

# St. Edmund's School Newsletter

17 June 2008

Dear Parents, Carers & Friends,

*As we hurtle towards the closing few weeks of another extremely busy and successful year, I thought that I should bring you up to date with some of the important things that have been happening recently at St. Edmund's and let you have details of the exciting things which are still to take place before we finish!*



## STANDARD ASSESSMENT TASKS/TESTS (SATs)

All of Y6 and Y2 children have recently been undertaking the government's tests. The results are not expected back for several weeks yet but pupils have been well prepared and I only hope that their results reflect the effort which has been put in by themselves, by teachers and by support staff.

Most other children in the school have taken Optional SAT's Tests. Teachers and other staff are busy compiling their pupils' Annual Reports which we hope to issue to you on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> July. You will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress at our **Parents' Open Evening on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> July**. (Appointments will be made for those of you who return request slips which will be circulated in the near future).

## First Communion

On behalf of everybody connected to our school, I would like to thank all those Catechists and Family-companions who have already helped our pupils to prepare for and to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Confirmation. On Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> June Kate Tomaselli will receive Eucharist for the first time and the following evening Niamh Sawyers will celebrate her First Communion too. This is a very special Sacrament, helping to deepen our own personal relationship with Jesus in a unique way. I'd particularly like to thank the parish Sisters for the sensitive manner in which they encourage youngsters and their families to remain loyal to the programme of preparation. Please remember these two children particularly in your prayers in the coming weeks.



**(Parish Summer Fair is to be held in the grounds of St. Richard's Church on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 1.30pm)**

## Town Cross Country Championships

Congratulations to all members of our CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS who took part in the Skelmersdale Schools' Championships last night (Monday) hosted by our good friends Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic High School. After weeks of daily training sessions under the guidance of Mr. Richardson, our boys and girls performed magnificently to achieve THIRD PLACE in the girls' event and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the boys'. When these results were combined it meant that **WE ARE THE TOWN'S CHAMPION SCHOOL**, which I'm sure you will agree is a MAGNIFICENT achievement. Eighteen schools took part in the Championships (from 20 who are eligible). Some of those schools have three times as many pupils as we do... Many of our team will be able to run in the event for the next two years (one will be able to run for the next three!).



I am – as always – very proud of all those PUPILS AND STAFF who contribute to such success!

### CLASS VISITS TO THE MANCHESTER MUSEUM OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

I am pleased to inform you that the school visit to Manchester's Science and Technology Museum was a **huge** success. ... Children, helpers and staff enjoyed a most interesting and exciting day..... I was also pleased to hear that **the behaviour of our youngsters was exemplary** and once again brought favourable comments from Museum Staff and other visitors. Well done everybody! Whilst most of the school were out I took the opportunity to hold two Governors' Committee Meetings.....and our Foundation Stage Unit held their Annual Fun Day!

### Sun Protection



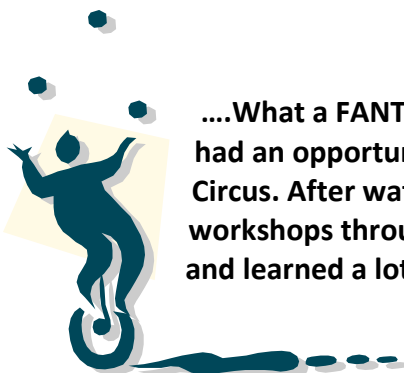
As we now have some days at least when the sun is shining and the weather is hot I suggest that you apply some sun protection cream to your child's exposed skin before bringing them to school. Please also feel free to send a sun hat in with your child to keep their head protected. (We also have school caps and Legionnaire Hats for sale).

### **Panto rehearsals going well.....**

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July our older pupils will be performing the panto Aladdin....tickets will be on sale soon!



### **CIRCUS SKILLS DAY....**



....What a **FANTASTIC** day our pupils enjoyed last Thursday when they had an opportunity to learn some Circus Skills from a tutor from SPLATS Circus. After watching a performance they were able to take part in workshops throughout the day....They had great fun and learned a lot!

## FESTIVAL OF DANCE

I am very grateful to Mrs. Stringman for the hard work she has done in preparing our children to take part in the Town's FESTIVAL OF DANCE at OLQP and Southport Floral Hall...Year 2 and 3 pupils will perform at Our Lady's tonight (Tuesday) and some of our older pupils will perform at Southport Floral Hall on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July.



USEFUL Phone numbers:

Agency/Organisation	Telephone number
<b>*Home Fire Safety</b>	<b>0800 1691125</b>
<b>Fire Station</b>	<b>01695 723853</b>
<b>Police Station</b>	<b>01695 724101</b>
<b>Crime Stoppers</b>	<b>0800 555111</b>
<b>West Lancs Council</b>	<b>01695 577177</b>
<b>NHS Stop Smoking Service</b>	<b>0800 1690169</b>
<b>West Lancs Stop Smoking Service</b>	<b>01695 598416</b>
<b>Drug Service "Frank"</b>	<b>0800 776600</b>
<b>Domestic Violence</b>	<b>0800 2000247</b>
<b>Social Services</b>	<b>01695 651200</b>

**\*FREE HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECK AVAILABLE BY RINGING 0800 1691125**

Remember cooking and alcohol don't mix!  
1 in 3 people who die in a house fire have been drinking.

ANNUAL SPORTS' DAYS WILL BE HELD (WEATHER PERMITTING)

JUNIORS 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 1.30pm  
INFANTS 8<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm

## THE MEDIA DIET

1. Parents stay in control of TV and Computers
2. When it comes to media time, think in half hour units
3. Watching TV during meal times should be a treat – not the norm
4. Limit TV or Computer time early in the morning, or avoid altogether if possible
5. Don't allow any screen activity in the run up to, or after, bedtime
6. Create periods of time without the computer or TV



### ***Do you think we can do anything better?***

**“St. Edmund’s is a good school constantly striving to get better”** (OFSTED Inspector)  
Please speak to me or another member of staff or use the suggestion box in the school foyer if you think that there are things which we might improve in school. We won't be offended I promise!

That's all for now folks!

What's the best time to buy budgies?

When they're going cheap!

When is a car not a car?  
When it turns into a garage ...

Who would dare to sit in  
front of the Queen with  
his hat on?  
*Her chauffeur!*

**LATE NEWS....The marriage of two lighthouse keepers  
was reported last night to be on the rocks.**

