

ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Consideration, Care and Courtesy

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NEWSLETTER

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GOOD WORK AND GOOD BEHAVIOUR

THURSDAY 22 ND DECEMBER		WRITER OF THE WEEK
Y6	James, Laura	
Y4/5	Zac, Megan, Nieve	
Y3	Maisie, Aimee, Thomas	
Y2	Lily, Niall, Lexi	Chloe I
Y1	Abiah, Emily	Joshua
EYFS	Viktor, Evelyn	

FRIDAY 13 TH JANUARY		WRITER OF THE WEEK
Y6	Kevin, Shelby	Samanta
Y4/5	Molly, Charlie D, Lucas	Alicia
Y3	Leah, Kayleigh, Malik	Maisie
Y2	Natalie, Edetha, Ryan	Chloe L
Y1	Grace, Demi	Emily
EYFS	Blake, Maya	Brian

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

THURSDAY 22 ND DECEMBER		
Y6	94.3%	1 Late
Y4/5	96.1%	10 Lates
Y3	100%	5 Lates
Y2	96.2%	2 Lates
Y1	97.7%	6 Lates
EYFS	85.7%	6 Lates

FRIDAY 13 TH JANUARY		
Y6	100%	1 Late
Y4/5	96.3%	17 Lates
Y3	92.1%	3 Lates
Y2	98.3%	6 Lates
Y1	100%	5 Lates
EYFS	95.7%	6 Lates

ATTENDANCE

Over the last few years we have worked very hard to increase our attendance and then to keep it above 96%.

Hopefully, all the bugs that were going round before Christmas are all now gone and we can work to raise our attendance above our target again.

PUNCTUALITY

It is good to see that, in most classes, the number of children coming late has reduced slightly. We now have fewer children coming to school after 9 o'clock but there are still some children who arrive a few minutes late every day.

If you aim to get to school for 8.50am, then even if you are a few minutes late the doors will still be open and your children will be able to settle easily to their work. Even a few minutes late causes a big disruption to your child and to the rest of their class.

BAD WEATHER

Last week the weather forecasters were predicting a really cold snap. If there is so much snow and ice that the roads and paths become dangerous and we need to close the school, we will put a notice on our website and 'tweet' the information. We will also send a text through our CallParents service. Please make sure that Mrs Wylie has the correct mobile number for you to be contacted.

If you have had a new phone for Christmas please let us have your new number so that we can update the system.

HOLIDAY DATES 2017-18

Our Governors are currently trying to finalise the term and holiday dates for next school year. We always try to keep similar holidays to Our Lady Queen of Peace because many of our families have children at both schools.

The proposed dates are on our website but please be aware that some of the dates may alter slightly as we try to keep similar dates to Our Lady's and the other primary schools in our town.

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INFANT MILK

Before the Christmas holiday, we sent home a letter to all our KS1 parents about the infant milk scheme. We asked you to indicate if you wanted your child to have a carton of milk each morning. To date there are still a number of families who have not returned their letter and we should have sent our numbers to the dairy before Christmas.

If you wish your child to receive a carton of milk each morning you must complete the slip on the letter that we sent home and **return to school before Wednesday**. We will complete the order on Wednesday and then we cannot change the numbers until Easter.

The cost for the whole term is £12, but is free if your child is eligible for free school meals.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

As you will be aware, all children in KS1 receive a free school meal every lunch time. This means though, that some families do not contact the Local Authority to claim the other benefits to which they are entitled.

If you are in receipt of certain benefits, or have a household income below the Government threshold, your child could be entitled to free school meals and free milk every day.

If you have a child in KS2 who already receives free school meals, this does not automatically include any younger children. You need to contact the authority to include children in KS1.

Simply call the West Lancs Education Office on 01772 531809 or 0300 1236701. You will need to provide your name, date of birth and national insurance number. They will confirm whether you are entitled immediately over the telephone.

Once your application has been granted for free school meals or pupil premium you never need to complete another application.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dear God,

Thank you that you make all things new.

We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year.

We ask for your wisdom, for your strength and power to be constantly present within us. We pray you would make us strong and courageous for the road ahead.

Give us ability beyond what we feel able, let your gifts flow freely through us, so that you would be honoured by our lives, and others would be drawn to you.

We pray for your protection over our families and friends. We ask for your hand to cover us and keep us safe in your hands.

Amen

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Here are a few dates for important events this half term. We will add more as they are finalised and confirmed.

Back to school	Mon 09/01/17
New Nursery children start	Mon 16/01/17
Liz Waide School Nurse Drop in session in school library	Tues 24/01/17
NSPCC Assembly	Tues 24/01/17
NSPCC Workshop with Y5 and Y6	Tues 24/01/17
SHARES Swimming Gala	Thurs 26/01/17
SHARES Chess Tournament	Thurs 02/02/17
Sponsored Event for NSPCC	Fri 03/02/17
Parents, Governors and Staff Bingo	Fri 03/02/17
SHARES Dance festival	Tues 07/02/17
Children finish for Half Term	Thurs 09/02/17
Staff INSET day	Fri 10/02/17
Back to School	Mon 20/02/17
Parent Consultation Evening	Wed 22/02/17

Thank you for your support,
Dermot Hennigan
Headteacher

16/01/17

