

Our Lady & St Edward's Catholic Primary School

28th March 2024

Dear Parents

The children attended our Easter Mass on Wednesday which was led by Year 6. The children have begun their Easter preparations as a school family. Many thanks also to our parents and grandparents who helped at the Easter Lunch.

Thank you to everyone who sent in sponsor money for our Lenten Fundraising, please continue to send money in after the holidays so that we can confirm the grand total.

On behalf of the staff and governors, I would like to wish you a happy and blessed Easter. To our families who will be celebrating Eid during the holidays we would like to also wish you a happy and peaceful Eid - "Eid Mubarak".

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Dates for your diary

Thursday 28th March – School closes for Easter at 2.30pm.

Monday 15th April – School re-opens.

Monday 15th April - for 2 weeks – Y3 swimming

Tuesday 23rd April – PTA meeting in school at 6.00pm.

Tuesday 23rd April – Y2 trip to Leighton Moss

Monday 6th May – School closed for May Day

Thursday 9th May - Feast of the Ascension Mass at 9.15 -Y5 to lead

Monday 13th May - Y6 SATS week

Thursday 16th May – First Reconciliation for Year 3 in Church at 6.00pm

Saturday 18th May – First Holy Communion for Year 3 in Church at 11.00am

Easter Masses

During our journey through Lent, the children have been learning about the events of Holy Week through Scripture readings. It would be lovely if the children could strengthen their understanding by attending the Easter Masses. Times and dates are below for Our Lady and St Edward's Church

Maudy Thursday 28th March at 6.00pm

Good Friday 29th March at 3.00pm

Easter Vigil (Saturday) 30th March at 6.00pm

Easter Sunday 31st March at 8.45am

PTA News

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!

Easter Bingo-many thanks to all who organised the event, to those of you who attended and to Kevin the bingo caller. The night was once again a huge success.

Gardening-we had a very productive day last weekend where a small but eager group of parents, children and staff planted trees and wildflowers on the field. The trees and plants will provide a wonderful sanctuary for plants and wildlife to thrive. The garden at the rear of school is taking shape ready to house a polytunnel and seating area for the children to use throughout the year. Please join us at the next PTA Meeting on Tuesday 23rd April at 6pm where we will look at the next stage of the development.

Year 5/6 Girls' Football

Many congratulations to the girls who have now reached the Nationals. In order to reach this stage the girls have participated in games at different levels. At the beginning of the journey the girls won the Preston tournament in two stages, they then went on to compete in Fleetwood and succeeded in becoming the Lancashire champions. Following this, they competed last week in the Regional finals facing teams from the north of England as far as Jarrow and Cumbria. During this event, the girls were runners up and have qualified to represent the North of England in the national finals taking place at Pride Park, Derby on 17th May. Many thanks to the parents and grandparents who have been unwavering in their support.

Class Worship

Reception -Thursday 13th June at 9am Class Worship
Year 1 –Thursday 6th June at 9am Class Worship
Year 2- Thursday 18th July at 9.10 EYFS & KS1 End of Year Assembly
Year 3-Thursday 2nd May at 9am Class Worship
Year 4-Friday 17th May May Devotions assembly
Year 5- Thursday 9th May at 9.15am Ascension Mass in Church
Year 6-Wednesday 17th July End of Year mass 9.15am in Church
Year 6 Friday 19th July KS2 End of Year Assembly at 9.10am

Value of the Month for April

The value for April is COMPASSION. In assembly and in class the children will be looking at what this means through our understanding of others and the situations they face. We will look at how we care for others in both their physical and emotional needs.

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/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/

Sports News

Congratulations to the following teams
Year 2 Mini skills achieved 1st place
Y4-6 Swimming 3 pupils reached the final swim off with 1 pupil achieving 2nd place
Y3/4 Boys' Football Tournament - achieved 3rd place
Y3/4 Girls' Football Tournament - achieved 1st place
Many thanks to the staff who give their time and support to train and transport the children to the events.

Reminder Regarding School Uniform and 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 small 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.

Arbor Payments

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

Parking

Please be considerate of our neighbours particularly on Old Croft, Lightfoot Lane, Hazelmere Road and Oakwood Drive. We have received complaints regarding parents parking across drives, parking on pavements leaving little or no room for pedestrians and driving along pavements to reach a parking place. Please be considerate of our neighbours and each other.

Medication in School

A reminder to parents that if your child requires **prescribed** medication in school that we only accept this medication if it is in date, labelled, provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and includes instructions for administration, dosage and storage. We will not be able to administer any other medication.

Before medication can be given parents/guardians will need to complete a Parental Agreement for Our Lady and St Edward's School to administer medicine form available from the school office.

St Edward's School Club

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.

Statutory Assessments

There are a number of assessments taking place in the summer term. Year 1 Phonics Screening will take place during the week commencing 10th June

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Test during the week commencing 3rd June

Year 6 KS2 SATs 13th - 16th May

It is important that pupils are on time for school and attend each day unless illness prevents them from doing so.

Guidance for parents for KS1 OPTIONAL Tests

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65eaf9ae62ff489bab87b32d/2024_Information_for_parents_optional_tests_at_the_end_of_key_stage_1.pdf

Tables Information for Parents (Year 4)

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6543c1ef9e05fd0014be7c64/2024_Information_for_parents_Multiplication_tables_check_PDFA_v1.1.pdf

Guidance for parents for KS2 (Y6) SATS

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65eafa583649a255a7ed6355/2024_Information_for_parents_tests_at_the_end_of_key_stage_2.pdf

Our Lady & St Edward's Parish Centre

Please tell your family and friends that our Parish Centre is available for hire by various groups including: Keep Fit classes, Yoga, Pilates, Dance, Drama and Music including Choirs.

For more information: contact Frank 07779 436279

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) HELP NEEDED

Inspired by St Vincent de Paul, a French Priest, the SVP was founded in 1833 by Frederick Ozanam. It provides direct practical assistance to anyone in need by offering them the hand of friendship through befriending visits. The SVP provides kindness, compassion, understanding, respect, a non-judgemental attitude, practical help and advice.

The SVP Conference in our Parish needs new members urgently. Even if you can only spare an hour a week your help will be appreciated. If you would like more information about the work of the SVP contact Tony Rowlands the Conference Preside

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