

# ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Consideration, Care and Courtesy*

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## NEWSLETTER

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015

### GOOD WORK AND GOOD BEHAVIOUR

FRIDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER		WRITER OF THE WEEK
<b>Y6</b>	Alfie, Aaron, Luke	Ben
<b>Y4/5</b>	Kaitlyn, Shannon, Charlie	Kevin
<b>Y3</b>	Callum, Zac, Olivia D	Josie
<b>Y2</b>	Kayleigh, Selina	Thomas
<b>Y1</b>	Shayla-Mae, Adam R, Lexi	William
<b>EYFS</b>	Kayden	Demi

FRIDAY 11 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER		WRITER OF THE WEEK
<b>Y6</b>	Aimee-Rose, Zack, Kyle C	Aimee-Rose
<b>Y4/5</b>	Alex, Cornelius, Tyler	Amylee
<b>Y3</b>	Sadie, Charlie, Martin	Anesha
<b>Y2</b>	Whole Class for Nativity	Maisie
<b>Y1</b>	Whole Class for Nativity	Ryan
<b>EYFS</b>	Tyler	Lucy

### ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

FRIDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER		
<b>Y6</b>	98.8%	6 Lates
<b>Y4/5</b>	95.8%	10 Lates
<b>Y3</b>	98.0%	3 Lates
<b>Y2</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4 Lates</b>
<b>Y1</b>	93.0%	2 Lates
<b>EYFS</b>	91.1%	3 Lates

FRIDAY 11 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER		
<b>Y6</b>	95.3%	2 Lates
<b>Y4/5</b>	94.2%	8 Lates
<b>Y3</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5 Lates</b>
<b>Y2</b>	96.9%	2 Lates
<b>Y1</b>	97.4%	6 Lates
<b>EYFS</b>	86.7%	1 Lates

## CHRISTMAS TIME

Last week we shared the Nativity celebrations with our Foundation Stage and our Key Stage 1 children. It is always a special time in our school and it is lovely to see the children tell us the Christmas story and to celebrate the birth of Jesus with them.

The Archbishop of Liverpool asks that we try to spend some time thinking about the true meaning of Christmas amid all the shopping, parties and food. The Nativity celebrations in school give us all a chance to do that and provide a time of reflection during the busy run up to Christmas Day.

Thank you to all our parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, brothers and sisters who came to help our celebrations at this magical time.



## CHARITIES

This year our School Council has asked if the school could raise money to help local charities.

We have combined the money we made at the school disco with the money that the choir raised by singing in Asda and tomorrow our school council will take a cheque for over £250 to Twinkle House.

Twinkle House provides a FREE personalised support service for children and young people with Disabilities and Additional Needs living in West Lancashire and neighbouring areas.

They continue to support a number of our families and it is lovely that the school Council has asked if we could support them this year.

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Today our Pupil Parliament representatives took our donation to the Skelmersdale Food Bank. We used the money that the children and staff raised by not sending Christmas Cards to buy food and managed to fill 5 big shopping bags. When they have weighed our donation today, we have given 46kg of food! That's fantastic for a school as small as ours. Thank you everyone who donated to the Christmas card posters in the classrooms.

One of our School Councillors has been so inspired this year to think of others that she has volunteered to take part in a 'New Year's Day Dip' in the Irish Sea off the Isle of Man!

Sadie in Year 3 is raising money for the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation and her fundraising page can be accessed at <https://www.justgiving.com/sadienewyear dip/>

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make our Christmas Fayre such a success. We had plenty of donations for the stalls and the tombolas and some families were very busy making things for us to sell or for raffle prizes. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help run the stalls and work in the kitchen, it was lovely to see so many of our staff there along with parents, friends and even some past pupils.

Through your time and generosity we were able to raise nearly £1,400 that we will be able to spend on extra treats for the children especially transport for the class trips this year.

## TALENT SHOW

Auditions are going well for our Christmas talent Show and the children are busy rehearsing their dances, songs, skipping and jokes. The show will start at 9.30 on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December and usually lasts about an hour and a half. **The children can come to school on Thursday in their own clothes**, ready for the talent show and the class parties in the afternoon. You are very welcome to come to school at 9.30am on Thursday if you wish to see the future stars of Britain's Got Talent!

## 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 in September 2016 then you will already have received a leaflet with the details.

If you know of anyone with a child due to start school next September please make sure that they have completed the application.

If anyone needs any help in applying for places just pop into the school and ask.

**The closing date for admissions to Reception is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016.**

## HAPPY CHRISTMAS

On behalf of all the staff at our school, may I thank you for everything that you have done throughout the year to support the children and our school.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful, peaceful Christmas and a very happy New Year.

**Don't forget that we finish for Christmas on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec at 1.30pm.**

**We will see you all in the New Year on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 8.50am.**

Thank you for your support,

Dermot Hennigan  
Headteacher



14/12/15

