, are essential actions to reduce the risk in schools and further drive down transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19). If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new and persistent cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home and advised to follow guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection, which sets out that they should self-isolate for at least 10 days and should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19).* As you know, if a symptomatic child has a sibling in school, they will also be sent home as they are in the same household. Schools should ask parents and staff to inform them immediately of the results of a test and follow guidance; this is to ensure we are able to take swift action if necessary.

I understand that this is a challenging time for schools and families and appreciate your ongoing support.

Welcome Year R

On Monday, we welcomed our new Year R children to school. We are so excited for all of you as you begin your Primary School years at St Augustine of Canterbury. Mrs Burns and Mrs Carey are so proud of how well they have settled in.



Jean for Genes Day

Monday 21st September



In support of Genetic Disorders UK, we will be holding our annual 'Jeans for Genes' day on Monday 21st September.- we have chosen this date as it does not clash with any classes wearing their PE kits! The children may wear any item of denim in exchange for a donation to Jeans for Genes. Importantly, we will not be accepting donations in school in the form of coins or notes. Donations must be made via Parentmail—Click on 'Accounts' and then 'Shop'. I am sure you can understand this is to avoid handling of coins etc. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

House Points

St. Patrick



239

St. George



230

St. Andrew



214

St. David



246

Class Attendance

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.38%	95.73%	97.10%	92.81%	84.67%	94.67%	90.46%

Birthdays this week

Jack age 11



The following children were in the 'Book of Excellence' today

R Whole class for a lovely first week of school

- 1 Elizah and Polly
- 2 Sienna and Harry
- 3 Thomas and Kiki
- 4 Angel and Mason
- 5 Harry and Jack
- 6 Ben and Isabelle



Lunchtime Supervisors Award

All of the children for being wonderful, kind and sensible!



Mathlete of the Week

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| Year 1 | Kendrick |
| Year 2 | Charlotte |
| Year 3 | Max W |
| Year 4 | Thomas |
| Year 5 | Aiza |
| Year 6 | Kirsty |



Buster Book Club

Year 6



WOW

Year 2



Dates for your diary

Monday 20th September: Jeans for Genes Day (any denim in exchange for a donation to Genetic Disorders UK via Parentmail)

Friday 9th October: World Mental Health Day—more details to follow

13th and 14th October: Medway Tests

22nd October: Individual photographs

Friday 23rd October: Last day of Term 1

Week beginning 26th October: Half Term week

2nd November: Back to School

17th—20th November: Year 6 Bikeability

Curriculum Information Letters

Today, via Parentmail, each teacher has sent home their Information Letter to Parents and Carers to share important information



regarding curriculum coverage, learning focus, routines, homework and general essential information which we hope you find useful to support your child in gaining the most from school life. Please do email your child's class teacher on their class email addresses if you have any queries.

Online Safety

As we begin a new school year, it is a good opportunity for us to remind our school community about general online safety messages and internal mechanisms for reporting online safety concerns. We teach and focus on positive online behaviours with children, such as critical thinking, blocking and reporting, and telling an adult if they see something online that makes them feel upset or distressed.



We encourage parents and carers to discuss online safety at home and to talk to your child about what they do online. Useful websites include:

thinkuknow.co.uk/parents

childnet.com

saferinternet.org.uk

parentinfo.org

internetmatters.org

nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety