

# ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Consideration, Care and Courtesy*

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## NEWSLETTER

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018

### GOOD WORK AND GOOD BEHAVIOUR

FRIDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER		WRITER OF THE WEEK
Y6	Alex, Daisy	Cornelius
Y4/5	Sadie, Noah, Charlie	Tyler
Y3	Dylan, Shayla-Mae, Kyle	William
Y2/1	Grace, Layan	Tyler
EYFS	Isak, Madison	

FRIDAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY		WRITER OF THE WEEK
Y6	Harrison, Alex	Alicia
Y4/5	Tyler, Charlie, Noah	Louis
Y3	Shay, Lexi, Ellie	Kenzie
Y2/1	Evie, Finley	Tyler
EYFS	Charley-Lea, Sienna	Danny

### ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

FRIDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER		
Y6	98.1%	2 Lates
Y4/5	92.0%	8 Lates
Y3	92.3%	3 Lates
Y2/1	92.7%	14 Lates
EYFS	90.0%	1 Late

FRIDAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY		
Y6	95.5%	3 Lates
Y4/5	90.4%	6 Lates
Y3	97.3%	3 Lates
Y2/1	88.1%	3 Lates
EYFS	93.6%	2 Lates

We welcomed *Charley-Lea* into our Reception class last week. This week we welcomed our new nursery children – *Bobby, Skyler, India and Kai*.

### ATTENDANCE

Over the last few years we have worked very hard to increase our attendance and then to keep it above 96%.

There was a lot of illness going round before Christmas and our attendance was really affected. It seems that the bugs are still with us and we have had quite a few children absent from school last week as well.

Please make sure that your child comes to school every day when they are well enough.

### PUNCTUALITY

It is good to see that, in most classes, the number of children coming late has reduced slightly. We now have fewer children coming to school after 9 o'clock but there are still some children who arrive a few minutes late every day.

**If you aim to get to school for 8.50am**, then even if you are a few minutes late the doors will still be open and your children will be able to settle easily to their work. Even a few minutes late causes a big disruption to your child and to the rest of their class.

**Mrs Stringman will organise 4 'Hotspot Days' this half term when your child could win a prize just for being in school on time.**

Make sure that your child is in on time every day as I'm not sure when the 'Hotspot Days' will be.

Mrs Stringman won't even tell me!

### BAD WEATHER

The weather forecasters are predicting a really cold spell of weather later this week. 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 for Christmas please let us have your new number so that we can update the system.**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INSPECTION

Two inspectors from the Department for Christian Education came into the school in December to observe lessons, talk to staff and children, analyse data and discuss emerging issues with the Governors.

We have now received the final report and I am very pleased to tell you that we were judged to be an **OUTSTANDING Catholic School**.

The two inspectors could not speak more highly of your children, their teachers and our school Governors.

*'Pupils approach their lessons with great interest and enthusiasm. They work hard, enjoy challenging activities, and respond well to opportunities which extend their learning.'*

*'Teachers are very effective in consistently planning high-quality lessons linked to pupils' current assessment and their knowledge of the individual child.'*

Mrs Duffy, our Chair of Governors, will write to you all with a copy of the report at the end of this week, so you can see for yourself how wonderful our school is.

## WOW WALK TO SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Our 'Walk to School' challenge has now been going for over a month.

**Most of our children managed to get their December badge.**

At the moment Mrs William's class are in the lead with the most 'walks', followed by Year 4/5.

**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'.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for a new year.*

*May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate.*

*We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.*

*As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires.*

*Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do.*

*Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.*

*Amen*

On behalf of the teachers and staff of the school may I take this opportunity to thank you for all the cards and the gifts that we received for Christmas. I hope that you all managed to have a happy and peaceful time with your families and that 2018 brings you health and happiness.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

I will write again with a more comprehensive list of dates but here are a few that you can note.

Clubs start this week	Mon 15/01/18
Swimming Resumes	Thurs 18/01/18
Library Visit Year 3 9.45 – 11.30am	Tue 23/01/18
Swimming Gala	Thurs 25/01/18
Story Telling Day	Tue 30/01/18
Keeping Safe Week Begins	Mon 05/02/18
Safer Internet Day	Tue 06/02/18
Life Education Workshops for KS2	Wed 07/02/18
Spring Term Gold Card Club	Thurs 08/02/18
Children Finish for half term 3.15pm	Thurs 08/02/18
Back to school 8.50am	Mon 19/02/18
Book Fair Week begins	Mon 19/02/18
Mid-year Parents' Evening	Wed 21/02/18

Thank you for your support,  
Dermot Hennigan  
Headteacher

15/01/18

