

ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

Monday 4th March 2019

GOOD WORK AND GOOD BEHAVIOUR

THURSDAY 14 TH FEBRUARY		WRITER OF THE WEEK
Y6	Louis, Charlie	Nieve
Y4/5	Shayla-Mae, Lilyrose, Leiam	Aimee
Y3/4	Kyle, James, Lexi	Ryan
Y2/1	Isak, Jamie, Molly	Evie
EYFS	Maycie, Lexi, Ronin	Mason

FRIDAY 1 ST MARCH		WRITER OF THE WEEK
Y6	Zac, Sadie	Nieve
Y4/5	Lilyrose, Nathan, Chloe I	Ellie
Y3/4	Tyler, Finley, Lexi	Kayden
Y2/1	Amelia, Luke, Gracie	Dayle
EYFS	Poppy, Isla	Alek

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

THURSDAY 14 TH FEBRUARY		
Y6	96.9%	0 Lates
Y4/5	98.2%	5 Lates
Y3/4	92.7%	5 Lates
Y2/1	94.5%	4 Lates
EYFS	97.8%	3 Lates

FRIDAY 1 ST MARCH		
Y6	98.8%	0 Lates
Y4/5	96.7%	3 Lates
Y3/4	98.9%	5 Lates
Y2/1	92.1%	6 Lates
EYFS	94.5%	3 Lates

The number of children arriving late has really improved over the last few weeks. Mrs Stringman's Hotspot days seem to be having a positive effect!

PARENTS' EVENING

A big thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Parents Evening last week.

We were very pleased that nearly 90% of our families made appointments to see the teachers on the night or made separate arrangements.

Thank you to the teachers also who gave their time to speak to you about how well your children are doing.

SPIRIT OF ROMERO DAY

On Monday 25th March we will be celebrating the life of Saint Oscar Romero. Oscar Romero taught us that we must think about others and reach out to help other people.

All our parents are invited in to join with us for our closing liturgy on the day at 2.30pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Monday 1st April, Year 4/5 will lead us in our Stations of the Cross reflection. Everyone is welcome to join us in the hall at 2.30pm to reflect on Jesus' journey on his last days before he was crucified.

EASTER COMPETITIONS

On Thursday 4th April, the day before we finish, we will have an Easter Bonnet parade for the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Our infant children can bring in (or wear!) a special hat that you have made together to celebrate Easter. You can include anything you want that is bright, colourful and makes you think of Easter.

For our KS2 children, we are asking them to design an 'Egg Scene' for Easter. Decorate a hard-boiled egg and place it in a scene that creates a story.

Maybe you could think of a play on words for a title. Previous entries have included:

The 'Eggs' factor! I'm a Shellebrity! Egg Sheeran and Space 'Eggs'ploration.

You can see some of last year's entries on our website:

<https://www.stedmundswestlancs.co.uk/photo-galleries/easter-2018>

We will judge the winners of both competitions on **4th April** at a special assembly.

WORLD BOOK DAY

This week we will celebrate World Book Day on **Friday 8th March**. **All the children are invited to come in dressed as their favourite book character**. There is no charge for dressing up. We will have a competition for the best costumes in each class and every child will receive a World Book Day voucher for a free book from a selection or £1 off any book worth £2.99 or more.

ASH WEDNESDAY

This week sees the start of Lent. Lent is the 40 days before Easter when we think about how we could live better lives. Often we try to give up something we enjoy and do something extra instead.

Before Lent starts we have Shrove Tuesday, or pancake day, as a last chance to eat all the nice food that we might give up for Lent.

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent when ashes are placed on our foreheads in the shape of a cross. The cross reminds us that God loves us and will always forgive us when we make mistakes.

Deacon Anthony Callaghan is coming in to school on Wednesday afternoon to distribute the ashes for the children. You are very welcome to join us for a short service in the hall at 2.30pm on Wednesday 6th March.

STAY AND PRAY

During Lent, Miss Vause has agreed to lead us in short prayers after school each Thursday. If you want to join us in just a few minutes of reflection and prayer then please make your way to Miss Vause's classroom after school on a Thursday.

DODGEBALL

Last week our Year 4 dodgeball team took part in their competition at West Lancs College.

As seems to have been the case in most events this year, they did brilliantly well. They progressed to the semi-finals but unfortunately lost to the eventual winners. Huge congratulations to William, Shay, Ashleen, Natalie, Leiam and Kenzie.

VISION SCREENING IN RECEPTION

On Monday 11th March our Reception children will have the opportunity for eye tests in school. If your child is in Reception, you will receive a letter with more information and an opt-out consent form. If you **DO NOT** wish your child to take part in the vision screening, please return the slip to school as soon as possible.

MASS IN SCHOOL

Father Mark Moran has agreed to celebrate Mass with us in school. All our families are invited to join with us on Tuesday 19th March at 9.30am.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Here are a few of the important events for the next few weeks:

Class and Team photos	Mon 04/03/19
Ash Wednesday Service 2.30pm	Wed 06/03/19
World Book Day Celebration Dressing up and Story Telling	Fri 08/03/19
Science Day	Tues 12/03/19
Comic Relief Non-Uniform	Fri 15/03/19
School Mass 9.30am (Lent)	Tues 19/03/19
Spirit of Romero Day	Mon 25/03/19
Y6 Road Safety talk by Fire Service 2pm	Wed 27/03/19
Stations of the Cross Reflection 2.30pm led by Y4/5	Mon 01/04/19
Staff and Governor Reflection 3.30pm	Tues 02/04/19
Gold Card Club Screening 1.30pm	Thurs 04/04/19
School Disco 5-7.00pm	Thurs 04/04/19
Finish for Easter Holiday 1.30pm	Fri 05/04/19

Thank you for your support,
Dermot Hennigan
Headteacher

04/03/19

