



St. Edmund's School Newsletter

7th April 2011

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

What a busy term!

I think everyone connected to our school is now ready for a well-earned rest. I'd like to take this opportunity to praise the governors, staff and the children for all their hard work since January and to thank parents and children for making St. Edmund's such a happy, positive place to work and learn.

Easter



This week we celebrated a beautiful Mass in our school hall to begin to think about Easter. Thanks to Father John and all our friends from the parish for helping us to remember the most important feast in the Church's year.

I know Easter still seems a long way off, but the holidays this year are very strange. I have included a reminder of our term dates in this letter.

I encouraged the children to try to attend Mass on Easter Sunday to continue their celebration of Jesus rising from the dead for us.

Wednesday 20 th April	7.30pm	Chrism Mass at the Cathedral
Thursday 21 st April	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday washing of the feet - St Richard's
Friday 22 nd April	3.00pm	Good Friday Passion of Our Lord - St Mary's
Saturday 22 nd April	7.30pm	Holy Saturday - St Francis of Assisi
Sunday 24 th April		Easter Sunday
	9.00am	St Richard's
	10.30am	St Francis'
	12.00pm	St Mary's

MAKING PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL



Please can you make sure that all payments come into school in a sealed envelope. Please write on the envelope the child's name, the amount and what the payment is for. **Please make sure that dinner money is paid on a Friday.**

Testing



When we return after our Easter break it will be that time again when our children undergo statutory testing. SATs week begins on 9th May this year and year 6 will be doing their tests each morning in the school hall. Other Key Stage 2 children will also be doing tests during that week. Please can you help your child to do as well as they possibly can by making sure they are well rested, have a good breakfast and come into school on time.

Attendance

Monday 9th May also sees the start of our 2 week Attendance and Punctuality drive. We will be rewarding good attendance and punctuality in a variety of ways throughout the fortnight. Despite our best efforts we are still falling short of the Government's target of 95% attendance so need to work even harder to try to reach our target. Thank you to all those children who come to school on time each day that they are well enough to attend.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 7 th April	School closes fro Easter holiday
Tuesday 26 th April	School reopens
Friday 29 th April	School closed for Royal Wedding
Monday 2 nd May	School closed for May Day bank holiday
Wednesday 4 th May	Engage for Africa Day - more information to follow
Friday 6 th May	Non uniform day - wear a football /sports kit
Monday 9 th May	Start of test week
Monday 9 th May	Start of Attendance and Punctuality fortnight
Thursday 26 th May	Chess congress here at St Edmund's
Friday 27 th May	School closes at 1.30pm for half term
Monday 6 th June	School reopens
Friday 24 th June	School closed
Monday 27 th June	School closed
Tuesday 28 th June	School reopens
Friday 22 nd July	School closes for Summer holidays
Other dates to be confirmed	Rounders tournament, netball tournament at Lathom high school, Kwik Cricket competition, chippy night, tennis coaching, KS1 and KS2 sportsday, Panto, Y6 leavers BBQ, Transition project

What a lot we still need to fit in. Here's to another really busy term.
Hope you all have a lovely and peaceful Easter holiday.

Dermot Hennigan

I have received, read, & made a note of all the dates in the Easter newsletter.