

ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Consideration, Care and Courtesy

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NEWSLETTER

Monday 29th October 2018

GOOD WORK AND GOOD BEHAVIOUR

FRIDAY 12 TH OCTOBER		WRITER OF THE WEEK
Y6	Tyler, Alice	Charlie
Y4/5	Lily, Lucy, Lilyrose	Chloe I
Y3/4	Kyle, Adam G, Ryan	Abiah
Y2/1	Oliver, Sienna, Chloe	Maya
EYFS	Jake, Poppy, Ronin	Michael

FRIDAY 19 TH OCTOBER		WRITER OF THE WEEK
Y6	Molly, Whole Class <i>(for Disco Leadership)</i>	Grace
Y4/5	Chloe I, Thomas, Natalie	Leah
Y3/4	Lee, Shay, Frankie	Finley
Y2/1	Adin, Isak, Freya	Gracie
EYFS	Njay, Lili, Mason	Rakan

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

FRIDAY 12 TH OCTOBER		
Y6	97.5%	6 Lates
Y4/5	100%	6 Lates
Y3/4	99.1%	2 Lates
Y2/1	94.3%	2 Lates
EYFS	96.7%	0 Lates

FRIDAY 19 TH OCTOBER		
Y6	98.8%	2 Lates
Y4/5	100%	4 Lates
Y3/4	95.2%	5 Lates
Y2/1	96.4%	11 Lates
EYFS	93.3%	3 Lates

Mrs Williams' class have now had 100% attendance for three weeks in a row.

Well done Y4/5 Keep it up!

PARENTS EVENING

Thank you to all those parents who were able to come into school on Wednesday 17th October to meet with their child's class teacher.

The teachers enjoyed meeting the parents and explaining the targets for the year and the end of year expectations.

Thank you also to those parents who were able to fill in the questionnaire from Mrs Duffy our Chair of Governors. We will analyse the completed questionnaires and let you know the results as soon as we can. One thing that did come up was a few parents said that they did not know how to contact a member of the Governing Body. Mrs Duffy is our Chair of Governors and can be contacted via the school office or directly by email on:

chair@st-edmunds.lancs.sch.uk

PARENT GOVERNOR

Mrs Emma Heywood was one of our Parent Governors but has now become our Local Authority representative on the Governing Body. That means that we have a vacancy for a Parent Governor to work alongside Mrs Jeanette Deegan. Mrs Gemma Hill, Kyle's mum, has agreed to put her name forward to be our Parent Governor. If there is someone else who would like to challenge her then we will need an election to decide who joins the Governors. If you wish to stand for Parent Governor, please speak to Mrs Wylie in the office before Friday 2nd November to discuss the requirements of the role.

APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL PLACES

If your child is due to start Reception or High School in September 2019 then you will have received a leaflet with the details of how to apply online.

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.

DOGS IN SCHOOL

Please can I remind you all not to bring your dogs onto the school grounds when picking up or dropping off your children. We have some children in school who are frightened of dogs even if you think they are only being friendly.

Please show consideration for others and leave your dog at home if possible or at the very least keep it out of the school grounds and away from the gates.

COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

We are lucky that in our small school the teachers know the children and their families very well. Sometimes, though, someone that we don't recognise comes to collect a child. **Please can you tell the class teacher in the morning or ring Mrs Wylie in the office if there is someone 'unexpected' picking up your child at home time.** Please can you also let us know if your child is going home with another family straight from school. Sometimes the children come up with these arrangements and the parents know nothing about it. If we have not been told, it wastes everyone's time having to contact parents at the end of the day.

HOMEWORK

The Government require us to give appropriate homework to the children in our school. Because we also encourage the children to take part in out of school activities like dance clubs, football teams or gymnastic lessons, **all our Key Stage 2 classes give out homework on a Thursday and expect it to be completed and returned by the next Tuesday.** That should give the children plenty of opportunities to complete the homework around their clubs and teams and family time.

If completing the homework at home is stressful for you and your child, we run a 'Homework Club' every Monday after school. This gives the children a quiet place to do their homework with the support of the teachers and means that there is no chance of them forgetting to give it in.

Please look out for your child's homework on a Thursday and encourage them to complete it at home or come to the club on Monday.

We also reward our children who read aloud to an adult at home at least 4 times each week. Please make sure that you sign their reading record and put it back in their book bag each night. Children will be awarded bronze, silver and gold certificates in our celebration assembly on a Friday afternoon. I always tell the children to thank you for helping them with their reading at home – I wonder if any of them do say, 'thank you'?

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Here are a few of the upcoming events at our school:

Life Education Vehicle	Wed 31/10/18
PE Athletics begins for this half term	Wed 31/10/18
Yoga begins (6 weeks) for Year 6	Tues 06/11/18
Anti-Bullying Week 'Choose Respect'	wb Mon 12/11/18
Y6 Remembrance Reflection 2.30pm	Mon 12/11/18
Children in Need non-uniform 'Do Your Thing'	Fri 16/11/18
Feast of St Edmund of Abingdon	Fri 16/11/18
School Mass 9.30am (to celebrate Feast of St Edmund)	Tues 20/11/18
Non-uniform day (packets and tins for Christmas Fair)	Fri 23/11/18
Autumn Bingo 6.30 – 9.30pm	Fri 23/11/18
Non-uniform day (bottles for Christmas Fair)	Fri 30/11/18
Christmas Jumper day Christmas Fair	Fri 7/12/18
Infant Nativity dress rehearsal 2.00pm	Mon 10/12/18
Infant Nativity 6.30pm	Tues 11/12/18
EYFS Nativity 10.00am	Thurs 13/12/18
Gold Card Club 1.30pm	Thurs 13/12/18
Breakfast with Santa	Fri 14/12/18
Nursery Children Finish for Christmas	Fri 14/12/18
EYFS Santa's Workshop	Mon 17/12/18
Christmas dinner day	Tues 18/12/18
Whole School to Panto in Southport	Weds 19/12/18
Non-uniform day Talent Show 9.30am Christmas parties 1.30pm	Thurs 20/12/18
Finish for Christmas 1.30pm	Fri 21/12/18

Thank you for your support,
Dermot Hennigan
Headteacher

29/10/18

