

ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

Monday 12th September 2016

PRAYER FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Dear God our Father,

We thank you for the opportunity to begin this new school year, and we ask that you bless the children, their families, and our staff that make our school a great place.

We pray that you will guide us in your ways, so that we will seek your will in everything that we do, and treat others as you would want us to.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

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.

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 and Miss Vause and her team in Foundation Stage tell me that the children

are already working hard and making good progress.

We welcome: *Evelyn, Freya, Oliver, Viktor, Jamie, Evie, Brian, Miks, Dayle, Maya, Uaanavi, Molly, Blake and Khaidyn.*

We have also welcomed *Eliza* into year 3.

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.

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 2017 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 Monday 31st October 2016 and for Reception is Sunday 15th January 2017.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

This year we will be hosting our Macmillan coffee morning the week before the 'official date'.

We would love to see as many of our parents, grandparents and friends as possible in school on **Friday 23rd 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.

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

If you would like to donate some cakes for the event, then please drop them into school on Thursday afternoon or Friday morning.

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SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

On Monday 19th 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.

KNITTING

Miss Vause has had a brilliant idea of knitting characters from bible stories. These figures will be used in our RE work to help the children to learn about people and events from the bible. If anyone is able to help knit these figures, please speak to Miss Vause and she can supply wool and patterns.

We just need a team of 'knitters' who are able to help!

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 particular care during the building work outside the shop 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.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

This week we hope to have 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 – Craft Club for KS2
Homework Club for KS2
Zumba Club for KS2

Tuesday – Multi Sports Club for KS1
Computer Club 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 - Craft Club for KS1
Netball Club for KS2
Football Club for KS2

Friday - Chess Club for KS2
Choir for KS2
Running Club for KS2

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.

We are just finalising some of the events for this term and I will send home a list of upcoming dates in the next Newsletter.

Thank you for your support,
Dermot Hennigan
Headteacher

12/09/16

