

ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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GOOD WORK AND GOOD BEHAVIOUR

FRIDAY 8 TH DECEMBER		WRITER OF THE WEEK
Y6	Harrison, Ruby	Daniel
Y4/5	Lucy, Anesha, Lilyrose	Nathan
Y3	Leiam, Chloe I, Chloe L	Niall
Y2/1	Jamie, Finley, Joshua	Lee
EYFS	Danny, Noah	Kai

FRIDAY 15 TH DECEMBER		WRITER OF THE WEEK
Y6	Cornelius, Alex	Ruby
Y4/5	Olivia, Sadie, Lucas	Nieve
Y3	Olivia, Kenzie, Ashleen	Lily
Y2/1	Jamie, Gracie, Viktor	Grace
EYFS	Iga, Sienna	Luke

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

FRIDAY 8 TH DECEMBER		
Y6	81.0%	1 Late
Y4/5	96.8%	6 Lates
Y3	97.7%	4 Lates
Y2/1	95.0%	14 Lates
EYFS	96.0%	0 Lates

FRIDAY 15 TH DECEMBER		
Y6	95.0%	2 Lates
Y4/5	93.3%	9 Lates
Y3	97.3%	3 Lates
Y2/1	97.7%	18 Lates
EYFS	98.0%	3 Lates

Thank you for trying hard to reduce the number of children coming late. Please continue to try really hard to get your children to school on time.

CHRISTMAS

Thank you for your support last week at the Key Stage 1 nativity and at the EYFS nativity. It is a real privilege to work in a primary school at Christmas because the children help to remind us of the true meaning of Christmas. Amid all the rushing around, buying and wrapping, cooking and eating, the children bring us back to the first Christmas when baby Jesus was born in a humble stable.

Many of our families choose to celebrate Mass together at Christmas time. There are four Masses of Christmas in Skelmersdale:

St Mary's Christmas Eve 7.30pm
St Richard's Christmas Eve Midnight
St Richard's Christmas Day 9.00am
St Francis' Christmas Day 11.00am

I wish all our families a very peaceful Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS

As many of you know, Mr Richardson has been helping out at another school this term. We all know how wonderful Mr Richardson is and now St Stephen's have seen it for themselves. They have been so impressed with his teaching and his good humour that they have offered him a permanent job in their school.

We are very sad to see Mr Richardson leave but are pleased that he has made such a good impression at his new school.

I am sure that you will all wish Mr Richardson well as he takes this step in his career. Mr Richardson was very upset when he came into school last week and couldn't face the children to tell them how much he will miss them.

I'll try to get him to come back soon so we can join as a school community to wish him good luck.

To ensure minimum disruption to our classes, the Governors have asked Miss Dawson to continue in Year 4/5 for at least another term and she has happily agreed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INSPECTION

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

We are not allowed to discuss the findings until Mrs Hegarty and Mrs McNally produce the final report which we should receive just after Christmas.

I am sure that when you receive the report you will be very proud of your children and their teachers.

WOW WALK TO SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Our 'Walk to School' challenge has now been going for a couple of weeks. At the moment Miss Dawson's class are in the lead with the most 'walks', followed by Year 3.

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'.

Most of our children will be able to receive their first badge soon.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you to all our families who came to support our Christmas Fair. We had a fantastic evening and even Father Christmas popped in to see the children.

Thank you to those who donated prizes for the raffle or items for the bric-a-brac or tombolas. A big thank you to Procter and Gamble for their support once again and a huge thank you to the staff who gave up their time to set up and to run the stalls.

Mrs Wylie is busy counting the money but we have made over £500 thanks to everybody's support.

TALENT SHOW

On Wednesday 20th we will have our Christmas Talent Show. The children are busy practising their singing, dancing, jokes and other talents and will get a chance to perform on the stage.

The show will start at 9.30am and usually lasts between 1½ and 2 hours.

Because of the Talent show and the Christmas parties, Wednesday will be a non-uniform day. The children don't need to bring in any money but can wear their talent show clothes or their Christmas Party clothes.

Please help your children to consider the weather when they are choosing their clothes – party dresses and high heeled sandals won't keep them warm and dry at playtime!

STAY SAFE ONLINE

As many children and young people may receive gifts such as Smartphones, Tablets and Gaming Consoles over the festive period, the Lancashire Safeguarding Board have produced some useful tips to consider that can help our children stay safe online.

The LSCB's 'Useful Tips for Parents and Carers' can be found at the top of the Parents and Carers section of the LSCB Online Safety website and also contains a variety of really useful information:

<http://www.lancshiresafeguarding.org.uk/online-safeguarding/parents-and-carers.aspx>

There is also a link from the 'Online Safety' page of our school website.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Here are the events for this last week before Christmas.

EYFS Santa's Workshop	Mon	18/12/17
Non-uniform day Talent Show 9.30am Class Christmas parties	Wed	20/12/17
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

18/12/17

