

ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Consideration, Care and Courtesy

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NEWSLETTER

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GOOD WORK AND GOOD BEHAVIOUR

FRIDAY 15 TH APRIL		WRITER OF THE WEEK
Y6	Zack, Aaron, Emily	Grace
Y4/5	Alex, Imogen, Laura	Samanta
Y3	Tyler, Grace, Zac	Josie
Y2	Lucy, Nathan	Lucas
Y1	Dylan, Edetha, Leiam	Niall
EYFS	Lee	Lucy

FRIDAY 22 ND APRIL		WRITER OF THE WEEK
Y6	Megija, Joel, Ben	Zack
Y4/5	Kaitlyn, Daniel, Shelby	Alfie
Y3	Molly, Charlie, Anesha	Sadie
Y2	Maisie, Selina	Sanija
Y1	Olivia, Lexi, Chloe L	Kyle
EYFS	Finley	Demi

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

FRIDAY 15 TH APRIL		
Y6	98.8%	1 Late
Y4/5	96.2%	1 Late
Y3	100%	2 Lates
Y2	98.6%	5 Lates
Y1	99.1%	2 Lates
EYFS	96.2%	7 Lates

FRIDAY 22 ND APRIL		
Y6	93.0%	2 Lates
Y4/5	92.2%	6 Lates
Y3	98.5%	3 Lates
Y2	98.6%	2 Lates
Y1	95.2%	3 Lates
EYFS	92.5%	6 Lates

ATTENDANCE

Looking at the attendance for last week it is disappointing to see three classes with less than 95%. We try to keep our overall attendance over 96% and **as close to 97% as we can.**

If your child is well enough to be in school, please make every effort to bring them – even 95% attendance is equivalent to **10 days off school.**

You can also see that the number of children arriving late is beginning to creep up again. Coming in to class late is really disruptive to your children and to the rest of class. The **classroom doors open at 8.50am** and the teachers are there to welcome the children who arrive before 9.00am.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

We are now a couple of weeks into our new menu and our system of the children ordering their lunch in the morning. So far, so good!

The system of coloured wrist bands seems to be working and it has meant that even the classes that are last into the kitchen can get the meal that they prefer.

My thanks to Karen and Denise for making it work so far, and to Mrs Wylie and the class teachers who have to spend extra time each morning discussing the options.

Please help the class teachers by looking at the menu with your child and helping them to decide which meal they would prefer.

We sent copies of the new menu home before Easter but there is also a link on the school website.

www.stedmundswestlancs.co.uk/information/school_meals

This pre-ordering system is another reason why it is really important for children to arrive in school on time. Karen needs to know how many of each meal to prepare as early as possible and when children arrive late, the numbers change. Children who get to school after 9.30am may not be able to choose from the main menu and will be provided with a kitchen packed lunch.

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STATUTORY TESTING

This Summer term is a tough one particularly for our Y6 and Y2 children. Year 6 SATs take place next week and all our oldest children need to be ready and well rested particularly for that week.

Mr Richardson has been talking to the children about how to make sure that they do their best. Please make sure that the children get to school **on time and ready for their tests**. We will provide extra toast and fruit for the Year 6 children each morning to help them to start the day calmly and to keep up their energy levels.

Year 2 will do their testing throughout this half term and Year 1 will be tested on their phonics.

All our other classes will have some tests in this half term so it is important to continue to support your child with their reading and homework in order for them to really show their best work.

SCHOOL TRIPS

Don't forget the KS1 and KS2 trip to Martin Mere in Burscough on **Wednesday 25th May**.

We asked for all the payments to be in before we finished for Easter but there are still quite a few payments missing. We need to be able to pay the deposit to the coach company so please send any **outstanding payments into school as soon as possible**.

Even more important than the payments is the permission slip. We are missing quite a few permission slips that were on the bottom of the original letter.

If we don't have a permission slip then we will not be able to take your child on the visit to Martin Mere.

www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/martin-mere

Also, the children in Year 4 and 5 who are going to **Robinwood in September** have received a letter indicating the amount left to pay. Please try to get the balances cleared **before 15th July** then just look forward to a fantastic few days while the children are away!

LOCAL ELECTIONS

Once again, our school is to be used as a polling station for the **local elections on Thursday 5th May**.

Voting will take place in the Year 1 classroom with entry by the gate at the corner of the school. This will mean that, for Thursday only, **all Year 1 and Year 2 children will come into school by the door on the Infant playground**. The teachers will be at the door to direct the children and to make sure that they get up to their classrooms. Miss Vause's class should also come into the Infant playground but they can then use their **coloured gate in the wooden fence to get to class**.

At the end of the day the children should be collected from the infant playground as well. In this way we can keep the polling station completely separate from the rest of the school.

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to those parents who came to our book fair and bought books and stationery for their children. **We took over £400 and the school gets 40% back as credit to buy more books for our library.**

A big thank you also to the staff who helped to sell the books each day after school, especially Mrs Burns who volunteered every day.

DATES FOR THIS TERM

We are just finalising a number of dates for the remainder of the year. As soon as these last few dates are arranged, I will include a list in the newsletter and put them on the website.

Thank you for your support,
Dermot Hennigan
Headteacher

03/05/16

