

St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

22nd September 2010

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome back to another new term at St Edmund's school. I am delighted to report that the new term has started in a very positive manner, with children making a real effort to settle quickly into their new classes. We offer a particularly warm welcome to all of those families who are new to our school, I hope that we are able to establish a friendly, mutually respectful relationship quickly and that your time with us is happy and successful.

We also welcome back **Mrs Stringman** to her role as Learning Mentor and two new members of staff, **Miss Bullock** who will be teaching in year 6 for part of the week and **Mrs Dawson** who will be teaching in year 3.



Many thanks to all of you for returning your children looking so smart in their full school uniform. I do need to remind many of you though that all clothing must be marked with your child's name. Please remember that children need to have maroon shorts, white t-shirts and properly fitting pumps for PE & games lessons. Children who go swimming **MUST** have swimming caps - available from school for £1.20. Boys who are swimming need shorts that come above the knee and girls need simple, one piece costumes. Because of the Health and Safety implications, please send in a letter if you feel that your child needs to wear goggles in the pool.

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School Improvements



Through the summer break we have continued with the work to make our school look even better and we are all very pleased with the new aluminium/upvc double-glazed windows and doors in the kitchen, the offices and in the year 2 classroom. Once again we have asked the children to take care of our lovely school and be proud of it.

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PUNCTUALITY

Being punctual is VERY important ... Please ensure that youngsters arrive at school before 9.00 a.m. each morning to ensure that we make a prompt start to the school day. **But**, please make sure your children aren't at school too early except if they are attending the Breakfast Club. We open the classroom doors at 8.50am and before that time children will be unsupervised. We schedule grass cutting, grounds maintenance and deliveries before school so there can be lots of heavy vehicles on the carpark and playground.



SCHOOL MEALS



If your children don't already have school dinners – I can thoroughly recommend them! Karen and Paula work really hard in the kitchen to prepare and serve a wide range of tasty, healthy, quality mealsDo pop in for more details if you are considering this option. Also, the Kitchen will happily provide a packed lunch if preferred. Dinner money is collected on Friday mornings (£9.00 for a full week). Please let the school know the week before if your child is going to have a school dinner, as all the food is ordered a week in advance. Late payments (due to child's absence on Friday) must be sent in to school as soon as the child returns. If you wish to pay monthly/half-termly in advance please let Mrs. Wylie know.

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SOCIAL EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING IDEAS FOR THE COMING YEAR

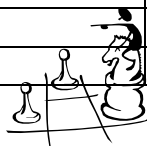
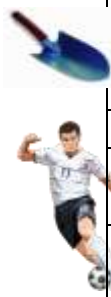
There will be a meeting on Thursday 23rd September at 3.15pm in the school hall for anybody wishing to help plan and staff social/fundraising events during the coming year. All the money we raise is spent on providing experiences for the children that we couldn't otherwise afford. In recent years we have taken the whole school to the Empire Theatre, we have had theatre groups in school, musicians, circus skills, dancers and storytellers – all to give our children valuable experiences.

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

(Starting next week and running until half-term)

Day	Activity	Person Responsible
MONDAY	Sports Strand	Enjoy and Achieve group
TUESDAY	KS2 Music Club	Miss Bullock
	KS1 Gardening Club	Mrs Williams
	Y5/6 ICT	Mr Hennigan
WEDNESDAY	Football	Mr. Richardson / Mr Hennigan
THURSDAY	Boxercise	Mr. Richardson
	Netball	Mrs. Chadwick / Mrs Stringman
FRIDAY	Chess	Mr. Ashley
	Spanish	Mr. Richardson



As always, I am extremely grateful to staff and volunteers for continuing to give their expertise, time and energy so generously.

DIARY DATES

Autumn 1 st half-term Dates for your Diary		
Tuesday 21 st September	1.30pm - 3.15pm	Foundation Stage 'What to Munch' session 1
Wednesday 22 nd September	1.30pm - 3.15pm	Foundation Stage 'What to Munch' session 2
Thursday 23 rd September	3.15 pm.	Events Planning Meeting, please come along with your ideas.
Thursday 23 rd September	2.30pm	Y5/6 Residential trip Parents meeting
Tuesday 28 th September	9.30 - 10.30am	M & M Theatrical productions with 'Pinocchio'
Tuesday, 28 th September	7.30 - 8.30pm	Final Baptism Meeting at St Richard's Church
Monday, 4 th - 6 th October		Residential Trip to Dobroyd Castle
Friday 8 th October	9.30am - 3.00pm	Peer Mediators training
Tuesday 12 th October	1.30 pm.	Sponsored walk for Ormskirk Hospital
Wednesday 20 th October	2.30pm.	Y4/5 Harvest Assembly
Friday 22 nd October	1.30pm	School closes for half term
Tuesday 2 nd November	8.50am	School re-opens
Wednesday 17 th November	9.30am	Mass at school - Feast of St. Edmund

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Don't forget that you can come into school every Tuesday afternoon to read with your children. At 2.50 the library is available for any parents or grandparents who wish to spend 20 minutes reading together. Many thanks to those families who come every week to support their children.

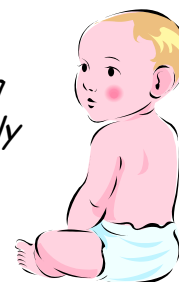
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Congratulations to all past pupils of the school who have recently received the results of their GCSE/A Level/Degree examinations. We will continue to monitor their success and look for great things from them all.



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On Friday this week, Mrs Chadwick will leave our school to begin her maternity leave. I'm sure you join with us wishing Mr and Mrs Chadwick joy and best wishes for this incredibly exciting (and tiring!!) time.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ❖ Mr and Mrs Chadwick as they wait for the birth of their new baby;
- ❖ All our new pupils and families starting their time at St Edmund's School.
- ❖ Y7 pupils .. that they make a smooth transition to their secondary education, and become fine ambassadors for St. Edmund's;
- ❖ All of our past pupils now embarking on courses at Colleges and universities across the land;
- ❖ All of our past pupils who are starting new jobs.

Filled with optimism following England's glorious recent victories.....

"With the very last kick of the game Bobby McDonald scored a header." *Alan Parry*

Their manager, Terry Neil, isn't here today, which suggests he is elsewhere." *Brian Moore*

(About an injury prone player)... "He's got a broken tie-up" *Harry Redknapp*

"By the look of him he must have headed a lot of balls." *Harry Redknapp*

"We all speak English but Carragher talks very strange English." *Stephane Henchoz*

"The beauty of cup football is that Jack always has a chance of beating Goliath." *Terry Butcher*

"I would not be bothered if we lost every game as long as we won the league." *Mark Viduka*

"It's Arsenal 0 - Everton 1 ...and the longer it stays like that the more you've got to fancy Everton." *John Motson*.

"We reckon Carlton covers every blade of grass ... but then you have to if your first touch is that bad." *Dave Jones*



"Playing with wingers is more effective against European sides like Brazil than English sides like Wales." *Ron Greenwood*

"We didn't underestimate them. They were a lot better than we thought." *Bobby Robson*.

"Even when we had Moore, Hurst and Peters, West Ham's average finish was about 17th. It just shows how useless the other 8 of us were." *Harry Redknapp*

That's all for now I think Let's all have a great term!

Best Wishes,

Dermot Hennigan

I have received, read, & enjoyed
the September '10 newsletter.
Signed (parent):
Child's name:

