

St. Edmund's School Newsletter

1st May 2007

Dear Parents, Carers & Friends,

I thought that I would write in order to let you know some of the most important things that have been happening here at St. Edmund's in recent weeks.

Appointment of our new Deputy Headteacher



Working with the Local Authority and Diocese, the Governors and I have been involved during the past few months in the process of finding Mr. Stapleton's successor. Last Thursday Governors invited four very strong candidates to attend the West Lancs Investment Centre for a series of presentations and interviews. By the end of the day we decided (unanimously) to offer the post to Mr. D.J. Hennigan.



Mr. Hennigan was delighted to accept the offer and is looking forward immensely to the challenges and rewards of working within this school and community in the years ahead. We hope that it will be possible for Mr. Hennigan to visit us before the end of term.

Local Headteacher to appear on national television

Make a note to watch BBC2 on Wednesday 20th June at 6.30 pm and see if you can recognise anybody you know! What an adventure!



Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL)

Throughout this half term our special word in school will be ENTHUSIASM and we will be looking to reward pupils who undertake tasks and work enthusiastically.

Latin Line Dancing

The ladies who attended our 'Latin Line Dancing' evening had a wonderful time, and raised £26 for School Funds. I'd like to thank Stan Borland and his wife Pat for leading the evening's entertainment and providing their services FREE of charge in order to help our school. [Unfortunately Mr. Stapleton and I were unable to attend as we were in Paris for the weekend attending Mr. Stapleton's son's wedding.]



Reading at Home

In an attempt to increase the number of pupils who read at home on a regular basis we will be publishing regularly the percentages of pupils in each class who read at home on 3 or more evenings each week. The weekly winners will be given an extra playtime!

Attendance

Class	This term %	This year %
R	93.65	93.16
Y1	97.55	95.28
Y2	99.05	95.96
Y43	93.45	94.88
Y54	96.70	94.20
Y6	97.90	95.31

Remember the Government expects an attendance rate of at least 95%.



SUMMER TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

<i>DATE</i>	<i>WHAT'S HAPPENING....</i>
1 st May	Rugby @ St. Edmund's
2 nd May	Willow Weavers to work in school
6 th May	Town Catholic Day of Celebration at OLQP High School
7 th May	SCHOOL CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY
8 th May	Rugby @ Woodland Primary
14 th May	SAT's begin. Hope House Assembly.
18 th May	SAT's finish.
22 nd May	Kwik Cricket Competition @ Skelmersdale CC.
23 rd May	Pupil Disco 5.00-7.00 pm.
25 th May	FINISH for HALF-TERM @ 2.45 p.m.
4 th June	Hope House Assembly.
6 th June	Y1+Y2 trip to Southport Botanic Gardens.
12 th June	Y54+Y43 trip to Bowland Wild Boar Park. Y6 trip to Wigan Pier.
15 th June	SCHOOL CLOSED for INSET.
18 th June	OAKS Church Assembly.
20 th June	JUNIOR SPORTS DAY @ 1.30 pm.
20 th June	Mr. Ashley on 'Let Me Entertain You' ~ BBC2 @ 6.30 pm.
21 st June	Mr. Ashley on 'Let Me Entertain You' ~ BBC2 @ 6.30 pm.
22 nd June	Mr. Ashley on Live Grand Final of 'Let Me Entertain You' ~ BBC2 @ 7.00 pm.
25 th June	Life Education Centre visit school.
26 th June	Life Education Centre visit school. Baptism Preparation here @ 7.30 pm.
27 th June	INFANT SPORTS DAY @ 1.30 pm.
29 th June	SCHOOL CLOSED for INSET.
2 ND July	Annual Reports to be issued.
3 rd July	Panto Dress Rehearsal @ 1.30 pm.
3 rd July	Baptism Preparation here @ 7.30 pm.
4 th July	Y6 Pantomime @ 7.00 pm.
6 th July	Town Athletics Championships
9 th July	PARENTS' OPEN EVENING
9 th July	Mrs. Stringman + 2 School Council members to County Hall, to collect award.
10 th July	Baptism Preparation continues @ St. Richard's Church.
13 th July	10.00 am. Special Assembly for Mr. Stapleton - ex pupils welcome!
19 th July	9.30 am. Annual Prize-giving.
20 th July	School Closes for Summer at 2.45 p.m.



*Thanks for the May Newsletter.
Good Luck Mr. Ashley!
Signed (parent)*