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CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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WELCOME BACK

It's lovely to see all the children again. We have some new faces around school including 26 reception children. They definitely have the wow factor looking very cute and exceptionally smart in their new uniforms! We also welcome 4 children who have joined us in years Y2 & Y4 and their families and also our new members of staff - Mrs Matthews, Mrs James, Mrs Panasenka & Miss Minton. We all love belonging to St Edward's family and know our new children will thrive in this happy, caring environment.

We mustn't forget our year 6 leavers; we hope they have settled well in their new schools.

The staff once again would like to say a big thank you for all the lovely gifts they were given at the end of last term.

It was lovely to have so many parents come to and stay after our celebration assembly this morning, especially our new parents. We are again extending an invitation to everyone to join us for our celebration assembly every Friday morning. This is a special time when the children share with us their achievements and we celebrate positive behaviour for that week. We will be serving teas and coffees after each assembly for any parents who wish to stay and have a chat. We hope our new parents will find this a good time to get to know everyone.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

The theme for morning prayers and the mission for the week is; "To be a good citizen".



HEADTEACHERS AWARD

Congratulations and well done to this week's winners:

Foundation: Edward F

Class 3: Leo P

Class 6: Alex J

Class 1: Charlotte C

Class 4: Martha H

Lunchtime: Alfie-Jay M

Class 2: Tilly S

Class 5: Isobel T



TEAM POINT WINNERS

Congratulations St Hilda's for being the winning team this week.



MATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Mathlete of the week: Joe B- congratulations!

EDUCATION SUNDAY



We hope as many of you as possible will join us for this celebration on Sunday at 11am Mass at St Edward's Church. **All children attending Mass will need to wear their school uniform please.** On arrival at church, please show your child where you will be seated and then send them into the sacristy as they will be processing into church with Father Malloy at the start of Mass. After the procession, children will then return to their seats. As many children as possible have been given a role during

Mass. **Please do not send them back for the offertory unless your child have been given a slip telling them they have been given a part.** We look forward to seeing you there.

REPORT SLIPS

Thank you to those of you that have returned their parents report slips. If yours is still outstanding can you please sign and return to the school office before next Monday, 11th September. You do not need to complete the comments section but you can sign and date the form to acknowledge you have received and read your child's report. **Please write your child's name on the report slip.** Thank you.



CLASS PARENTS' INFORMATION MEETINGS



A reminder that we will be holding parents class information meetings to discuss class routines, homework, PE timetables etc. starting next week. All meetings start at **3.40pm** and will be held in your child's classroom. These meetings are for parents only - your child will be able to wait in the school library (with the exception of class F children who will stay with their parents) - they must however **remain in the library and not wander around school** while the meetings are being held. The meetings are as follows;

Monday 11th September - Class 6 & Class 1

Wednesday 13th September - Class 5

Thursday 14th September - Class 4

Friday 15th September - Class 2

Monday 18th September - Class F

Wednesday 20th September - Class 3



READING EVENING - CLASS F

There will be a reading evening on Tuesday 12th September at 7pm in the School Hall for all our reception children's parents. It is very important that at least one representative for each child is able to attend this meeting.

This meeting will be about how your child learns to read, what activities and resources we use in the teaching of reading, and what you can do to help them at home, both to get ready for reading and once they start to bring home words and books. We look forward to seeing you there.

CHILD PICK-UP PROCEDURES



We would like to remind parents and also make new parents aware that if someone else is picking up your child on a regular basis i.e. child-minder, friend, relative etc. that you must inform school in writing who this will be. This will avoid any problems that teachers may face when releasing the children at the end of the day. Please note even if your pick up arrangements haven't changed from last year **we still need written confirmation for this academic year.** This is also the case for any pupils who walk to and from school unaccompanied by an adult; for safeguarding issues please can you advise school in writing. If your child is going to be collected by someone else on a

one-off basis please ensure you advise the office by 3.00pm on the day in question. Many thanks for your co-operation.

