

# ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Consideration, Care and Courtesy*

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## NEWSLETTER

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014

### GOOD WORK AND GOOD BEHAVIOUR

FRIDAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	
<b>Y6</b>	Isabel, Kaitlyn, Reece B
<b>Y5</b>	Joel, Karol, Alfie
<b>Y3/4</b>	Cornelius, Ruby, Shelby
<b>Y1/2</b>	Lucas J, Aimee, Sadie
<b>EYFS</b>	Dylan, Liam, Shay

### ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

FRIDAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER		
<b>Y6</b>	97.5%	1 Late
<b>Y5</b>	95.3%	1 Late
<b>Y3/4</b>	95.45%	3 Lates
<b>Y1/2</b>	98.5%	0 Lates
<b>EYFS</b>	<b>100%</b>	0 Lates

A perfect start for our youngest children with 100% and NO LATES.

The attendance last year was our best for some time and for that we really thank all our families.

It is also great that we have started the year with so few children coming late. Even a few minutes leads to disruption for your child and for the rest of the class.

Let's try to keep our 'Lates' at this level for the whole year.

### 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 is expecting more uniform stock in any day now so, if you are waiting for items, keep checking at the office. Please don't forget to write your child's name in all their new uniform to help to locate misplaced items.

### NEW TEACHERS

This term we welcome some new members of staff to our community. Miss Hulse is our new teacher in Y3/4 and has already settled in really quickly. Joining Miss Hulse in Y3/4 is Ms Byrne who the children will recognise from when she was covering for Karen in the kitchen.

We also welcome Mr Marren, who is working with our Year 1/2 class this year. Mr Marren is one of nearly 40 Associate Teachers working in schools throughout our town this year as part of their School Centred Initial Teacher Training. Mrs Clarke who was covering for Mrs Regan's maternity leave last year has been appointed by

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the Governors to a permanent position in our KS1 class. I know all our new staff have enjoyed their first week with us and I also know that all our families will continue to give them their full support.

## NEW PUPILS

We have also 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: *Alan, Keita, Natalie, Liam, Niall, Leiam, Adam G, Adrianna, Davids, Chloe I, Olivia, Shayla-Mae, Edetha, Lily, Chloe L, Frankie, Shay, Dylan, Ryan, Adam R, Mason, Lexi and Kyle.*

You will see by that list that we have a full Reception class. We have admitted up to our allowed capacity and also had some parents appealing for places. If you know of anyone who will want a Reception place for their child next year then please encourage them to apply in plenty of time.

## APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL PLACES

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.

## SCHOOL ACCESS

Can I please remind all our children and families to take great care when coming to school and going home at 3.15pm. We would

encourage all our families to use the pedestrian gates 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 while cars are trying to enter or leave. 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

Still on the topic of arrival at school, Miss Vause has asked me to repeat her request that the children don't play on the Foundation Stage equipment while waiting to come into school in the morning. Miss Vause, Mrs Burns, Mrs Beeley and Miss Hughes 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.

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

Next Monday the School Photographer is coming in to take individual and family photographs. If your child has an afternoon Nursery place or 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.

Thank you for your support,  
Dermot Hennigan  
Headteacher

15/09/14

