

# St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School

*We try to follow Jesus by loving each other and caring for God's world.*

**NEWSLETTER ~ 1st October 2021**



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## **Regular Testing ~ Outbreak in Y3&4 Classes**

Thank you so much to the families that have been testing regularly and reporting the results to our school. This has really helped us to monitor any potential cases in our school.

## **Unfortunately, we now have a small outbreak of cases in Y3&4 classes.**

We have been contacted by Norfolk Management of Cases and are working with them to monitor and check our safety measures.

### **Safety measures in place:**

- NEW: Restricting classes to phase bubbles, e.g. no mixed phase assemblies or collective worship
- NEW: Forward facing desks in KS2 classes
- Extra cleaning of surfaces and touch points during the day
- Regular hand washing

### **What you can do at home:**

- Regularly test your family (preferably twice a week). Free LFTs can be found here: [Symptom-free coronavirus testing for individuals - Norfolk County Council](#)
- Report POSITIVE LFT results to the school and book a PCR test.
- Phone or email the school if your child is going to be absent and tell the school the reason for the absence.
- Get a COVID test if your child shows any symptoms of COVID – high temperature, persistent cough, loss of taste and/or smell.

### **Parent contact information**

Please keep the school up to date with your contact information. We should have two contacts for each child in case of an emergency.

You can find more information about self-isolating and Coronavirus using the NHS link: [When to self-isolate and what to do - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)



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## **St Therese of Lisieux**

Today is the feast day of Therese of Lisieux (St Therese of the Child Jesus). St Therese is remembered for the 'little ways' that she showed love for God and others. She enjoyed writing prayers and she wrote an autobiography called, 'The Story of the Soul.'



***What little jobs did Therese do to show her love for God and others?***

***What little jobs could you do to show love for others?***

### **Reporting Absences**

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, can you please make sure you either call the school office or email [office@st-augustines.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-augustines.norfolk.sch.uk) and leave a clear message with your child's name, class and the reason your child is going to be absent. Please do not just say "unwell or sick" as this covers lots of things. We need to know the reason so, we can use the correct codes on the register. If

we do not hear from you by 9:15 on the first day your child is away, one of the office team will contact you, and if there is no reply your child may get an unauthorised absence. **KS2** parents please remember if you have booked a meal it will be reallocated, but if **WE DO NOT** know your child will be absent you will be charged for the meal that day. If you need to request a day off for an appointment please ask for an Absence Request Form from the office or download one from the school website.

Reporting an absence.



### **Parent Support Advisor - Drop In Session: Tuesday 5th October at 2:00-3:00pm**

Rowena Cove is our Parent Support Advisor. She is available to listen to and support all of our school families, with issues including; bedtime routines, behaviour, emotional wellbeing and signposting to other support services.

Rowena is offering a drop in session where you can meet and chat with no appointment needed.

Just pop to the school on Tuesday 5th October between 2:00pm and 3:00pm. The session will be held in the school library.

Or feel free to contact Rowena Cove on 07471 033670.



### **NDHS Open Day - Cancelled**

Due to the increased prevalence of COVID 19 cases in Primary and Secondary Schools in Norfolk, NDHS have made the decision to cancel the planned Open Days on Monday 4th October and Tuesday 5th October.

If you did not manage to visit the school on the Prospective Parents Night on Thursday 16th September or have any questions following the event, please feel free to contact the Pastoral and Attendance Support Manager - Janice Murphy ([jmurphy@ndhs.org.uk](mailto:jmurphy@ndhs.org.uk)) or Dr Stevenson Deputy Headteacher ([sstevenson@ndhs.org.uk](mailto:sstevenson@ndhs.org.uk))



### **Dr Bike - Tuesday 12th October 2021**

We have booked another Dr Bike session for our school on Tuesday 12th October (school photo day).

This time all bikes can be dropped off at the start of the school day on the top playground. Please arrive early so all bikes can be registered before the bell goes.

If you are leaving a bike, you will be asked:

- **What is the issue with your bike?**
- **What is your name?**

See attached poster for more details.



### **CAFOD fast day ~ Go Green Challenge?**

This autumn, leading up to the COP26 climate talks in November, CAFOD are asking you to 'Go Green' by taking on a climate-related fundraising challenge.

There are lots of things you could do - how about a cycling challenge, going vegetarian or plastic-free? We will be asking children to choose a challenge in their classes to help fight the climate crisis!

Together we can shine a light on some of the causes of the climate emergency while doing our bit to guard God's creation and protect our common home.



