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Evan J
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Thomas S
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Emma D
Phoebe S
Lucas S
Ave M-B
Teddy B
Lillia S
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Have a lovely day!

Diary Dates

Wednesday 2nd Septem-	Back to school Autumn Term begins.
Monday 7th September	Live It Get Active starts-Year 5
Monday 14th September	Class newsletters will be available.
Monday 26th–Friday 30th October	Half term
Monday 30th October	Back to School

School Website

Please log on to our school website, all information, copies of letters, newsletters, school lunch menus are easily accessible. www.staugustines.npcat.org.uk
You can also follow all our latest news on Twitter: @StAugustinesSc1 and on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/St-Augustines-Catholic-Primary-School



School Meals

School meals are free to Reception and KS1 children. If your child is in KS2 and would like to have a school lunch then please pay in advance at the beginning of each week or term via ParentPay. This half term's lunch prices are as follows:

Weekly @ £10.50; £2.10 per day

If you want your child to change from school lunches to packed lunches, we ask that you give us prior notice to a school holiday as our cook has to prepare orders four weeks in advance.

Please ensure that dinner money payments are kept up-t-date. Money should be paid in advance of meals. Should no payments be received for 2 consecutive weeks (£21), parents will be required to send a packed lunch for their child until debts have been cleared.

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Welcome Reception Class 2020



Welcome back everyone and a warm welcome to our new Reception class and to those children starting our Nursery. The children have all settled well into their new classes and look very smart in their uniforms.

Can I thank all of our families for the incredible support we received during lockdown and with our transition back into school. These have been truly unprecedented times but it has been clear to see what a team the St Augustine's School family truly is. There are lots of changes to our school day and procedures within school in order to keep our staff and children as safe as possible. Please bear with us over the coming days and weeks as we all adjust to the new 'normal' and please be prepared for regular updates and changes via MarvellousMe, our website and social media.

Please note that from October a monthly newsletter will be available to download and view from the school website or via MarvellousMe; paper copies will be available on request from the school office.

Collective Worship/Assemblies

We are currently unable to have assemblies/collective worship in the hall due to trying to keep our 'bubbles' as separate as possible. Instead we are having daily collective worship in class. Our Year 6 children will also be preparing 'virtual assemblies' to share across school. We will also begin sharing our weekly scripture linked assemblies via GoogleClassroom so that you can access these together as a family at home.

School Attendance

Many families already know how vigilant we are regarding school attendance. Last year was obviously very challenging and, after 6 months out of school, good attendance is vital for all children. Our target is 97% and we will continue to set our standards high and aim for this despite issues around COVID19.

97%

I am sure you understand that we follow Government guidance and therefore cannot authorise leave of absence for holidays during term. The Head Teacher's authorisation for a leave of absence may only be given in special/exceptional circumstances. This must be discussed with school and a request for leave of absence form should be completed and signed by each parent/carer with parental responsibility at least two weeks prior to the requested period of absence. This includes nursery.

Assigned holidays from work must be supported by a letter from an employer. Any absence taken without the permission will be recorded as unauthorised absence in the school register, which is a legal document.

We ask that parents and carers make non-urgent doctors and dentist appointments outside of school hours. Where this cannot be avoided, we request appointment cards for our records. Many thanks for your support.

Trust Attendance Team

We have excellent support from our Trust Attendance Team who you may see from time to time at the beginning/end of school. They have very clear expectations from the Department of Education and we are grateful for your support with this.

Illness and absence –COVID19 Guidance

We are aware that anxiety is high at the moment and our greatest priority is keeping our school family safe. If your child has COVID symptoms-**high temperature, persistent cough, change to taste/smell**-they should not be brought to school and you must arrange a test for them by ringing 119 and inform school of the test results.

If a member of your family support bubble is being tested after developing symptoms all family members must self isolate until the test result is known. **If the test is negative the child can come back into school immediately.**

Please note, at this time of year colds are common place. If your child has cold symptoms but not a high temperature (or other COVID symptoms) they are fine to be in school. Your child's education is vital and we expect children to come to school everyday.

Homework/GoogleClassroom

During lockdown we introduced learning via GoogleClassroom. All children's logins will be checked by teachers this week and we would like you to check that you can still login at home- teachers will let you know if passwords have been reset (for any new families we will send home extra information). Homework will be set via GoogleClassroom and we will send home a folder containing homework books and any sheets you may need. In the event of a 'bubble' closure teachers will set work via GoogleClassroom to be completed at home. Where a child is self isolating due to a family member testing positive class teachers will also set activities linked to classwork to be completed via GoogleClassroom. Lessons/ activities set on GoogleClassroom will only be set for individuals with COVID related absence.

Swimming.



Due to restrictions around COVID our swimming lessons will not be going ahead in the first half term. As soon as swimming baths are ready to deliver lessons safely we will be in touch with dates and information.



REMINDERS FOR SEPTEMBER

- * **Jewellery**—For reasons of health and safety, no jewellery including earrings.
- * **Nail varnish** is not to be worn by the children.
- * **Asthma Inhalers** September is a peak time for asthma sufferers, if your child suffers from asthma please can you ensure that your child has the correct, in-date, inhaler in school, thank you.
- * **School times** : 8.30-8.40am EYFS/KS1 +siblings, 8.40am-8.45am KS2
2.45-2.55pm EYFS/KS1 +siblings, 2.55-3pm KS2
- * **Holiday dates** for the next academic year have been set and you will find them on the website.
- * **PE** -Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school at all times, including suitable footwear. For outdoor PE lessons, children may bring tracksuit bottoms and tops if desired. Please ensure all clothing and shoes are labelled.
- * **Black, flat school shoes** must be worn for school.
- * **We are a NO NUT school** due to significant allergies-please ensure all packed lunches are nut free.

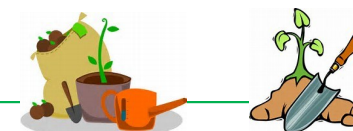
PTFA

We are always very grateful for all of the support given to school and the events which our *Friends of St. Augustine's* organise for us—this year is rather more tricky due to restrictions around COVID19

We are in the process of setting up a PTFA Facebook page linked to our school page. There will be events and ideas posted on the page; if you would like to help out the PTFA, especially with Social Media and marketing ideas at this challenging time please get in touch with Mrs Whittaker in the school office.

School allotment

Would you like to grow your own vegetables? Do you have a spare hour or two on a regular basis? We are looking for help to develop our school allotment areas and would appreciate a parent/grandparent supporting us with this. Any produce grown will be yours to take—all we ask is that you share some of it with us for our lunches and cooking sessions. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Rehbohm. Thank you.



Meet the Teacher

We usually have a meet the teacher session with an opportunity to talk about expectations for your child's new year group. As we have to limit visitors to school your child's teacher will be creating a presentation which will be shared via our school website on our class pages in the next fortnight.

Should you ever have any worries, please do not hesitate to make contact with your child's class teacher. As well as myself, my other Senior Leaders are always happy to provide support:

- **Mrs Coe, Key Stage 2 Leader & SENDCO**
- **Mrs Nicholson, RE Lead and SLT member**