



# St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

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## Newsletter

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## Welcome Back Everyone!

I hope you had a wonderful and restful summer holiday. We are all looking forward to the new school year; to learn, play and pray together.

I am delighted to say that we ended last academic year with much to celebrate with excellent academic results which the children and staff should be very proud of. The results are currently provisional; once they are published I will be able to put them on our website to share with you all.

I am very grateful to the hard work of all of the staff and children and would like to thank all of our parents and carers for your support in achieving the best outcomes for our children.

Over the summer, Miss Duffell got married and is now Mrs Campion. Miss Stuart also got married over the summer and is now Mrs Bradshaw. Congratulations to you both!

We welcome Mrs Woodward, our Year 3 teacher and Miss Bolton, our new Learning Support Assistant to our team.

We have had a very busy summer with our building works continuing throughout. Obviously, the focus of the summer building work was on the inside of the school with the classroom extensions and new corridor which is why the front of the school appears to look as it did when we finished in July. The focus on the inside of the school was to ensure that the children had their classrooms ready for the new academic year. I am pleased to say that the summer building target was successful and the classrooms and new corridor look wonderful (as the children would agree). Our Year 2, and all of the Key Stage 2 classrooms have been extended with new carpets. Understandably, we have some minor decorations and finishing touches to complete within the corridor and Junior area which will take place during the weekends to avoid any disruption as much as possible.

The contractors are currently working on the entrance area and offices at the front of the school. Mrs Turner's office and my office remain temporarily in the Parish Room and Chapel area as they were at the end of Term 6. Therefore, the same arrangements regarding limited access to the school regarding assemblies and other events remains the same as it was at the end of last academic year. Our Harvest celebration will take place in the Church in October. We will of course host curriculum events and open afternoons once the building works are completed. We are excited about the building works and I would again like to thank all of our children, staff and families for your support and understanding.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Year R children on Wednesday morning.



## Water Bottles

It is important that the children stay hydrated during their school day and I am pleased that more children are remembering their water bottles. Our preferred water bottle is the yellow school bio-degradable as pictured. We ask that you do not send in metal water bottles/flasks as they are heavy and can be very disruptive during learning time in the classrooms. Also, the design of some non-school water bottles result in many spillages throughout the day which can be avoided. As you know, all of the children are given a free school water bottle when they start school either in Year R or other Year groups. Water bottles are available from Mrs Turner for £2.00. If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.



### Birthdays this week

Lilly Year 6 age 11



### **Kent Air Ambulance 'Wear Red Instead' Friday 13th September**

Next week is National Air Ambulance Week to raise awareness and funds for Air Ambulance Charities across the UK.

We are inviting the children and staff to **'Wear Red Instead'** on Friday 13th September in exchange for a donation to the Kent Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance Service. The children may wear any red item/s or fancy dress instead of their school uniform in recognition of the doctors and paramedics who, wearing their red flight-suits, attend those people most in need of their expertise across our region.

Thank you



**Air Ambulance**  
Kent Surrey Sussex

### Jeans for Genes Day Friday 20th September

On Friday 20th September the children may come into school wearing their jeans (or another denim item of clothing) in place of their school skirt or trousers. The rest of their clothing should still be school uniform. They may wear their school shoes or trainers.

This event brings the whole school together to raise money for children with genetic disorders. We ask the children to bring in a donation in exchange for wearing their jeans. Thank you!

### Uniform

The children have returned to school looking very smart in their correct uniform. I would like to thank all of our families for your support in maintaining our high standards.

As the weather is changeable during Term 1 the children may wear their summer or winter uniform. We ask that they wear their winter uniform only when the children return in Term 2.

### Dates for your diary

Wednesday 11th September Year R first Day of School

Friday 13th September—Wear Red Instead Day

Tuesday 17th September and Wednesday 18th September Medway Tests

20th September Jeans For Genes Day

Tuesday 24th September 1.30pm St. John Fisher in school to talk to the children in Year 6. Year 6 parents are welcome to attend.

25th and 26th September Year 6 Bikeability (Groups 1 and 2)

30th September KM Year R photo

9th and 10th October—Year 6 Bikeability (Group 3)

17th October Individual children photos

18th October last day of Term 1

Week beginning Monday 21st October is Half Term

Monday 28th October and Tuesday 29th are INSET days—children are not in school.

Wednesday 30th October children back to school

Week beginning 11th November Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 15th November Children in Need

Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th December Year 1 and 2 Nativity 2pm (2 tickets per family per day)

11th December Year R Nativity 2.30pm (2 tickets per family)

13th December Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

18th December Last day of Term Carol Service 1.30pm

### Jewellery

For Health and Safety reasons the wearing of jewellery is not permitted in school. The only exception to this rule is the wearing of studs in ears if necessary (not hoops, novelty earrings or earrings larger than a small stud). It is important to point out to parents/carers that even small studs pose a health and safety risk and must not be worn on PE days.

Thank you for your support