

ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Consideration, Care and Courtesy

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NEWSLETTER

Monday 7th September 2015

PRAYER FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Dear God,

As we start a new school year, help us to look forward to each new day, hoping to make discoveries. Help us to look back on every school day, pleased with what we have learned and understood.

As we look forward to all that this new school year will hold, we remember that Jesus will walk with us everywhere we go, encourage us, protect us and fascinate us.

AMEN

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.

Don't forget that the children should now be in their 'Winter uniform' of white shirts and school ties.

Mrs Wylie has many items of uniform in stock so you are able to pop into school to buy anything that you need.

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

NEW PUPILS

Today we welcomed our new Reception class for this year. Miss Vause and her team in Foundation Stage tell me they are really pleased with how well and how quickly the children have settled in to our school and how they are already working hard and making good progress.

We welcome: *Emily, Demi, Lee, Tyler, Kayden, Grace and Lucy.*

We have also welcomed some children in other classes: *William, Kenzie, and Daniel.*

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.

LUNCHTIME WELFARE ASSISTANT

We are looking to appoint another lunchtime welfare assistant to work with our children each lunchtime. The role will be Monday to Friday at 6 hours per week term time only.

If you are interested in applying for this position, pop into school to pick up the details and the application form or you can visit the Lancashire County Council website (www.lancashire.gov.uk) and follow the link to the job vacancies.

PARENT GOVERNOR

Following a reconstitution of our Governors and changes to our Instrument of Governance, we wish to appoint another parent governor for our school. The new Parent Governor will work on our Governing Body with the existing Parent Governor.

Mrs Wylie will write to all our parents soon to explain the nomination and voting process but, in the meantime, please think about whether you would be able to give up some of your time to help our school to run smoothly and to keep improving.

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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 2016 then you will receive a leaflet with the details.

If anyone needs any help in applying for places just pop into the school and ask. If needed, we will arrange a session when you can use the school computers before Christmas.

The closing date for admissions to High School is 31st October 2015 and for Reception is 15th January 2016.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Following the success last year, Mrs Stringman and Mrs Clarke invite you once again to our coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Last year our coffee morning raised over £300 to go towards the £25 million that was raised nationally.

It would be lovely to see as many of our parents, grandparents and friends as possible in school on Friday 25th September from 9.15am to have a cuppa and a cake and to support the important service that Macmillan provides for people affected by cancer.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

On Monday 21st September, 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 8.30am.

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.

Please take care and make sure your children are safe as well.

Also, can I please remind you about the school policy that dogs are not to be brought onto the school site. Some of our children are frightened of dogs, however small, and the excitement of lots of noise and children's attention can make even the quietest dog bark or snap. Please consider other children by leaving your dog at home for the few minutes it takes to pick up your children or securing your pet away from the school gates.

FOUNDATION STAGE

Miss Vause, Mrs Burns and Mrs Regan arrive at school early to set up the outside play equipment for the morning session and it is important that the children, and indeed their younger brothers and sisters, don't begin to use the equipment until directed to do so.

Please make sure your children don't play on the Foundation Stage equipment while waiting to come into school in the morning.

Thank you for your support,
Dermot Hennigan
Headteacher

07/09/15

