

ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Consideration, Care and Courtesy

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NEWSLETTER

Monday 26th February 2018

GOOD WORK AND GOOD BEHAVIOUR

THURSDAY 8 TH FEBRUARY		WRITER OF THE WEEK
Y6	Alex, Cornelius	
Y4/5	Lilyrose, Maisie, Lucas	Olivia S
Y3	Shayla-Mae, Olivia	Shay
Y2/1	Blake, Kayden, Tyler	Abiah
EYFS	Sienna, Danny	Adin

FRIDAY 23 RD FEBRUARY		WRITER OF THE WEEK
Y6	Amylee, Alex	Harrison
Y4/5	Tyler, Malik, Josie	Nathan
Y3	Adam G, William, Lily	Lexi
Y2/1	Viktor, Molly, Abiah, Evie	Madison
EYFS	Charley-Lea, Sienna	Danny

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

THURSDAY 8 TH FEBRUARY		
Y6	96.9%	1 Late
Y4/5	100%	5 Lates
Y3	98.9%	1 Late
Y2/1	84.1%	8 Lates
EYFS	100%	5 Lates

FRIDAY 23 RD FEBRUARY		
Y6	95.0%	1 Late
Y4/5	94.4%	5 Lates
Y3	94.5%	2 Lates
Y2/1	88.8%	12 Lates
EYFS	94.5%	3 Lates

Lord,

Please be with me on this Lenten journey and help me to remember that your Holy Spirit can guide me in the right direction. Amen

ATTENDANCE

For the last few weeks our attendance has really been affected by a lot of children coming down with Chickenpox especially in our Year 1/2 class.

Unfortunately, Chickenpox is infectious from 2 days before the spots appear so children can be spreading the virus even before they realise that they have got it. It takes 1 to 3 weeks from the time you were exposed to chickenpox for the spots to start appearing.

You might get symptoms before or after the spots, including:

- a high temperature above 38C
- aches and pains, and generally feeling unwell
- loss of appetite

You'll need to stay away from school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Please let us know if you think your child is developing Chickenpox and keep us updated on their progress.

You can find more information on the NHS website at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

SCHOOL TRIP

At the last meeting of our school council the children asked if we could have a 'more exciting' venue for a summer term trip. The children suggested Chester Zoo.

When we have looked at the cost of a visit there, we would have to ask each family for about three times the amount that we usually ask for.

To help reduce this cost, each class are going to be holding an event before half term in May in order to raise funds towards the visit.

Year 6 have already begun their sponsored exercise bike ride to St Edmund's school in Abingdon, Oxfordshire.

The school council will meet again to finalise the activity for each class and then individual classes will send home a letter to let you know how you can help.

All the money raised in the next few weeks will help to reduce the contribution that we ask our families for.

PICKING UP YOUR CHILDREN

There have been a few times recently when we have needed to get in touch with parents but none of the numbers we have in school were answered. **Please make sure that we have the correct phone numbers and please make sure that someone on the list of contacts is contactable.**

Last week we had a near miss with an older sibling riding their bike right up to the classroom door to pick up a child. The Governors have asked that you remind the older children to get off their bikes and push them as soon as they come through the gates.

EASTER COMPETITIONS

On 22nd March, the day before we finish, we will have an Easter Bonnet parade for the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Our infant children can bring in (or wear!) a special hat that you have made together to celebrate Easter. You can include anything you want that is bright, colourful and makes you think of Easter.

For our KS2 children, we are asking them to design an 'Egg Scene' for Easter. Decorate a hard-boiled egg and place it in a scene that creates a story.

Maybe you could think of a play on words for a title. Previous entries have included:

The 'Eggs' factor! I'm a Shellebrity! Egg Sheeran and Eggs-stinct creatures.

You can see some of last year's entries on our website:

<https://www.stedmundswestlancs.co.uk/photo-galleries/easter-2017>

We will judge the winners of both competitions on 22nd March at a special assembly.

SPIRIT OF ROMERO DAY

On Tuesday 20th March we will be celebrating the life of Blessed Oscar Romero. Oscar Romero taught us that we must think about others and reach out to help other people.

All our parents are invited in to join with us for our closing liturgy on the day at 2.30pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Monday 19th March, Year 4/5 will lead us in our Stations of the Cross reflection. Everyone is welcome to join us in the hall at 2.30pm to reflect on Jesus' journey on his last day before he was crucified.

PARENTS' EVENING

A big thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Parents Evening last week. We were very pleased that nearly 90% of our families made appointments to see the teachers on the night or made separate arrangements.

Thank you to the teachers also who gave their time to speak to you about how well your children are doing.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Here are some of the important dates for the next few weeks.

Book Fayre Collected	Mon 26/02/18
Y6 road safety talk by Skelmersdale Fire Service	Mon 26/02/18
World Book Day Celebration Dressing up as favourite book character	Fri 02/03/18
Class and team photographs	Mon 05/03/18
Mass in school 9.30am	Tues 13/03/18
Spring Disco with Tommy Tinker 5pm – 7pm	Thurs 15/03/18
Easter Workshop in FSU	Mon 19/03/18
Stations of the Cross Reflection 2.30pm Led by Y4/5	Mon 19/03/18
Spirit of Romero Day	Tue 20/03/18
Easter Bonnets and Egg Diorama judging	Thurs 22/03/18
Sports Relief Non-uniform / Danceathon	Fri 23/03/18
Finish for Easter 1.30pm	Fri 23/03/18
Good Friday	Fri 30/03/18
Easter Sunday	Sun 01/04/18
Back to School (No INSET Day)	Mon 09/04/18

Thank you for your support,
Dermot Hennigan
Headteacher

26/02/18

