



**ST. EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY
& NURSERY SCHOOL**

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We carry the light of Christ as we love, live, learn and look after others.

July News 2018

Dear Parents,

Another year passes:

As the school year draws to a close I would like to thank everyone connected with our school for all their help, support and care that has made it a very successful year.

Staffing:

Congratulations to Mr Phillips who is moving to a new school for promotion in his career in September. We welcome two new experienced teaching staff who will be joining us in September. They are Mr Harrison and Mr Wayne.

SAT's:

There has been a lot in the Press recently about the year 6 SAT's. We are very proud of our year 6 who have worked extremely hard and achieved excellent results.

Holy Communion:

The Thanksgiving Mass for Holy Communion in School last week was lovely. I would like to thank everyone involved.

PGL Trip:

The recent trip to PGL was a resounding success and we are most proud of our children. Their behaviour was exemplary and all the staff are very proud of "the finished product of seven years"! Mrs Green, Mrs Stratford and Mr Phillips came back tired after their busy week but definitely enjoyed the children's company. All Staff were impressed by the team work displayed from the children and their support of each other which are invaluable skills for them to take to secondary school. Thanks to all who made it happen!

School Photographs:

Class photographs for all classes have taken place this week and are now available. Orders in A.S.A.P. please.

Sport: We have continued to be successful at sport this term with the cricket team's success playing at Edgbaston last week and the Gaelic Football team finalists in the School's Shield. The Cheer Leading team were second in The Midlands Schools' Competition.



Summer Show:

It's show time again and it certainly seems to have rushed around! I appreciate that at this time of the year the children and families are very busy, however can I ask for Parents support in ensuring that all children are in school at 6.30pm on Thursday 12th July for the evening performance at 7pm. Many thanks! If for any reason your child cannot attend the evening performance can you let their teacher know as soon as possible so that they will not involve them in any major parts.

Sports Day & Summer Fayre:

9.30am. - Inter House Competitions. 11am. - Summer Fayre opens. 11.30am. – Nursery Races. 12.00pm – Whole School Picnic Lunch. 12.45pm. – Cheerleading. 1pm. – School Races.
Please join us for: BBQ, Home made Cakes, Bottle Stall, Tombola, Stalls and Raffle.

Parking:

Can I ask Parents to please respect our neighbours – the residents of Packington Lane when parking to collect children or when attending school events such as: The Show, Sports Day and Parents Evenings. Parents have recently been blocking residents driveways and parking on double yellow lines causing obstructions. Some Parents have also been extremely rude to residents which is not a good example to be setting for the children.

The morning drop off appears to be working quite well.

Heat wave:

We have been asked to remind Parents about the potential dangers to children during this current hot spell. Particularly: Make sure you drink regularly – water and fruit juice are best. Never leave babies, children or pets in a hot car.

E-Safety

Can Parents please remain vigilant in their supervision of the children's use of the internet. This has become increasingly more difficult to monitor with the increase of devices such as mobile phones, tablets and games consoles. Some children are also playing console games which are not suitable for their age group. It is illegal for children under the age of 13 to access sites such as: Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, twitter and Pinterest. The game called "Fortnite" is causing a lot of issues in school and my advice is that Primary Aged Children should not be playing it. It is not suitable for under 12's!

Dinner Money:

As from September dinners are still £2.25 per day £11.25 per week. Please could you ensure that all outstanding dinner money is paid up to date before the summer holidays please.

School Trips:

Please ensure that you have forwarded payments for End of Year School Class Trips. Thank you.

Holiday Club:

Please remember to book your places at Holiday Club if required.

Holidays in term time: Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in not taking holidays in term time. Guidance from Government does not allow for holidays in term time to be authorised. There is no way a teacher can recreate the teaching time missed and there are times when a subject may not be revisited again for several terms, which can lead to gaps in the children's knowledge and loss of confidence. Please consider your requests very carefully, thank you.

Attendance for June:

1st Year 6 – 96.59% 2nd Year 4 – 96.57% 3rd Year Reception – 95.28% 4th Year 1 – 95.09%
5th Year 2 - 94.81% 6th Year 3 – 94.35% 7th Year 5 – 93.97%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ✚ 2nd July - Cricket Year 5 at Edgbaston.
- ✚ 3rd July - Reception Class trip
- ✚ 4th July - Year 5 Class trip
- ✚ 5th July - Parents' Evening
- ✚ 6th July - Celebration Assembly
- ✚ 9th July - School Show 1.30pm.
- ✚ 11th July - Schools' Athletics
- ✚ 12th July - School show - 1.30pm and 7pm.
- ✚ 13th July - Sports Day - 11am. - 4pm. 11.30am Nursery races and 1pm Primary races.
- ✚ 16th July - Whole School Art Day
- ✚ 17th July - School Disco 3:15pm to 4:30pm
- ✚ 18th July - School trip Years 1 and 2
- ✚ 18th July - School trip Years 3 and 4
- ✚ 19th July - Leavers Mass 9.15am.
- ✚ 20th July - End of Term. School closes at 1pm.
- ✚ 4th September - Children return to School.

Have a Lovely Summer Break and thank you for your support during my time at St. Edward's.

*With very best wishes,
Patrick Ward and staff*