

ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

Monday 11th September 2017

PRAYER FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year.

Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me.

Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.

Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities.

Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends.

Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year!

Amen

In July we said goodbye and good luck as Mrs Maguire and Mrs Cushion moved on to new experiences. We will celebrate all that they did while working with us with a Mass in school towards the end of September. More details as we finalise arrangements.

WELCOME

Welcome back to our new school year. It's lovely to see all our children back ready to learn after the Summer holidays. The children are a real credit to you and look so smart in their uniforms – thank you for helping us to maintain St Edmund's high standards of appearance.

Please don't forget to write your child's name in all their new uniform to help to locate misplaced items.

If you have any old items of uniform that no longer fit, please could you consider donating it to our school? We particularly need boys' trousers for our Reception class.

Don't forget that children's earrings need to be removed for PE lessons and for swimming. It is much simpler to not wear earrings in school at all and definitely not on days when the class has a PE lesson.

NEW PUPILS

Our Reception class are now all in school together. We are really pleased with how well and how quickly our new children have settled in to our school and Miss Vause and her team in Foundation Stage tell me that the children are already working hard and making good progress.

We welcome: *Ava, Noah, Sienna, Danny, Isak, Luke, Adin, Madison, Iga and Kai.*

We have also welcomed *Lucas* into year 1 and *Louis* into year 5.

I know that all our new children will enjoy their time with us and that they will be made very welcome by everyone in our school family.

We also welcome Miss Dawson who is teaching in Year 4/5 while Mr Richardson is helping out another school.

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 or High School in September 2018 then you will receive a leaflet with the details.

Log on to the website at:
www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

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If anyone needs any help in applying for places you can ring 0300 123 6707 or just pop into the school and ask.

The closing date for admissions to High School is Tuesday 31st October 2017 and for Reception is Monday 15th January 2018.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

On Monday 18th September, the School Photographer is coming in to take individual and family photographs. If you wish for younger siblings to join their brothers and sisters on the family photo, then please bring them into school at 8.45am.

SCHOOL ACCESS

Can I please remind all our children and families to take great care when coming to school in the morning and going home at 3.15pm. If you don't have a pushchair or pram, we would encourage all our families to use the steps and the pedestrian path to the gate rather than the big double gates that are meant for cars and lorries. The vehicle access ramp is quite narrow and it is a concern to see children running up and down and climbing on the wall or running across the flower bed outside Mrs Wylie's room.

LANCASHIRE ADULT LEARNING

Last school year a number of our parents came into school to complete courses with Lancashire College. Following their feedback, we are providing the chance for our parents to complete an accredited learning course, 'Supporting a Child's Learning and Development'. The course will take place every Thursday morning in school from 9.15 – 11.15am starting on Thursday 28th September. Pop into the office if you want to book a place or if you want more information.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

This week we hope to have nearly all our after school clubs up and running.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our staff who very kindly give up their own time (without pay!) to help make sure we give our children as many experiences as possible. As all our clubs are run voluntarily by the staff and we do not make any charge for them, we constantly make clear to the children that we can only invite sensible, well behaved children and that some of the clubs have limited numbers.

Monday – Homework Club for KS2
Craft Club for KS2
Lego Club for KS1

Tuesday – iPad Club for KS1
(starting next week)
Football Training for KS2

Most of our School Team sporting events will take place on a Tuesday evening

Wednesday - No clubs because of Staff Meeting and training

Thursday - Cookery Club for KS2
Football Club for KS2
Multi-sports Club for KS1

Friday - Chess Club for KS2
Choir for KS2

We will try to make sure that all clubs take place each week. However, as all the clubs run through the goodwill of the school staff, occasionally the club will need to be cancelled because of other staff commitments. We will contact parents if clubs are cancelled at short notice.

We are just finalising some of the events for this term and I will send home a list of upcoming dates in the next Newsletter.

Thank you for your support,
Dermot Hennigan
Headteacher

11/09/17

