

St. Edmund's School Newsletter

6th July 2007

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

I'd like to begin by thanking you all for the tremendous support and encouragement I received during my recent "15 minutes of fame!" ... the experience of appearing on BBC2's Let Me Entertain You was very exciting and lots of fun for my wife Helen and I. ...it also allowed me to promote in a small but positive way this great school and town – even if Brian Conley couldn't pronounce SKELMERSDALE properly!



I ask our pupils always to do their best regardless of the expected outcome... I did my best and can have no regrets whatever.

It was lovely for Helen and I to have some great friends and family with us in London ... and we thoroughly enjoyed the post production champagne back at our hotel I can assure you.

...However, even as I was on the train returning to the North West, I received a telephone call informing me that our beautiful wood flooring (in the school hall) had been destroyed by flood water! Back to earth with a SPLASH!!

I am delighted though, to be able to report that the flooring will be replaced this weekend 7th & 8th July. I am grateful to Peter Buck of T. Cunliffe Associates and to West Lancs Flooring for their speedy response to our plight.



SPORTS DAY(S)

What a fantastic afternoon we enjoyed for our Junior Sports Day.... It was a lovely, warm, dry, sunny day and we had a great time ... made all the more special once again with the help of Mr. Paul McCoy who kept us well entertained between races!

Unfortunately poor weather has caused the postponement of Infant Sports on two occasions but we still hope to fit it in before we finish the term!



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9 th July	4.00 - 7.00 pm.	Parents' Open Evening
10 th July	7.30 pm	Final Meeting for Baptismal Preparation @ St. Richard's Church
11 th July	11.15 am	Meeting with Parents of new Nursery Pupils
13 th July	10.00 am	Special Assembly for Mr. Stapleton
14 th July	12.00-4.00 pm	Leavers' BBQ
19 th July	9.30 am	Annual Prize-giving Assembly
20 th July	2.45 pm	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR THE SUMMER
23 rd July		Pupil Toilet Refurbishment Project begins.
3 rd Sept.		INSET - School Uniform can be collected after lunchtime.
4 th Sept		School Re-opens to Pupils

Attendance Figures up to 29.6.07.	
R	91.91%
Y1	95.20%
Y2	93.74%
Y43	94.36%
Y54	93.40%
Y6	93.14%
AVERAGE	93.62%

KS2 SAT's Results for 2007		
	% @ Level 4 or better	% @ Level 5
English	68	16
Maths	63	16
Science	84	37

"Little Red Riding Hood"

What an absolutely MAGNIFICENT performance we all enjoyed last Wednesday evening!

The actors had us laughing in the aisles. The whole production was great testimony to the collaborative spirit which exists here at St. Edmund's. So many people played their part in such a wonderful performance... As well as the actors we had script writers; props and scenery builders; costume designers; make-up artists; musicians; choir; gaffers; gofers; lighting and sound engineers! Everybody's considerable efforts were ~ as always ~ coordinated by the tremendously talented Mr. Stapleton.

The show was a hugely entertaining and uplifting experience for everybody and I thank all contributors for their efforts!



Mr Stapleton's Retiring !

For those of you who are very new to our school (or have been hibernating since the autumn) our long-serving (and long suffering!) Deputy Head Teacher Mr. Stapleton, is retiring at the end of term...

Mr. Stapleton has been an incredibly loyal and enthusiastic servant to this parish, school and community since his appointment in September 1981 and I would confirm that his huge contribution has been a major factor in the continuing success of this school. He has undoubtedly influenced and helped to mould generations of hard-working, well-rounded young people who now serve this community in their own ways... some of whom work in local shops and factories, others moved further afield to attend colleges or universities. I can say with absolute confidence that Mr. Stapleton has done his very best for each and every child in his care - without prejudice or favour being shown to any. His ability to combine the mundane or difficult with the exciting, humorous and enjoyable has ensured that most children at least have thoroughly enjoyed their time with this excellent teacher and role model. His work has been judged by successive teams of government inspectors to be outstanding.

On a more personal note, Mr. Stapleton has always been a loyal and supportive colleague to me and I am extremely grateful to him for this. Our professional work I am delighted to say has led to the development of a strong personal friendship between our two families. We will all miss him enormously but will I hope continue to see him occasionally when he returns to cover the absence of teachers attending courses etc. We will be presenting Mr. Stapleton with an appropriate gift at a special assembly on Friday 13th July at 10 a.m. You are most welcome to attend if you're able.

On behalf of the staff and pupils of St. Edmund's I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Lennon for the work she's done here for the past 5 years. Mrs. Lennon left us recently to take up a full-time post elsewhere. We wish her well.

Welcome to Mr. Hennigan

Mr. Stapleton's leaving has created the opportunity to appoint a new Deputy, and as previously reported the Governors have recruited Mr. D. Hennigan. We all unite in the hope that Mr. Hennigan will enjoy great happiness and success at St. Edmund's.

ST. EDMUND'S BREAKFAST CLUB

From September 2007 we will be introducing a charge for Breakfast Club. This has been set at £1.00 per day or £4.00 for a full week. This would be payable in advance to Mrs. Stringman or Miss Hughes and would only be collected at Breakfast Club. If you wish to reserve a place, the form below should be returned to school without delay. If we do not receive enough positive responses from current or prospective users we will not be running a Breakfast Club in September.

Thank you.

I would like a place for my child/ren

at the Breakfast Club in September,
and I am willing to pay for this service.

Signed: