



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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COVID On Wednesday I wrote to parents and carers to share that we have an increased number of COVID cases within school. We have therefore resumed class bubbles, staggered break/lunch times and paused assemblies in the hall to reduce the risk of transmission. Following Public Health advice, we need to postpone all collective school events including after school Extra—Curricular clubs, Celebration Circles and the Year 6 Assembly. Hopefully, the additional measures will only be for a short time however, it will take time to measure the impact. I will inform you as soon as we are able to remove the additional outbreak measures. Thank you for your continued support.

Parking again!

The children have been learning about Road Safety as part of Road Safety week. It is essential that parents and carers demonstrate safety and consideration as road users to set a good example to our children.

Thank you to the parents and carers who park safely everyday when dropping off and collecting your children. Unfortunately, this is not the case across our school community. I have received reports of dangerous and irresponsible parking at the beginning and end of the school day. The safety of our children and staff is paramount and parking in this way is putting them at risk and is dangerous!

- Keep the yellow zig-zag lines clear of stopped or parked vehicles during the fixed times.
- Do not drop off or collect children at the main school gate by stopping your vehicle in the driveway.
- Do not use the entrance to perform a U-Turn. This is dangerous.
- Do not park on the pavement either side of the school entrance, at any time. Parking on the pavement next to the school gates is extremely dangerous for those entering or leaving the school by the main gate.
- Avoid mounting the grass verges either side of Deanwood Drive, this is causing unsightly damage and obstruction.
- Do not park close to the islands either side of the school entrance; this could cause an obstruction for the normal flow of traffic including larger vehicles and emergency services.
- Only park in the bays in the Church carpark, do not park on the grass, in front of the Presbytery driveway or in front of the Church doors.
- Do not park at the entrance to the Church grounds, particularly on the corners, as this restricts visibility when exiting onto Deanwood Drive.

We have been in touch with Medway Council Road Safety team to help improve the parking conduct during drop off and pick up times. However, we need your support and commitment to rapidly improve the parking for the safety of our children and community.

Class of the Week Year 2



This week has been Road Safety Week. Year 2 went on a walk of the local area.

Elizah - We were remembering what the road signs mean and we learned that some of the roads are busy and some are not.

Ella - We learnt about islands and they help us to cross the road safely.

Lucas M - We learned how to cross roads safely. We need to stop, look and listen.

Jonathan - We learned that a zebra crossing is a safe place to cross.

Sasha - If you don't look both ways a car could come and you could get hurt.

Jessica - We learnt that we shouldn't cross on a bend.

Carlos - We wore safety coats so the cars can see us. We wore our be bright be seen tags.



Birthdays this week

Daniel age 11
Gabriel age 7
Michael age 10



Dates for your diary

7 and 9 December KS1 Nativity - **further information to follow**
10 December Flu Vaccinations Year R-6
14 December Festive food lunch (Please book through ParentMail)
14 December **Class Christmas Parties—new date!!**
15 December Christmas Dinner (please book through Parentmail)
13 December Year R Nativity - **further information to follow**
17 December Last day of Term 2
Tuesday 4th January 2022 — INSET day children not in school
Wednesday 5th January — Children back Term 3

Book of Excellence

Year R Ethan and Savannah
Year 1 Amelia and Alex
Year 2 Ava and Alani
Year 3 Luca and Faith
Year 4 Kiki and Finlay
Year 5 Valentina and Michael
Year 6 Noah and Jenna

Important Reminders

The School Immunisation Team have not yet had the online consent form completed for all of the children due to have the Flu vaccination in school on 10th December. They have requested that we issue a reminder to complete the form at <https://childconsent.co.uk/kchft/consent/search> before the cut-off date which is 07/12/2021.

Lunchtime Supervisors Award

Year R Romee
Year 1 Ano
Year 2 Callum
Year 3 Sienna
Year 4 Elizabeth
Year 5 Tobi
Year 6 Emmanuella



Nativity plays and Carol Concerts

Since September 2021 we have been following the schools COVID-19 operational guidance and have endeavoured to reinstate some of the "normal" opportunities and events which are part of the Primary School experience, following the disruption of the Pandemic.

However, given the rise of cases within the local community and with the increased number of positive cases in some classes in our school; we are duty bound to follow further enhanced COVID restrictions and measures.

As a result, regrettably, we have taken the decision to reorganise the Nativity plays for Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 as a virtual performances. The Carol Concerts for Key Stage 2, will also be recorded as a virtual experience. Further details will follow.

We understand that this may be disappointing, however, we have had to make this decision in consultation with Public Health to do our part in trying to break the chain of transmission of COVID-19 ahead of the Christmas break.

WOW

Year 2



Buster Book Club

Year 3



House Points



St. Patrick
2466



St. George
3003



St. Andrew
2935



St. David
2805

