

# ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014

### GOOD WORK AND GOOD BEHAVIOUR

FRIDAY 3 <sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER	
Y6	Lewis, Bradley
Y5	Megija, Nicole
Y3/4	Daisy, Faye, Olivia
Y1/2	Tyler, Leo, Maisie
EYFS	Edetha, Chloe L, Ryan

FRIDAY 10 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	
Y6	Isabel, Ben, Kaitlyn
Y5	Maddison, Ben, Cameron
Y3/4	James S, Charlie, Amylee
Y1/2	Noah, Malik, Lucas B
EYFS	Frankie, Keita, Mason

### ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

FRIDAY 3 <sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER		
Y6	95.3%	1 Late
Y5	100%	3 Lates
Y3/4	97.8%	9 Lates
Y1/2	97.9%	5 Lates
EYFS	<b>100%</b>	2 Lates

FRIDAY 10 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER		
Y6	92%	5 Lates
Y5	98.8%	3 Lates
Y3/4	<b>99.1%</b>	9 Lates
Y1/2	99%	14 Late
EYFS	97.1%	4 Lates

The number of children coming late is starting to creep up in some classes. Please continue to do everything that you possibly can to make sure that your child arrives to school on time.

### PRAYER FOR HARVEST

*God of harvest,  
gardener supreme  
you place us at the centre  
feed us, equip us and  
having provided for us  
look to a different harvest  
a fruitfulness of lives  
in service to you  
and others.  
God of harvest,  
feed us  
prune us  
harvest us  
that our lives  
might bring glory to you.  
**Amen.***

### HARVEST CELEBRATION

Next Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> October, you are invited into school to help us to celebrate our Harvest Thanksgiving. Year 5 will lead our whole school at 2.30pm in the school hall and it would be lovely to see as many of our families there as possible.

### PARENTS EVENING

This half term our Parent Consultation evening will be on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**. You should, by now, have received your invitation to come into school to meet with your child's class teacher. Please return your slip with a preferred time by Friday this week. It will be lovely to see you in school to share your child's progress.

### APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL PLACES

As you know, we have a very full Reception class this year. We are full to capacity and indeed still have families on our waiting list. St Edmund's is a Catholic school and, as such, our admission criteria state that we give preference to baptised Catholic children. However, please be aware that we do welcome applications from children of other faiths and

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we allocate places by following our published admission procedures. Lancashire County Council now want all applications for school places to be made online. If your child is due to start Reception or High School in September 2015 then you will receive a leaflet with the details. We will arrange a session when you can use the school computers before Christmas but if anyone wants any help in applying for places just pop into the school and ask.

## CHILDREN'S DISCO

We have arranged a Disco for the evening of **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 5pm to 7pm.** Year 6 are selling tickets for £2 each and they are already selling like hot cakes!

Because we have booked a professional DJ, we can only invite children from Reception to Year 6 that attend our school. We will have a selection of crisps, drinks and sweets on sale just to add to the fun!

## ABSENCE

For the last couple of years we have worked really hard to improve the rates of attendance at St Edmund's. Mrs Stringman goes through the registers each morning and contacts the families of children that are absent that day. If your child is unwell and can't attend school, please can you ring the office before 8.50am so we can mark it in the register. Some families ask older (or even younger!) siblings to tell their teacher. Unfortunately these messages don't always get delivered and it is much simpler to talk to Mrs Wylie or leave a message on the machine.

## HEADLICE      **"Once a week take a peek!"**

It is about this time every year that we seem to have little outbreaks of headlice or 'nits'. Please check your child's hair regularly – at least once a week – and treat any lice or eggs that you find. Don't forget to check and treat the rest of the family too! Please inform the school if you find lice or nits in your child's hair.

## SCHOOL PLAYING FIELD

You will probably have noticed that there has been some damage to parts of the fence around our field. I have had many discussions with PC Chris Gibson, and while most of the damage has been done by older youths there is video evidence of some children at our school who have thought it fun to make the damage worse. This is really disappointing for us as a school because we constantly remind our children how proud we are of their behaviour in school and how we hope that they continue their sensible behaviour when playing out.

What the damage does mean is that our school Governors are even more determined to find the finances to put a new fence all around our playing field. In the meantime, please encourage your children to stay away from the gap in the fence and not to make the situation worse by trespassing on the school playing field.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We are still in the process of finalising some of the dates for this term and we will send home a complete list soon. There are a few upcoming dates for you to note:

Y5 Harvest Assembly – Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Oct - 2.30pm

Parents Evening – Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 3.30 – 6.30pm

Pupil Disco – Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – 5pm

Non-uniform Day – Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Oct – 'Many Colours'

**Finish for Half Term – Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Oct – 3.15pm**

Thank you for your support,  
Dermot Hennigan  
Headteacher

13/10/14

