

# ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Consideration, Care and Courtesy*

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## NEWSLETTER

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018

### GOOD WORK AND GOOD BEHAVIOUR

FRIDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> MAY		WRITER OF THE WEEK
Y6	Cornelius, James	Alfie
Y4/5	Lucas, Molly, Anesha	Louis
Y3	Leiam, Ellie, Natalie	Kyle
Y2/1	Demi, Oliver, Grace	Tyler
EYFS	Danny, Adin	Madison

FRIDAY 11 <sup>TH</sup> MAY		WRITER OF THE WEEK
Y6	Alex, James, Daisy	James
Y4/5	Charlie, Nieve, Zac	Lucy
Y3	Kenzie, Edetha, Shay	William
Y2/1	Lee, Freya, Kayden	Jamie
EYFS	Madison, Charley-Lea	Noah

### ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

FRIDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> MAY		
Y6	99.1%	0 Lates
Y4/5	89.6%	5 Lates
Y3	98.2%	1 Late
Y2/1	76.7%	13 Lates
EYFS	80.0%	2 Lates

FRIDAY 11 <sup>TH</sup> MAY		
Y6	93.2%	0 Lates
Y4/5	90.9%	11 Lates
Y3	97.2%	4 Lates
Y2/1	88.1%	9 Lates
EYFS	96.6%	3 Lates

#### First Holy Communion Prayer

*May you always know the peace of Jesus, the light of His love and the joy of His life within you. Amen*

### STATUTORY TESTING

This week our Year 6 children begin their statutory tests. All our year 6 have been working hard and I know that the tests will not trouble them.

These tests only measure a very small part of what makes your children unique. The tests can't measure how thoughtful they are, how helpful they are or how they can brighten up the day with a smile. The tests won't measure how interested they are in saving the environment or helping animals. They won't test how good the children are at football or netball or running or dancing or acting or singing.

Mr Brammer has been talking to the children about how to make sure that they do their best in the tests but not to get worried or upset.

Please help your children to do their best by helping them to relax, sleep well and have a good breakfast before they come to school.

**Year 6 would like to thank Mrs Furey for bringing cakes and biscuits in every day to keep up their energy levels!**

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

**All our other classes will have some tests in this half term so it is important that these children also sleep well and have a good breakfast before they come to school. Children in KS2 can bring a piece of fruit for a snack at playtime.**

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Some of our Year 4 and Year 5 children have been working hard to prepare to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time this month.

The children have all prepared really well and been excellently supported by their families and by the Catechists of the parish. Mrs McNeillie has been in to school to work with the children and has been very impressed by their attitude and understanding.

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.**

## SCARLET FEVER

We still have a small number of children in school who have recently been diagnosed with Scarlet Fever. Although Scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, it should be treated with antibiotics to minimise the risk of complications and to reduce the spread to others.

In school we have instigated a programme of cleaning touch points such as taps, toilet flush handles, and door handles regularly throughout the day. We are also cleaning toys and equipment every day when the children have gone home. Hand washing remains the most important step in preventing such infections. Good hand hygiene is being enforced for all pupils. Liquid soap via a soap dispenser has been made available and we are reminding children to wash their hands at the start of the school day, after using the toilet, after play, before and after eating, and at the end of the school day.

Children who have recently had Chickenpox are likely to have a reduced immune system and therefore are more likely to develop Scarlet Fever if it is around.

The symptoms of Scarlet Fever include a **sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting**. There may be a fine red rash which typically first appears on the chest and stomach. The face can be flushed red but pale around the mouth.

**If you think your child has these symptoms please take them to your GP or to the walk-in centre to be checked.**

**Unfortunately some children are still being sent in to school when they have these symptoms and this helps the illness to spread.**

If children are given antibiotics please wait until you have seen some improvement in their condition before they return to school. Antibiotics will usually take around 24 hours to begin to work.

## SCHOOL TRIP

As you know we are raising money to help to cover the costs of our trip to Chester Zoo. Thank you to the families that have paid their contribution already.

## **Our next event will be the Year 2/1 Sponsored Walk.**

On Tuesday next week, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, Year 2/1 will walk 5 km around the school grounds accompanied by the children from Year 6.

**The children in Year 2/1 will be asking for sponsors but please don't let them go knocking on doors. Just a couple of pounds from friends and family will be great.**

## RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION

The Government have announced that RSE will become mandatory in all schools in England from September 2018. **In primary schools, the emphasis will be on teaching children about safe and healthy relationships and staying safe.** This will be included in the curriculum right from Reception, through to Year 6. Our school Governors have followed the advice of Liverpool Archdiocese and adopted the 'Journey in Love' programme.

**You are invited to a meeting in school at 3.30pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May to have a look at the content of the scheme.**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

KS2 SATs week	wb	Mon 14/05/18
First Holy Communion		Sat 19/05/18
St Richard's Church		
Y2/1 Sponsored Walk		Tues 22/05/18
Finish for Half Term	3.15pm	Fri 25/05/18
INSET Day – School closed		Mon 04/06/18
Back to School	8.50am	Tues 05/06/18
Y1 Phonic Screening	wb	Mon 11/06/18
Visit to Chester Zoo		Wed 20/06/18
Justice and Faith Day		Fri 13/07/18
Sports Day		Wed 04/07/18
(depending on weather)	1.30pm	
Chippy Night	5.00pm – 8.00pm	Fri 06/07/18
Y6 Panto	7.00pm	Tues 10/07/18
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

14/05/18

