

ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Consideration, Care and Courtesy

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NEWSLETTER

Monday 19th December 2016

GOOD WORK AND GOOD BEHAVIOUR

FRIDAY 9 TH DECEMBER		WRITER OF THE WEEK
Y6	Olivia, Shelby	Erin
Y4/5	Josie, Anesha, Alfie	Tyler
Y3	Hanna, Lucy, Eliza	Nathan
Y2	Frankie, Ashleen, Shayla-Mae	Liam
Y1	Savannah, Lucy	Abiah
EYFS	Evie, Freya	Oliver

FRIDAY 16 TH DECEMBER		WRITER OF THE WEEK
Y6	Kevin, Samanta	James
Y4/5	James, Daisy, Molly	Amylee
Y3	Noah, Lilyrose, Lucas	Sanija
Y2	Natalie, William, Leiam	Shayla-Mae
Y1	Tyler, Kayden	Savannah
EYFS	Blake, Khaidyn	

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

FRIDAY 9 TH DECEMBER		
Y6	97.3%	1 Late
Y4/5	99.2%	6 Lates
Y3	92.1%	4 Lates
Y2	96.5%	4 Lates
Y1	87.3%	7 Lates
EYFS	92.9%	8 Lates

FRIDAY 16 TH DECEMBER		
Y6	98.2%	2 Lates
Y4/5	99.2%	12 Lates
Y3	92.1%	5 Lates
Y2	99.1%	6 Lates
Y1	94.5%	6 Lates
EYFS	82.9%	8 Lates

PUNCTUALITY

It is good to see that 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 a few children arriving late most days!

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.

There is still a chance of one of our **'Hotspot' days** to celebrate good punctuality before we finish for Christmas.

Be on time and you can be in the draw!

ATTENDANCE

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

I know that I keep pestering the children and our families to come to school every day that they are well enough, but if your child has been sick, **please keep them off school for 24 hours as a precaution.**

If we keep sick children at home then we can make sure that any bugs don't spread too much.

This week your child will bring home their attendance certificate for this term. Most of our children will get green certificates meaning that their attendance is above 96% or gold certificates to show 100% attendance.

Well done!

If you receive an amber or a red certificate it means that your child's attendance has dropped below the national target. This could be because of one period of illness or a family holiday in term time or it may be because of too many odd days here and there.

There are still two terms in which to increase your child's percentage attendance. If they can stay well and not take any more holidays for the rest of the year then they can still reach the target.

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APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL PLACES

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2017 then you will receive a leaflet with the details.

Log on to the website at:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

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 for Reception is Sunday 15th January 2017.

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

Dear Father God,

Help us each year to take time to remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the joyful song of the Angels,
the great wonder of the shepherds,
and the worship of the Wise Men.

Close the door of hate
and open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift,
and good desires with every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.
May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children,
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.
Amen.

(A Christmas Prayer

by Robert Louis Stevenson)

I have asked the children to take a few minutes in all the excitement of Christmas morning to think about the birth of Jesus and how it is a sign of how much God loves us.

If you are want to celebrate Christmas by going to Mass, you will be made very welcome at whichever church you visit.

There are three opportunities in the town:

- Christmas Vigil on Christmas Eve at 7.30pm at St Mary's church
- Midnight Mass at 12.00am at St Richard's church
- Christmas Day morning at 11.00am at St Francis' church

There will be a half hour of carols before each of these Masses.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all our families for their support at the Christmas Fair and at the Nativity celebrations.

It was lovely to see so many of you supporting your children at this magical time.

I did say at the KS1 Nativity what a pleasure and a privilege it is to work with your children at Christmas and how they are all angels!

Thank you from all the staff for all the cards and the gifts that the children have brought in.

Have a lovely, happy and peaceful Christmas and a fantastic New Year.

We all look forward to 2017!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

There are still a few events for you to be aware of before we finish on Thursday

EYFS Santa's Workshop	Mon 19/12/16
Gold Card Club	Tues 20/12/16
Non-uniform day Talent Show 9.30am Christmas parties 1.05pm	Wed 21/12/16
Finish for Christmas at 1.30pm	Thurs 22/12/16
Back to School at 8.50am	Mon 09/01/17

Thank you for your support,
Dermot Hennigan
Headteacher

19/12/16