### Heart of Gold Award

The 'Heart of Gold' Award acknowledges the outstanding kindness and thoughtfulness of our children. Nominations can be made to the school by children and our wider community, supported by a statement with reasons for the nomination.



Last week the award went to: **Alaina ~ Y1 Biddulph**

### First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all the children who took their First Holy Communion in September.

<b>Alexander K</b>	<b>Celine</b>
<b>Amelia</b>	<b>Daisy</b>
<b>Christina</b>	<b>Estella</b>
<b>Cormac</b>	<b>Frederick</b>
<b>Daniel</b>	<b>Jamie</b>
<b>Hadley</b>	<b>Noah</b>
<b>Rhys</b>	



### Hand Wash / Sanitiser Donations for School

We are struggling to order hand wash and sanitiser products with business shortages.



It would really support our school if you could help with 'Hand Wash or Sanitiser for School.' When you do your next family shop, if you have the money, please add an extra bottle of hand wash or sanitiser for our children to use in classrooms.

Please try to buy **unscented, sensitive products** that can be used by all of our children. Send the bottle in with your child for their class teacher to distribute. Thank you.

### Toy donations - 12/18 months

Nursery are looking for a few interactive toys suitable for very young children between 12-18 months. If you have any old and unwanted toys, in good condition, please send them to school with your child and we can pass them on to Nursery.

Many thanks!



### Recycle 4 Charity

If you have any ink cartridges you need to dispose off please bring them into school so, we can recycle them and raise funds for the school. You will also be helping the environment by doing so. Many thanks.



### Job Vacancy:

**Teaching Assistant** to support a child with Special Educational Needs in our Nursery.

**Job term:** Full time – 25 TA hours a week (5 days, Monday to Friday), Term time  
Plus, 2.5 Midday Supervisor hours a week (5 days, Monday to Friday), Term time

**Closing Date:** Friday 22nd October 2021 at 12pm

**Interview Date:** Week beginning 8th Nov '21  
Please see the website for further information.



### Job Vacancy:

**PE Assistant** We are looking for someone who can positively shape minds and instil a love of sport, fitness, and healthy lifestyles in our young people.

**Job term:** Part Time 21.25 hours per week (12:00pm – 4:15pm Monday to Friday), Term time

**Closing Date:** Friday 8th October 2021 at 12pm

**Interview Date:** Week beginning 18th Oct '21  
Please see the website for further information



## Active Education - October Half Term Clubs

Active Education are offering a range of half term club activities in October.

You can choose from:

- Multi-sports
- Dodgeball
- Nerf Combat and many more ...



See poster for more details.

## Dates for the Diary

Friday 1st October 2021 ~ CAFOD Fast Day (Non-Uniform Dress Up Day)

Thursday 7th October 2021 ~ School Census Day: Special meal

Tuesday 12th October 2021 ~ School Individual Photo Day

Tuesday 12th October 2021 ~ Dr Bike sessions

Friday 15th October 2021 ~ Choir trip to 'Sing to Dippy'

Tuesday 9th November 2021 ~ Parent evenings

Thursday 11th November 2021 ~ Parent evenings

Wednesday 17th November 2021 ~ Flu vaccinations for all children

Thursday 18th November 2021 ~ St Walstan's Parish 'Dr Who' themed social evening

Saturday 4th December 2021 ~ Christmas Bazaar at the school (TBC)

Friday 10th December 2021 ~ Fr David's 'This Time With Tinsel' one man Christmas show at the school



<b>2021 / 2022</b>	<b>School Closes</b> <b>(Last day children attend school)</b>	<b>School Opens</b> <b>(First day children come back)</b>
<b>Autumn Term Starts</b>	---	Monday 6th September 2021
<b>Autumn</b> <b>Half Term Break 2021</b>	Friday 22nd October 2021	Monday 1st November 2021
<b>Christmas Holidays</b> <b>2021</b>	Friday 17th December 2021 at 1:30pm	Wednesday 5th January 2022
<b>Spring</b> <b>Half Term Break 2022</b>	Friday 11th February 2022	Monday 21st February 2022
<b>Easter Holidays 2022</b>	Friday 1st April 2022 at 1:30pm	Wednesday 20th April 2022
<b>Summer</b> <b>Half Term Break 2022</b>	Friday 27th May 2022	Monday 6th June 2022
<b>Summer Holidays 2022</b>	<b>Thursday 21st July 2022</b> <b>at 1:30pm (date changed!)</b>	---