

ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st December 2018

GOOD WORK AND GOOD BEHAVIOUR

FRIDAY 7 TH DECEMBER		WRITER OF THE WEEK
Y6	Zac, Martin	Sadie
Y4/5	Maisie, Edetha, Keita	Lucy
Y3/4	Lucy, Finley	Lexi
Y2/1	Freya, Jenna, Oliver	Chloe
EYFS	Jake, Poppy	Isla

FRIDAY 14 TH DECEMBER		WRITER OF THE WEEK
Y6	Nieve, Alice	Olivia D
Y4/5	Nathan, Thomas, Chloe I	Chloe L
Y3/4	Grace, Olivia, Tyler	Ryan
Y2/1	Evie, Jenna, Chloe	Amelia
EYFS	All Children	--

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

FRIDAY 7 TH DECEMBER		
Y6	98.1%	5 Lates
Y4/5	85.2%	7 Lates
Y3/4	89.5%	8 Lates
Y2/1	86.1%	10 Lates
EYFS	94.2%	3 Lates

FRIDAY 14 TH DECEMBER		
Y6	90.0%	0 Lates
Y4/5	92.5%	5 Lates
Y3/4	95.2%	5 Lates
Y2/1	90.4%	11 Lates
EYFS	95.0%	3 Lates

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:

Christmas Eve - 24th December

St Mary's

Carols at 7:00pm followed by the First Mass of Christmas at 7:30pm

St Richard's

Carols at 11:30pm followed by Midnight Mass

Christmas Day - 25th December

St Richard's

Dawn Mass of Christmas Day at 9:00am

St Francis

Carols at 10:30am followed by Mass of Christmas Day at 11:00am

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.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Loving God, help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds, and 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.

-- *Robert Louis Stevenson*

ADMISSION POLICY FOR 2020

Schools across the Archdiocese are consulting
on proposed changes to admissions policies to
take effect for school admissions for September
2020. They will only affect new applications
for Reception and Year 7 places (from
September 2020 onwards) and children in other
year groups and who have already obtained a
place at a school will not experience any
changes.

The proposed change is to add in a sentence
about children who have been adopted from
state care in other countries.

You can find further information about the
proposed changes by following the internet link
<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/schools/Admissions-Consultations>

This consultation period will run between 3rd
December 2018 and 25th January 2019 and you
are invited to submit comments in writing
about the proposal above to: The Archdiocese
of Liverpool, Education Department, LACE,
Croxtheth Drive, Sefton Park, L17 1AA.

Alternatively you may wish to e-
mail: aes@rcaol.co.uk.

Comments should also be sent to the Chair of
the Governing Body at the school address.

THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

Once again it's Christmas Time,
time for us to be,
Busy wrapping presents and setting up the tree.
It seems we have so many things,
to think of and to do,
We may forget that Christmas, has a deeper
meaning too.

A meaning that goes far beyond,
the things the eye can see,
Such as Holly wreaths, Mistletoe, and Gifts
beneath the tree.

For these are only Symbols,
of what happened Christmas morn,
When in a little manger, God's only Son was
born.

God put Him here upon this Earth,
with one idea in mind.

To put New Hope around the World, and Love
in all Mankind.

So even though we're busy, and have many
things to do,

Let's not forget that Christmas, has a deeper
meaning too.

-- *Eugene W. Miller*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Here are a few of the important events at the
end of this year:

Non-uniform day Talent Show 9.30am Christmas parties 1.30pm	Thurs 20/12/18
Finish for Christmas 1.30pm	Fri 21/12/18
Christmas Day	Tues 25/12/18
Back to school 8.50am	Mon 07/01/19

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

Dermot Hennigan
Headteacher

21/12/18

