

Our Lady & St Edward's Catholic Primary School

7th July 2023

Dear Parents

On 22nd June 17 of our Year 6 pupils were Confirmed by Bishop Paul - we would like to extend our congratulations to them all and to thank their families and extended families for supporting them in their faith development.

The children had a great day on Sports Day and I would like to thank everyone who came to support the event.

As we approach the end of the Summer term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely break and I hope that you get the opportunity to relax. We wish our Year 6 Leavers good luck as they move on to High School and we look forward to welcoming our new children and families in September.

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Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 11th July – KS2 SATs results

Tuesday 11th July – KS2 Production Dress Rehearsal at 10.00am

Wednesday 12th July – School reports sent home

Wednesday 12th July – KS2 Production at 2pm and 6.30pm

Thursday 13th and Friday 14th July - KS1 Playground equipment installation

Friday 14th July - Reception Assembly 3.00pm

Monday 17th July – Drop In Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Tuesday 18th July - Ice cream van in school

Tuesday 18th July – Y6 Leavers' Mass and awards presentation at 6.00pm in school

Thursday 20th July – EYFS & KS1 End of Year Assembly 9.10am in School – parents welcome

Friday 21st July – KS2 End of Year Assembly 9.10am in School – parents welcome

Friday 21st July – School closes at 2.30pm and re-opens on Monday 4th September 2022

PTA

Thank you to everyone for supporting the School Disco and the recent Cake Sale.

School Lottery – Have you signed up to the School Lottery yet? We only have 22 members and need lots more!! You can join for £1 per week and the profits come back to the school either in direct fundraising or as cash prizes for our school families and there are some big prizes to be won! A number of draws have taken place with members winning money. Join here:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/our-lady-and-st-edwards-catholic-primary-school>

Easy Fundraising - Have you downloaded the Easyfundraising app yet? easyfundraising is the simplest way to raise money for Our Lady & St Edward's Primary School PTA – We have raised over £800 so far!

Shop with any of over 3,300 well-known retailers via the easyfundraising website -

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/UJX6FK/MHPPE8/>

When you click on this link just search for the cause – Our Lady & St Edward's Primary School PTA. It's simple and quick to do!

We look forward to seeing everyone this evening at the Summer Fair.

End of Year Reports and Optional Parents Evening

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End of Year Reports will be sent home with the children on Wednesday 12th July. We have an optional parents evening which will be held in school on Monday 17th July, 3.30pm – 5.30pm where parents have the opportunity to discuss any issues arising from reports. We are not operating an appointment system, but time available will be restricted so if there are other issues which may require more than ten minutes please arrange a separate appointment with the class teacher.

Due to staff training the Reception Class teacher will only be available from 4.30pm until 6.00pm.

End Of Term Assemblies

The children will be presented with Star of the Term (Summer) and Star of the Year. In addition to this, the KS2 children will receive their Summer term project prizes. Y6 pupils will have their own special award ceremony and Mass in school on Tuesday 18th July at 6.00pm

School Uniform Rules and Ordering for September **School Uniform & Other Rules**

Please see below details of uniform expectations. If in doubt please call into the school office where you will be able to see samples. All uniform is available at 'Bang Bang' uniform shop in Preston City Centre and online from Stitch Design www.stitchdesign.co.uk

- Trousers, skirts, shorts and pinafores should be **grey NOT black**
- Cardigans and sweaters should have the school logo
- **School shoes** should be a **full shoe with secure fastenings** and **not slip on shoes. Trainers** should not be worn to and from school.
- PE kits should be **blue school PE shorts or skort** in KS2. Cycling shorts are not allowed. House Team T-shirts only.
- School caps & hats are available from Bang Bang - Legionnaire's cap aimed at the KS1 children, and baseball cap aimed at the KS2 children. Mrs Kippax does keep a very limited stock of caps throughout the year.
- **Extreme hairstyles** are **not permitted** in school which includes any shaved shapes/partings. If hair clippers are used, no lower than a number 2 is allowed on any part of the head and hair should be a blended cut with no ridges or lines. An excess of hair gel is also not allowed. Girls hair accessories are to be in school/hair colours only and of a reasonable size.
- **Ear-rings** are not permitted in school. Anyone who has had their ears pierced during the holidays and is waiting for the 6 weeks before they can be removed must cover their ear-rings with plasters. They must be removed as soon as possible.
- **Sunglasses are not permitted** in school (unless permission has previously been granted for medical purposes).
- A reminder too that all drinks bottles brought into school should only be filled with water – no juice.
- Due to the limited space in EYFS & KS1 classrooms only school blue bags and drawstring PE bags should be brought into school in these classes. At times when children are required to bring additional equipment into school, eg extra-curricular sports kit, they should bring it in a small carrier bag.
- Children in KS2 can bring in a rucksack instead of the school blue bag. PE kits should be in a separate drawstring bag and must be in school at all times.

School Dinners

Due to the increased costs of food supplies we are having to increase the cost of school dinners to £2.50 from September 2023. Pupils in EYFS and KS1 will continue to receive a free school meal as part of the Government's Universal Infant Free School Meal initiative.

Change of Personal Information

Have you changed address, contact number – please remember to inform school of any changes. Also if your child's medical information changes please remember to contact school.

