

ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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GOOD WORK AND GOOD BEHAVIOUR

| FRIDAY 6 TH MARCH | | WRITER OF THE WEEK |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Y6 | Kacper, Reece S, Joel | Ben |
| Y5 | Karol, Kyle C, Maddison | Grace |
| Y3/4 | Alex, Erin, James H | Samanta |
| Y1/2 | Grace, Megan, Martin | Sadie |
| EYFS | Chloe L, Olivia, Kyle | Shayla-Mae |

| FRIDAY 13 TH MARCH | | WRITER OF THE WEEK |
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| Y6 | Britney, Reece S, Cameron | Ethan |
| Y5 | Ben, Megija, Joel | Aaron |
| Y3/4 | Shelby, Jamie, Harrison | Ruby |
| Y1/2 | Anesha, Leah, Leo | Nieve |
| EYFS | Niall, Frankie, Chloe I | Adam G |

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

| FRIDAY 6 TH MARCH | | |
|------------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Y6 | 94.7% | 3 Lates |
| Y5 | 95.9% | 4 Lates |
| Y3/4 | 93.6% | 10 Lates |
| Y1/2 | 95.4% | 9 Lates |
| EYFS | 98.5% | 2 Lates |

| FRIDAY 13 TH MARCH | | |
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| Y6 | 96.5% | 5 Lates |
| Y5 | 100% | 6 Lates |
| Y3/4 | 87.3 % | 15 Lates |
| Y1/2 | 91.4% | 10 Lates |
| EYFS | 97.5% | 3 Lates |

Well done again to Mr Brammer's class but our youngest children in Miss Vause's class are doing really well with their attendance too.

Miss Hulse's class have had quite a few children who have been ill but hopefully the class attendance will begin to pick up now.

SCHOOL SITE IMPROVEMENTS

I've been telling the children for the last two weeks that work will begin on the fence around our school field – but still no sign of the fencing contractors! Hopefully it really will start this week.

The project also includes a section of fencing from the outside door of the Y2 classroom up to the external fence by the pedestrian gate. This will mean that parents will need to use the gate in the corner by Foundation Stage to get to Y1 and Y2 classes.

The new fence will take some getting used to but will be another great step to keeping the children safe whilst they are in school.

The work is scheduled to take 6 weeks so all we need now is to get it started.

SPORTING STARS

When the photographers were in last week to take the class and team photos, it was great to see how many of our children have represented the school in external competitions. We have had 3 football teams – boys team, girls team and Y3/4 team, High 5 netball team, basketball team, athletics team, tag rugby team and rugby league team. Last week our chess team had its first match of the season and later this week is our annual swimming gala. After Easter we will enter teams in cross-country, cricket, tennis and rounders.

Our children are incredibly lucky to have so many opportunities to represent the school at such a variety of sports and games. This can only happen because our staff give up so much of their own time to organise the teams and to take the children to the venues.

A big thank you to all the children who have represented St Edmund's so far this year, to all the parents who have supported the teams and to all the members of staff for making it possible.

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SCHOOL GAMES AWARD

We have been working hard for the last two years to develop the PE and sport provision in our school. Each week we have specialist coaches coming into our school to work on one aspect of the PE curriculum. These coaches identify children who show talent and enthusiasm and they are invited to extra sessions on a Wednesday morning. As well as the curriculum provision, we have been able to provide a wide variety of after school sports clubs for many of our children.

Because of all the work that the staff do to give our children sporting opportunities both within our school and against other schools, we have recently been awarded the School Games Bronze award. We will soon have a visit from a representative of the West Lancashire School Sports Partnership to formally award our certificate at an assembly.

Mr Richardson and Mr Brammer are already planning how we can get the silver award for next year!

CHARITY FUNDRAISING

Another big thank you for your efforts in the last few weeks for our fundraising. Because of your generosity, our 'Green Day' raised over £100 towards our paper recycling charges. We had great fun dressing up for World Book Day and your silly costumes raised £100 for Comic Relief.

I know that the dressing up days add extra work for our parents but the children enjoy it and it helps to raise awareness of those people who are not as lucky as us.

NEW CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT

The government brought out a new school curriculum at the start of this school year. When we were planning how we would implement the new topics, the teachers wanted to include more chances for trips and visitors to school. So far this year, year 6 and Year 5 have accessed events at Skelmersdale library, Year 3/4 have enjoyed a visit to Liverpool museum

and we have had a visit from an 'environmental musician' for Bash the Trash. Later this week Year 1/2 are visiting the Walker Art gallery in line with their theme of 'Portraits' and next week Year 3/4 are visiting the Farington Waste Recovery centre. We have not asked for payment for any of these visits and are covering the cost from the school budget and Pupil Premium funding.

Please can I remind you that if your child is eligible for free school meals – even if they already receive one because they are in KS1- please apply for a free meal so that our school can access the Pupil Premium allowance to continue to provide such a range of visits and visitors

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Here are some important dates for events that are happening in school in the next few weeks.

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| Year 1/2 visit to Walker Art Gallery (<i>no cost</i>) | 18/03/15 |
| Swimming Gala at Wigan Life Centre | 19/03/15 |
| Spirit of Romero Day | 24/03/15 |
| FSU Easter Workshop | 23/03/15 |
| Y3/4 trip to Global Renewables Centre (<i>no cost</i>) | 25/03/15 |
| Finish for Easter 1.30pm | 26/03/15 |
| Back for Summer Term | 13/04/15 |
| Cross country competition | 21/04/15 |
| Athletics competition | 28/04/15 |
| INSET day <i>School closed for voting</i> | 07/05/15 |
| Year 6 SATs week | <i>wb</i> 11/05/15 |
| Whole school visit to Tatton Park | 20/05/15 |
| Chess Congress | 21/05/15 |
| Finish for Half Term 3.15pm | 22/05/15 |

Thank you for your support,
Dermot Hennigan
Headteacher

16/03/15

