

# ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Consideration, Care and Courtesy*

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## NEWSLETTER

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### GOOD WORK AND GOOD BEHAVIOUR

FRIDAY 24 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER		WRITER OF THE WEEK
Y6	James, Alicia	Alfie
Y4/5	Maisie, Thomas	Josie
Y3	Shay, William	Keita
Y2/1	Khaidyn, Evelyn, Layan	Kayden
EYFS	Danny, Luke	Adin

FRIDAY 1 <sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER		WRITER OF THE WEEK
Y6	Daniel, Amylee	Ruby
Y4/5	Zac, Callum	Alice
Y3	Natalie, Adam, Ryan	Edetha
Y2/1	Blake, Freya, Gracie	Lucas
EYFS	Madison, Iga	Isak

### ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

FRIDAY 24 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER		
Y6	90.0%	1 Late
Y4/5	93.1%	10 Lates
Y3	<b>100%</b>	2 Late
Y2/1	99.3%	15 Lates
EYFS	95.0%	1 Late

FRIDAY 1 <sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER		
Y6	98.3%	1 Late
Y4/5	97.2%	10 Lates
Y3	<b>98.6%</b>	7 Lates
Y2/1	93.8%	18 Lates
EYFS	90.0%	1 Late

There have been lots of children arriving late in the last two weeks. **This is very disruptive for your child and their class.** Please try really hard to get to school on time.

### ADVENT

Yesterday marked the first Sunday of Advent. In many churches the first candle of the Advent Wreath would have been lit. The first candle represents '**Hope**', reminding us that Jesus is coming soon.

Mother Teresa asked,

**"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern."**

What will fill your heart this Advent?

Don't forget that you and your children are invited to a time of prayer every Tuesday during Advent. **Just make your way to Foundation Stage at 3.15pm if you wish to spend a few minutes in prayer.**

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INSPECTION

The Catholic Life, Religious Education, and Collective Worship in our school is shortly to be inspected as part of the programme of regular school inspections. As this is a Catholic school the Archbishop has appointed the Department for Christian Education to carry out this task.

The inspectors will come into the school on Thursday to observe lessons, talk to staff and children, analyse data and discuss emerging issues with the Governors.

Thank you to those parents who completed the questionnaire at Parents Evening. We will be able to share those questionnaires with the inspectors.

### CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our Christmas Fair is this **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 5.00pm.**

We will have our usual grocery tombola and bottle tombola, along with the football game and chocolate game. We will have plenty of other stalls including the Procter and Gamble straw game and the raffle.

**There will also be a special visit from Father Christmas!**

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We also ask for donations of any top quality raffle prizes and items to sell on the bric-a-brac stall.

If any parents are willing to help at the Christmas Fair please pop into the office and speak to Mrs Wylie. All support will be gratefully received.

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Don't forget that on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December the children can come to school in their Christmas Jumpers or other festive clothes. Don't worry if your children don't have anything 'Christmassy', they can just come in their own clothes.

There is no charge for this non-uniform day, it's just for fun.

## CAROLS WITH TRINITY SCHOOL

**On Monday next week we will all walk to Trinity school to share in our annual Carol service.**

The children of both schools really enjoy singing together and joining in with each other's Christmas Carols.

Please make sure that your child is on time next Monday so that they don't miss out, and help them to remember to bring a coat in case it is cold or rainy (or snowy!).

## WOW WALK TO SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Our 'Walk to School' challenge started on Friday last week. I was surprised that 25% of our children come to school in a car every day. We are hoping to reduce that figure.

**Every child that walks, cycles or scooters to school at least once a week will be able to win reward badges each month.**

If your child usually comes in a car we are asking if, at least once a week, you could park a little way down the road and walk the rest of the way.

There is an App that you can download that includes more information, games and a way of bringing the monthly badges to life! Just search your App store for 'WOW Walk to School'.

## READING AT HOME

We constantly challenge our children to practice their reading at home. Every child in KS2 who reads aloud to a parent at least 4 times a week and remembers to bring in their reading card is rewarded with an extra play on a Friday.

Mr Brammer's class were challenged by the **Premier League stars** to read 100 times between the whole class. Last week they completed the challenge and tweeted about it. The tweet was 'liked' by Dan Freedman and Cressida Cowell the children's authors.

**What a great incentive to keep on reading at home!**

You can read about it on our school website.

[www.stedmundswestlancs.co.uk](http://www.stedmundswestlancs.co.uk)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please be aware that we may need to alter some of these dates but that we will try to give you as much notice as possible.

First Sunday in Advent	Sun 03/12/17
Christmas Jumper day	Fri 08/12/17
Christmas Fair 5pm	
Carols with Trinity	Mon 11/12/17
Infant Nativity dress rehearsal	Mon 11/12/17
2.00pm	
Infant Nativity 6.30pm	Tues 12/12/17
Christmas dinner day	Wed 13/12/17
EYFS Nativity 10.00am	Thurs 14/12/17
EYFS Breakfast with Santa	Fri 15/12/17
Nursery Children Finish for Christmas	Fri 15/12/17
EYFS Santa's Workshop	Mon 18/12/17
Non-uniform day	Wed 20/12/17
Talent Show 9.30am	
Class Christmas parties	
Gold Card Club	Thur 21/12/17
Finish for Christmas 1.30pm	Fri 22/12/17
Back to School (No INSET Day)	Mon 08/01/18

Thank you for your support,  
Dermot Hennigan  
Headteacher

04/12/17