Parking on Lightfoot Lane and Surrounding Roads

Please drive and park respectfully when dropping off or collecting pupils. There have been reports of cars blocking driveways on Hazlemere Road. Please ensure that children enter and exit cars from the footpath – not the road for safety purposes.

Please also remember that parents and residents have to walk along footpaths with prams and enough space should be left for this.

TenTen Newsletter

As a school we subscribe to the TenTen resources which we use in assemblies, class worship and staff prayer. Please read the newsletters each month as they provide useful information and spiritual guidance, supporting the work we do in school. Below is a link to the parent newsletter.

www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/

Absence at the Start and End of Term

Our Attendance Policy states that we will ask that sickness absences at the start or end of a term must be accompanied by a doctor's note or prescription to verify your child's reason for absence. However, if this is not possible as not all sickness requires medical attention, then we request that you call into school to see us if we cannot contact you via your landline. If we do not receive verification then the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Value of the Month for July

The value for this month is SIMPLICITY. Please help your child to understand what appreciating the small things in life means. Discuss also how simplicity is about having no unnecessary thinking.

Year 6 Curling Lessons

Our Year 6 Class have been fortunate enough to take part in curling lessons at The Flower Bowl and we would like to thank The Flower Bowl for this opportunity. At the end of the lessons some of our children will be taking part in a competition against other schools.

End of Year Production – “Kitty Whittington”

Our children in Years 5 & 6 will be taking part in our Summer Production - “Kitty Whittington”. Performances will be as follows:-

- Tuesday 11th July at 10.00am Dress Rehearsal (parents/grandparents & parishioners unable to attend the evening performances are welcome at the Dress Rehearsal).
- Wednesday 12th July at 2.00pm – Performance
- Wednesday 12th July at 6.30pm – Performance



Tickets are being sent home tonight.

Entry is strictly by ticket only (for health & safety reasons). If you do not have a ticket you will not be permitted into the performance. Everyone over the age of 5 will need a ticket. Children under 5 with no ticket must sit on their parent’s knee!

If you have any spare tickets please return them to Mrs Kippax so they can be given to people on our reserve list.

We shall have a retiring collection for Kalomo.

Reading Heroes!

This summer, Lancashire Libraries are challenging children to become a Reading Hero and help Dr Paige Turner to stop the evil super villain "The Spoiler"! Reading Heroes is the brand-new summer reading programme offered in all libraries across Lancashire, which encourages children aged 4 to 12 (although not exclusively) to keep reading through the summer holidays, offering prizes for those who manage to read five books over the summer.

We will additionally be offering free STEM activities in our libraries (check for booking requirements) and also free entry to our Lancashire Museums. REMEMBER it's free to join the library. For further details visit <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/lancs-reading-heroes/>

Arbor

Please keep a check on Arbor as your balance for school lunches should always be in credit.

St Edward’s School Club

We have now migrated to Arbor, our new Management Information System, for school club bookings.

All children attending St Edward’s School Club should be registered before any sessions are booked. If you are wanting to book sessions for the first time you must contact the school office.

Please remember the following:-

Whilst bookings can be made at any time, should a place be required within 48 hours please also email the school office to let them know a booking has been made. If you are booking over the weekend for a Monday slot, the office should also be informed via email.

Please also remember that payment should be made at the time of booking. Places in St Edward’s School Club are not confirmed until payment has been received.

We offer a snack and drink to all children attending after school club.

Basic breakfast items will be provided for those children attending before school club but please remember that breakfast is only served up to 8.20am.

Also, we are having an increasing number of pupils arriving at before school club where they have not been booked in. Please check to ensure that you have a booking before attending – we are limited with numbers due to staffing levels.

EYFS & KS1 Reading Books

All reading books in EYFS and KS1 will be collected in on Friday 14th July to allow the staff to prepare for September.

Year 6 Leavers’ Hoodies

Pupils may wear their hoodies to school from the week beginning 17th July. If parents have any outstanding bills, we ask that all monies owing to school are settled by Friday 14th July in order for the pupil to wear the hoodie.

Online Safety

A number of online safety concerns have been brought to our attention including children watching and innocently repeating popular videos circulating YouTube and Tiktok that have inappropriate content. A reminder that all children should be supervised when using digital devices and accessing online material as what can sometimes appear appropriate may not always be. In school, online safety is a continuous priority and we use the Government recommended 'Project Evolve' throughout the year. However, the school system is filtered and often the filtering systems at home are not as rigorous. Therefore, the current song trend can be accessed and brought into school. Following Government guidelines, the policy in school is not to refer to any specific trends, hoax or songs as this can direct traffic in their direction. We will continue to remind children that not everything they hear is appropriate and inappropriate content can easily be disguised, such as the current fake nursery rhyme. We appreciate all your support in being vigilant about the content that your children are being exposed to. Please continue to highlight any concerns or trends as in the case of an innocent nursery rhyme; staff would have to hear the song in full and very clearly to know that it is not appropriate.

Many thanks.

Miss Birch and Mrs Pickup

Music Lessons in September

If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument or singing lessons with Lancashire Music Service and you would like more information please contact Mrs Kippax.

Year 5 Robinwood – October 2023

A reminder to any parents in Year 5 who have not paid the £50 initial deposit for Robinwood that this is now overdue. A reminder that the interim payment of £100 is due on the 4th September 2023 with the final payment of £165 to follow on the 2nd October 2023.