

ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Consideration, Care and Courtesy

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NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 5th June 2018

GOOD WORK AND GOOD BEHAVIOUR

FRIDAY 18 TH MAY		WRITER OF THE WEEK
Y6	Whole Class	
Y4/5	Josie, Alice, Wiktorina	Aimee
Y3	Keita, Shayla-Mae, Lily	Natalie
Y2/1	Lucas, James, Evie	Layan
EYFS	Harry, Sienna	Iga

FRIDAY 25 TH MAY		WRITER OF THE WEEK
Y6	Amylee, Daisy	
Y4/5	Nathan, Noah, Lilyrose	Olivia D
Y3	Chloe I, Niall, Adam G	Shayla-Mae
Y2/1	Amelia, Abiah, Finley	Gracie
EYFS	Ava, Kai	Adin

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

FRIDAY 18 TH MAY		
Y6	96.4%	0 Lates
Y4/5	89.6%	4 Lates
Y3	91.8%	0 Lates
Y2/1	94.6%	15 Lates
EYFS	86.8%	3 Lates

FRIDAY 25 TH MAY		
Y6	92.7%	0 Lates
Y4/5	96.2%	6 Lates
Y3	94.5%	3 Lates
Y2/1	97.1%	9 Lates
EYFS	94.2%	2 Lates

*June is the month of the Sacred Heart
O, Sacred Heart of Jesus I place all my trust in
you.*

STATUTORY TESTING

Most of our statutory testing has finished now but our Year 1 and Year 2 children still have their **Phonic Screening Check** next week.

The phonics screening check is a quick and easy check of a child's phonics knowledge. It helps our school confirm whether the children have made the expected progress.

The children in Mrs Willams' class will sit with their class teacher and be asked to read 40 words aloud.

The check will contain a mix of real words and 'non-words' ('pseudo' or 'nonsense words'). Your child will be told before the check that there will be non-words that he or she will not have seen before. Many children will be familiar with this because we already use 'non-words' when we teach phonics.

Non-words are important to include because words such as 'vap' or 'jound' are new to all children. Children cannot read the non-words by using their memory or vocabulary; they have to use their decoding skills. This is a fair way to assess their ability to decode.

We will tell you about your child's progress in phonics and how he or she has done in the screening check in the end of year report that we send out in July.

SCHOOL GROUNDS

You have probably noticed the length of the grass and the weeds growing around the school. Our grounds maintenance contract was up for renewal from the end of March and the Local Authority arranged the tendering process for the new contract. The company that was awarded the contract were due to start at the beginning of April but decided that they didn't want the work after all but didn't inform Lancashire Authority or our school. We only found out that they were not going to do the work at the end April.

I have been working with Lancashire Local Authority since then to arrange a new contract with a different company but so far have had no luck. **I have been assured that the grass will be cut and the grounds will be tidied soon.**

SCHOOL TRIP

As you know we are raising money to help to cover the costs of our trip to Chester Zoo. A big thank you to everyone who has helped to raise the money for the trip.

We are going on Wednesday 20th June and need to leave school at 9.15am. Please make sure that your child is on time on that day as we need to set off on time in order to get the most out of the day.

The children will wear their school uniform as normal so that the teachers can spot them more easily and so that the staff and other visitors to the zoo can see how smart the children are.

The children will need a packed lunch but there is nowhere for us to leave the lunches so the children will have to carry it with them. If they bring it in a plastic bag then they can throw it all away after lunch to save carrying it around in the afternoon.

All Foundation Stage and KS1 children and KS2 children in receipt of free school meals will receive a school packed lunch from Denise in the Kitchen

Check the weather forecast and give your child the relevant equipment – sun block and hats if it is sunny or rain coats if it is going to rain.

To get the most from our visit, we will only be leaving the zoo at 4.30pm. This means we will be back to school about 5.30pm.

Mrs Wylie will stay in school so we will communicate with her about our journey and I'll ask Mr Brammer to 'tweet' updates for anyone who follows the school on Twitter.

You will receive a note home soon to give you all of these details again so everyone is sure of what we are doing.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Some of our Year 4 and Year 5 children have recently received the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time.

We keep the children and their families in our prayers at this time. **We pray for Alice, Maisie, Malik and Thomas and for their families.**

We will have a celebration in school as soon as we can arrange it where the children can wear their suits and dresses again.

SCHOOL SUMMER DRESSES

We have some of our yellow gingham Summer dresses in stock at the moment. We haven't been ordering them recently because the price from our suppliers is too expensive. We don't want the old stock to sit in the cupboard for ever **so we are selling the dresses off for £5.**

If you want a summer dress for your child, even if it is only for the next 6 weeks, then £5 seems very reasonable!

Pop into the office to see Mrs Wylie to see if we have the size you need.

WEBSITE UPDATES

I don't know how many of our parents use the school website. You can see the newsletters, check holiday dates and see upcoming events. Schudio, the company who designed our website, have updated it with some new photos and a different layout. Take a look at the revamped design and let us know what you think.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

INSET Day – School closed	Mon 04/06/18
Back to School 8.50am	Tues 05/06/18
Y5 Cricket competition	Wed 06/06/18
Chess Match vs Woodlands	Fri 08/06/18
Y1 Phonic Screening wb	Mon 11/06/18
Mixed Cricket Competition	Tues 12/06/18
Netball Competition	Thurs 14/06/18
Visit to Chester Zoo	Wed 20/06/18
Netball Competition	Thurs 21/06/18
House Captain Hustings	Mon 25/06/18
Boogie Wonderland @OLQP	Thurs 28/06/18
New Adventure Trail Begins	Mon 02/07/18
Y5 to OLQP Taster day	Tues 03/07/18
Sports Day (depending on weather) 1.30pm	Wed 04/07/18
Chippy Night 5.00pm – 8.00pm	Fri 06/07/18
Y6 Panto 7.00pm	Tues 10/07/18
Justice and Faith Day	Fri 13/07/18
Talent Show 9.30am	Wed 18/07/18
Prize Giving 9.30am	Thurs 19/07/18
Finish for Summer 1.30pm	Thurs 19/07/18

Thank you for your support,
Dermot Hennigan
Headteacher

05/06/18