MORNING PROCEDURES

We would like to remind parents not to come into children's cloakrooms or try to catch the teacher with messages first thing in the morning as this can make it difficult for the teacher to start the day promptly and in a calm orderly way. Messages can be left for the teachers via the office or if you can catch the class teacher at the end of the school day. Many thanks for your co-operation.

CONTACT DETAILS

We would also like to take this opportunity to ask all our parents/carers to advise school of any changes to contact numbers and addresses. It is important that school holds **accurate information** in this area should we need to contact you during school hours. If your details have changed in any way since last term - please can you either email Stedwardsadmin@st-edwards.leeds.sch.uk or contact the office as soon as possible notifying us of the change. Thank you for your co-operation.

CAR PARK SAFETY



We would like to take this opportunity to remind our parents that when dropping and collecting children that they ensure they access the school via the left gate during these times and refrain from crossing the car park. Could we also ask that you advise anyone who may bring or collect children to school on your behalf of this procedure. This is important for the safety of all our staff, parents and children.

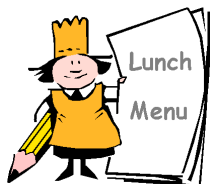
REMINDER - SCOOTERING & CYCLING

In light of health and safety could we please remind parents and children to **NOT** scoot or cycle on school grounds. Thank you for your understanding.

POLITE MESSAGE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Please may we remind parents/guardians not to contact the teachers directly via their email, but to email the office (stedwardsadmin@st-edwards.leeds.sch.uk). All emails will then be forwarded to the relevant member of staff. It is necessary to respect teacher's work-life balance. Thank you for your understanding.

SCHOOL DINNERS



School Dinner Money for children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 should be paid in advance half termly. As there are 8 weeks to this half term (minus 1 day), the amount due is calculated at **£2.55** per day, £12.75 per week; £99.45 for the term. Any credits from the Summer Term will be deducted. Payments are to be made online via SchoolMoney where you have the option to part pay or pay in full. Bills are calculated for the half-term and adjustments for any dinners not taken due to trips or illness will be made the following half-term. Payments for this half-term will be available on-line from next week. Miss Stubbs will be happy to advise on any queries you may have and is in school on Mondays and Wednesdays.

A reminder also that should you wish to move from school dinners to packed lunches or vice versa please can you give at least **one week's** notice, in writing.

TINS ON TUESDAY

Tins on Tuesday is organised by the School Council, and on the 1st Tuesday of every month 2 classes bring in tinned items for our green tub which is in the foyer (other non-tinned donations can be dropped off at any time). These items then get delivered to the Wetherby Food Bank.



Slightly delayed this month, it will be the turn of **Class F & Class 1** next Tuesday, 12th September to donate to this worthy cause. Many thanks, to all the children, staff and parents who continue to support the food bank.

Suggested items this month are: tinned meat meals, such as stew, mince, chilli. Tinned ham, corned beef, hot dogs, meatballs. Tinned items such as: soups, fruit, veg, rice pudding, custard. Long-Life puddings. Chocolate & sweet snacks, and deodorant.



WALK ON WEDNESDAY

As part of our campaign to help promote children's fitness & well-being and help the environment by reducing pollution we are continuing again with our Walk to School on Wednesdays. If you live further afield than Boston Spa, then why not park up and walk the rest of the way to school? Between now and half term if your child can walk to school on a Wednesday they will be entered into a half-termly prize draw.



SWIMMING LESSONS - CLASS 3

Class 3 will be starting their swimming lessons on a Thursday afternoon from 14th September. A separate letter has gone out to Class 3 this week.

LARGE RUCKSACKS



Please may we remind you not to bring large rucksacks into school. We do not have room for them in the cloakrooms as they are big and bulky.

All children should also have a school book bag in which to keep school reading books in good condition please - books pushed into rucksacks become damaged quickly.

NAME LABELS

Just a reminder to label all your child's uniform, shoes, PE kit. It's only day 4 and we already have a large pile of uniform with no names in. We can't return items to your child if they don't have their name on. Thank you.



AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Emails have been sent this week regarding our after-school clubs for year's 1-6.

INSET DAYS

We have set the rest of our Inset days, which are: Friday 22nd December, Friday 24th May, Friday 19th July & Monday 22nd July.