



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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I hope you have all had a good week. We have seen quite a change in the weather; autumn has certainly arrived! A gentle reminder... please ensure that your child has their lunch, water bottle, coat etc with them when they arrive to avoid items being delivered to school during the school day. Thank you. I would like to say thank you to all of the parents and carers who have been very supportive in working with us to follow the Government Guidance for Schools reopening. As you know, all schools received a letter from Public Health England on Wednesday which helped clarify the symptoms of COVID 19. The letter was sent by Parentmail to all families on Wednesday, it outlines:

You should only book a test if your child has any of these three coronavirus symptoms:

1. a high temperature: any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)
2. a new continuous cough: coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
3. a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste: a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal

Your child does not need a test if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.

If you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/

We welcome this clarification from Public Health England for schools and parents and ask that you follow the advice within the letter. I hope you can appreciate that as school staff we are not medical professionals; we continue to work extremely hard to follow Government guidance and the advice of Public Health England and appreciate your understanding in working with us to keep our children and staff safe.

If your child has a test please inform the school of the result as soon as possible via office@staugustine.medway.sch.uk **before** returning your child to school. This is to ensure we are able to take swift action in the event of a positive result. If the result is negative please only send your child back to school if they are well enough.

Thank you for your support.

Remote Learning

As you know from the Government Guidance for the opening of all schools in September, all children should be in school everyday. However, if your child is at home self-isolating; we have ensured that 'Remote Learning' is available via our VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) - please see the folder marked 'remote learning'. Log in details are available within your child's Curriculum information letter.

Any learning that your child completes should be returned via the class email by a Parent or Carer.

If you have any queries regarding the learning; please contact your child's teacher directly via the class email (also available on their Curriculum information letter sent last week).

Children's Targets

The children have received their curriculum targets today; as always, they are being sent home to ensure that we continue our home/school commitment to support our children in their learning and progress.

We understand that the quantity of Home Learning completed by the children during Partial School closure varies and therefore, some children have gaps within their learning. We are working hard to 'close' those gaps to support and accelerate their learning in readiness for the next stage of their education.

We also continue to encourage the children to access our subscriptions to Mathletics and Phonics play at home. This may also include subscriptions arranged by Mrs Liggins our SENCO to support the children. This does not need to be a long duration of time spent on devices; indeed short frequent activities are often the most valuable in developing the children's learning and long term memory.

If you have any questions regarding your child's targets, please email their teacher using the class email address.

House Points

St. Patrick



258

St. George



230

St. Andrew



268

St. David



238

Class Attendance

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
100%	96.53%	88.15%	96.19%	97.78%	94.58%	98.71%

Birthdays this week

Alex age 5
Monika age 9
Jacob age 10
Tomisin age 6
Gracie age 10



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

- R Hayley and Kayden
- 1 Alani and Sawyer
- 2 Ava and Franky
- 3 Joshua and Maddison
- 4 Daisy and Maxwell
- 5 Aiza and Gracie
- 6 Finley and Jasmine



Lunchtime Supervisors Award

- R Ivy
- 1 Daisy
- 2 Luca
- 3 Paddy
- 4 Bethany
- 5 Ashton
- 6 Diego



Mathlete of the Week

- Year 1 Gabriel
- Year 2 Sadie
- Year 3 Yinka
- Year 4 Maizie
- Year 5 Aiza
- Year 6 George



Buster Book Club

Year R



WOW

Year 3



Dates for your diary

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

More dates to follow

Thank you to all of the families who donated to Genetics UK via Parentmail.

We raised £119.00

Thank you



Earrings

Please remember that although very small stud earrings are permitted (not encouraged) they should not be worn on PE days as we are finding that children are unable to remove them independently. Members of staff are not able to remove earrings for your child. Therefore, the best solution to avoid missing an essential Physical Education lesson; is to ensure that your child does not wear earrings on days that they have PE.

Thank you

School Dinners

We are staggering the return to hot school meal options. We have up until this point, offered a hot meal option of Fish and Chips on Friday; which has been a success. Therefore, a hot meal option will also be available on Thursdays in addition to the current Friday offer.

We aim to add another hot meal day option the following week. As previously communicated, please ensure that if you choose a hot meal option for your child that they can cut it up themselves; the Mid-Day Meal supervisors are working within Social Distancing guidance and will not be able to cut up their food.

Please pay via Parentmail if your child is in the juniors.

Thank you