

ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Consideration, Care and Courtesy

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NEWSLETTER

Monday 10th September 2018

WELCOME

Welcome back to our new school year. It's lovely to see all our children back ready to learn after the Summer holidays. The children are a real credit to you and look so smart in their uniforms – thank you for helping us to maintain St Edmund's high standards of appearance.

Please don't forget to write your child's name in all their new uniform to help to locate misplaced items.

If you have any old items of uniform that no longer fit, please could you consider donating it to our school? We particularly need boys' trousers for our Reception class.

Don't forget that children's earrings need to be removed for PE lessons and for swimming. It is much simpler to not wear earrings in school at all and definitely not on days when the class has a PE lesson.

NEW PUPILS

Our Reception class are now all in school together. We are really pleased with how well and how quickly our new children have settled in to our school. Miss Hulse is enjoying her new role in Foundation Stage and tells me that the children are already working hard and making good progress.

We welcome: *Rakan, Isla, Alek, Michael, Lili, Njay, Jake, Loli-Maye, Ronin, Lexi, Maycie, Mason and Poppy.*

We have also welcomed *Chloe* into year 2.

I know that all our new children will enjoy their time with us and that they will be made very welcome by everyone in our school family.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

On Monday 8th October, the School Photographer is coming in to take individual and family photographs. If you wish for younger siblings to join their brothers and sisters on the family photo, then please bring them into school at 8.45am.

SCHOOL ACCESS

Can I please remind all our children and families to take great care when coming to school in the morning and going home at 3.15pm. If you don't have a pushchair or pram, we would encourage all our families to use the steps and the pedestrian path to the gate rather than the big double gates that are meant for cars and lorries. The vehicle access ramp is quite narrow and it is a concern to see children running up and down and climbing on the wall or running across the flower bed outside Mrs Wylie's room.

APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL PLACES

Lancashire County Council now requires all applications for school places to be made online.

If your child is due to start Reception or High School in September 2019 then you will receive a leaflet with the details.

Log on to the website at:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

If anyone needs any help in applying for places you can ring 0300 123 6707 or just pop into the school and ask.

The closing date for admissions to High School is Wednesday 31st October 2018 and for Reception is Tuesday 15th January 2019.

Please be aware that we have quite a few children in our Nursery class this year so please make sure that you apply for a place in Reception if you want your child to stay with us.

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FLU VACCINATION

As part of the NHS National Immunisation schedule, we are once again offering most year groups the nasal flu vaccination. Children from Reception to Year 5 will receive a letter this week explaining more about this vaccination programme and answering some of your questions.

Please complete either the YES form or the NO form and send into school by Monday 17th September.

The team are coming to us on Tuesday 9th October to administer the vaccinations for those children who return their form.

SEE SAW

Last year our year 3 class trialled an app called 'Seesaw'. Seesaw is an online portfolio where children can share their learning with their family and where teachers can send reminders about upcoming events and special days.

The feedback from the children and parents (and teachers!) was very positive.

This year we would hope to use the app more widely throughout the school.

You will receive a letter from Miss Hulse outlining the application and asking for you to agree to certain rules.

Once we have received your agreement, you will receive an individual QR code that allows you to see your own child's portfolio.

If you have any further questions about this process, please pop into school to speak with me (and I'll ask Miss Hulse) or speak to one of the parents that used it last year.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

This week we hope to have nearly all our after school clubs up and running.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our staff who very kindly give up their own time (without pay!) to help make sure we give our children as many experiences as possible.

As all our clubs are run voluntarily by the staff and we do not make any charge for them, we constantly make clear to the children that we can only invite sensible, well behaved children and that some of the clubs have limited numbers.

Monday – Homework Club for KS2
Craft Club for KS2
Lego Club for KS1

Tuesday – Craft Club for KS1
Football Training for KS2

Most of our School Team sporting events will take place on a Tuesday evening

Wednesday - No clubs because of Staff Meeting and training

Thursday - Science Club for KS2
Football Club for KS2
Singing Club for KS2

Friday - Chess Club for KS2
Board Games Club for KS1

We will try to make sure that all clubs take place each week. However, as all the clubs run through the goodwill of the school staff, occasionally the club will need to be cancelled because of other staff commitments. We will contact parents if clubs are cancelled at short notice.

PRAYER FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

*God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonder of our being,
for mind, body and spirit.
Be with our children as they begin
a new school year.
Bless them and their teachers and staff.
Give the strength and grace as their bodies
grow;
wisdom and knowledge to their minds
as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their hearts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Thank you for your support,
Dermot Hennigan
Headteacher

10/09/18

