

St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School

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

NEWSLETTER ~ 8th October 2021



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Keep Testing

Thank you so much to the families that have been testing regularly and reporting the results to our school. We have managed to control the spread of Covid in our school.

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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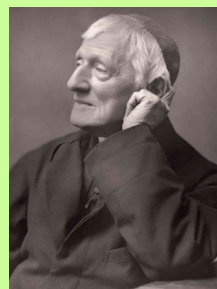
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Saint John Henry Newman

"To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often."

Tomorrow is the feast day of St John Henry Newman. In LKS2 Mass today, we celebrated his feast day, learnt a little bit about his teachings and sang a hymn that he had written.



We are all trying to be saints one day, by being:
kind, loving and gentle.

What was John Henry Newman's job before he became a saint?

Which country did John Henry Newman come from?

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: **Tallulah ~ Y1 Biddulph**



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.



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.



Recycle 4 Charity

If you have any ink cartridges you need to dispose of 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.



50 Things to do before you're 5 –free or low cost things to do with babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers all in a handy app

'50 Things' is based on the simple idea that doing life-changing, fun, low-cost or no-cost activities with your family, and talking about them, is a great way to support the growth of your child's skills and confidence. Children with this great start in life not only enter primary school much more ready to learn but are more likely to be successful.

How to Get Involved

To get involved simply download the 50 Things Norfolk app here:

<https://norfolk.50thingstodo.org/app/os#!/welcome>

Reporting Absences: email, phone, office

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

Leave a clear message with

- your child's name
- Class
- 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 to add the correct codes on the register.



If we do not hear from you by 9:15am on the first day your child is away, one of the office team will contact you. 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.

ALL MESSAGES MUST BE GIVEN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND NOT VIA A MEMBER OF STAFF ON THE PLAYGROUND AS MESSAGES DON'T ALWAYS GET PASSED ON.

NEW Recycle to Read

St Augustine's is now participating in this project and will be collecting unwanted plastic toys and tech from the week commencing 18th October.

Recycle to Read is a ground-breaking new Pod campaign that rewards schools for recycling unwanted plastic toys and tech.



Why Take Part?

- Care for the environment through waste reduction, reuse, and recycling
- Be part of a bigger movement to help the planet

Help to make history! Recycle to Read is a circular economy solution for plastic toys and creating a new recycling infrastructure that didn't exist before

What toys can we recycle?

We can recycle toys (or toy pieces) that are made up of 50% or more hard plastic. The toys need to be broken or are unable to find another home.

(If they could be rehomed, consider swapping or giving them to charity instead).

Unfortunately, we CANNOT accept:

- Electrical toys (e.g. toys with batteries, charging/power cable or solar panels)
- Large toys that do not fit fully in the take back box
- Detachable accessories or components not made of hard plastic (e.g. dolls clothes)

What tech can we recycle?

All items must be in good working order and fall into one of the following categories:

- Mobile/smart phones
- Tablets
- MP3 players
- DSLR/digital cameras
- Wireless speakers
- Wearable tech (e.g. smart watches, fitness devices and wireless ear/headphones)

Laptops and game consoles can be collected on an event day with bulk collections only. Please **DO NOT** leave in the tech take back box collection.

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



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

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

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five

Fifty no/low cost activities for babies, toddlers and preschoolers in a **FREE** app.

From puddle jumping to painting or from baking to bubbles, help your little one learn key language skills with these 50 free or low cost activities to do in Norfolk.

Download
the app today!



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