

ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Consideration, Care and Courtesy

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NEWSLETTER

Monday 11th January 2016

GOOD WORK AND GOOD BEHAVIOUR

FRIDAY 18 TH DECEMBER		WRITER OF THE WEEK
Y6	Kyle B, Nicole, Ben	Charlotte
Y4/5	James H, Samanta, Olivia	Emily
Y3	Grace, Lucas, Tyler	Megan
Y2	Noah, Malik	Lucy
Y1	Kyle, Leiam, Olivia	Edetha
EYFS	Lee	Savannah

FRIDAY 8 TH JANUARY		WRITER OF THE WEEK
Y6	Ben, Charlotte, Karol	Nicole
Y4/5	Olivia, Alfie, James H	Ruby
Y3	Molly, Callum, Olivia S	Nieve
Y2	Maisie, Aimee	Leah
Y1	Liam, Shay, Lily	Shayla-Mae
EYFS	Lee	Abiah

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

FRIDAY 18 TH DECEMBER		
Y6	100%	2 Lates
Y4/5	95.0%	6 Lates
Y3	100%	4 Lates
Y2	81.5%	1 Late
Y1	96.5%	1 Late
EYFS	86.7%	2 Lates

FRIDAY 8 TH JANUARY		
Y6	94.7%	8 Lates
Y4/5	97.5%	16 Lates
Y3	98.7%	8 Lates
Y2	96.4%	10 Lates
Y1	98.7%	4 Lates
EYFS	100%	5 Lates

HAPPY NEW YEAR

I hope all our families had a lovely Christmas and it is great to see the children back and ready for another busy and hard working term. On behalf of all the staff in our school, can I please pass on our huge thanks for the very generous cards and gifts given for Christmas. Every year we are amazed by your kindness and thoughtfulness in the gifts you buy for the adults in our school. Thank you.

SKELMERSDALE FOODBANK

Before Christmas, the Skelmersdale Pupil Parliament collected food from all the Primary schools in our town to donate to the Foodbank. Thanks to the generosity of our children we donated 46kg of food to help families in our town. This is a fantastic amount and was **more than most of the other schools in Skelmersdale**, even those schools that are much bigger than St Edmund's. Once again, the generosity of our community is shown to be outstanding.

APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL PLACES

Lancashire County Council now requires all applications for school places to be made online.

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2016 then you will already have received a leaflet with the details.

If you know of anyone with a child due to start school next September please make sure that they have completed the application.

Even if your child is currently attending our Nursery class you must fill in the form on line and submit your application.

If anyone needs any help in applying for places just pop into the school and ask.

The closing date for admissions to Reception is this Friday 15th January 2016.

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PUNCTUALITY

You will see from the front of this newsletter that our attendance continues to be a great strength of our school. With your support, we continue to meet or exceed our attendance targets.

However, you will also notice that last week we had **over 50 'lates'**! That was a new record, but one we don't want to see repeated.

Please help us and help your children by getting them into school on time. Some children are arriving just a couple of minutes late every day and may just need to set off for school 5 minutes earlier.

We will be having another punctuality drive this term where the teachers give a raffle ticket to all the children who come into school on time. We won't tell you when it will be – but try to make sure your child is in the prize draw!

BAD WEATHER

The weather forecasters have told us to expect a cold spell later this week and I know some people are predicting a month of really cold weather. If there is so much snow and ice that the roads and paths become dangerous and we need to close the school, we will put a notice on our website and 'tweet' the information. We will also send a text through our CallParents service. Please make sure that Mrs Wylie has the correct mobile number for you to be contacted.

If you have had a new phone from Santa please let us have your new number so that we can update the system.

HOLIDAY DATES 2016-17

Our Governors are currently trying to finalise the term and holiday dates for next school year. We always try to keep similar holidays to Our Lady Queen of Peace because many of our families have children at both schools.

We have put the proposed dates on our website but please be aware that some of the dates may

alter slightly as we try to keep similar dates to Our Lady's and the other primary schools in our town.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Here are some important dates for events that are happening in school before Easter. Please be aware that some dates may change and we will give you as much notice as possible.

Y4/5 Healthy Lifestyles Project with SHARES	11/01/16
Swimming starts again years 4, 5 and 6	14/01/16
Applications for Reception Places close	15/01/16
Maths Day (8X2=16)	08/02/16
Safer Internet Day	09/02/16
Ash Wednesday Reflection	10/02/16
Gold Card Club	10/02/16
Finish for Half Term	11/02/16
Back to School	22/02/16
Parents Consultation Evening	24/02/16
Y6 Road safety talk	01/03/16
World Book Day Non-uniform day	04/03/16
Green Awareness Week	w.b. 14/03/16
Swimming Gala	15/03/16 or 16/03/16
Green day non-uniform	18/03/16
Easter Bingo	18/03/16
FSU Easter Workshop	21/03/16
Gold Card Club	22/03/16
Spirit of Romero Day	23/03/16
Finish for Easter	24/03/16
Back for Summer Term	11/04/16
Scholastic Book Fayre	from 20/04/16

Thank you for your support,
Dermot Hennigan
Headteacher

11/01/16

