

Our Lady & St Edward's Catholic Primary School

4th March 2024

Dear Parents

As we continue our journey through Lent, the children are thinking about how they can make contributions in improving how they respond to our obligation in Lent to pray, to give and to act. During assembly and in our RE lessons we are looking at how the Gospel messages enrich our lives and in turn the lives of those around us in school, at home, in our communities both local and global. Next Thursday, we hope to have our sponsored walk and raise money for CAFOD so that they can continue to support communities around the world.

On Thursday, we will be celebrating World Book Day and we will be dressing up as characters from Roald Dahl books.

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Dates for your diary

Monday 4th March Bags to School Bags can be brought in after school.

Tuesday 5th March – Bags to School Bags can be brought in before and after school.

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day. A day to enjoy reading a book with your child. Dress up day- see below for details.

Monday 11th March - sign up to Parents' Evening

Wednesday 13th March – Year 6 SATs information evening – see this newsletter

Thursday 14th March - Lenten Fundraising – see this newsletter

Friday 15th March – Own Clothes Day in lieu of an item for the PTA Family Bingo Night - see this newsletter.

Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March - Parents' Evening 4-6.30pm

Thursday 21st March - We are taking part in World Down Syndrome day and asking children to come to school in odd socks. Other uniform remains the same.

Thursday 21st March-Ecumenical Service with Broughton Primary School

Friday 22nd March – PTA Family Bingo in the school hall.

Tuesday 26th March EYFS & KS1 End of Term Assembly in school at 9.10am led by Y1-parents invited

Wednesday 27th March – Whole School Easter Mass 9.15am in Church led by Y6

Wednesday 27th March Easter Lunch

Thursday 28th March – KS2 End of Term Assembly 9.10am led by Year 4-parents invited. School closes for Easter at 2.30pm.

Monday 15th April – School re-opens.

PTA News

Bags to School – You can send your bagged old clothes, bedding, curtains, handbags & belts (no school or work uniforms please). The PTA will receive money based on the weight of our collection. Bags can be brought in after school on Monday 4th March and before or after school on Tuesday 5th March.

Friday 22nd March- Family Bingo Night – 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Come and have a fantastic night of fun and bingo in the school hall.

Tickets cost £5.00 per adult & £5.00 per child & include 2 slices of pizza and one strip of game cards. Extra game cards £1 per strip (buy on the night). The bar will be open with limited stock! If you are able to help on the night please let Mrs Kippax know.

Doors open from 6.20pm & the evening will finish promptly at 8.30pm.

All money raised will go to PTA funds.

Please complete ticket request slip at the end of this newsletter.

We are looking for volunteers to make up some chocolate hamper prizes on Tuesday 19th March at 3.30pm please let Mrs Kippax know if you are available.

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!

Sports News

Congratulations to our Sports teams who have competed in recent events.

Tag Rugby gained 3rd place in the tournament.

Girls Football Team are representing Preston tomorrow at Burnley.

Gymnastics U9 -2nd place

Parents' Evening – 20th & 21st March

On Monday 11th March bookings will be available on Arbor under Guardian Consultations. All appointments are in the school hall for 10 minutes and we would ask that you are mindful of this. Your child's books will be on tables outside the hall for you to look at.

Term Time Leave

Leave in term time is granted for **exceptional circumstances** only. Unauthorised leave of 5 days or more may attract a penalty notice from LCC. The fine is presented to both parents regardless of who has taken the child/ren out of school. Please see our Attendance Policy for further guidance. <https://ourlady-st-edwards.lancs.sch.uk/policies/>

Easter Lunch – Wednesday 27th March

All children are invited to have an Easter Lunch. The cost is free for EYFS and KS1 pupils and £2.50 per KS2 child. If your child normally brings in a packed lunch on a Wednesday but wishes to have an Easter Lunch, please complete and return the slip.

Menu for Easter Lunch

Sausage in a Finger Bun or Fish Fingers

Oven Chips, Sweetcorn, Peas, Salad

& Bread Basket

Chocolate Nest or Easter Biscuit or Yoghurt and Fruit

Volunteers required to help with setting up, decorating tables and clearing away – please let Mrs Kippax know if you are able to help out.

Dojo Winners

Congratulations to the class dojo winners below. They had the greatest number of dojos in their class for the first part of the Spring term.

Reception-Joseph

Year 1-Camilla

Year 2-Elijah

Year 3-Jasper

Year 4-Sam

Year 5-Holly

Year 6-Irum

Value of the Month

This month's value is LOVE. We will be exploring with the children that love means that we care and want the best for others, it is about feeling safe and recognising the love of Christ for each one of us.

TenTen Newsletter

www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/

Attendance

Attendance at Our Lady and St Edward's is usually good and continues to be monitored. A small number of children have attendance which is below 90% and as such are considered to be persistent absentees (PA). Currently, our PA is 5.6% which relates to 12 pupils (Y1-6). Compared to this time last year our PA was 10.5%, this is a huge improvement-many thanks to those families who have supported this improvement. It is important that children attend school regularly so that there is continuity of learning and consistent social interactions with their peers. We appreciate that illness cannot be avoided but would encourage that parents carefully consider if their child is still well enough to attend school even though they are slightly under the weather. Please check your child's attendance via arbor.

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.

Own Clothes Day – Friday 15th March

In lieu of an own clothes day on Friday 15th March we are asking children from Reception to Year 4 classes to donate chocolate / Easter eggs to be used as prizes for the PTA Family Bingo Night on Friday 31st March. Years 5 & 6 please bring in a money donation for Kalomo.

Gardening

Many thanks to the parents, grandparents and children who came to help with the school garden - we got so much done. We are hoping to develop the area so that we can grow vegetables under a polytunnel and to have a seating area so that the children can learn comfortably outdoors. We are having another gardening day on Saturday 23rd March from 10.30-1.30. We hope that you can join us.

Year 6 SATs Information Evening

We have arranged a Year 6 SATs information evening at 5.00pm on Wednesday 13th March. This will be a short session with Miss Birch providing essential information and opportunity for general questions.

Arbor Payments

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



Teacher Training courses starting September 2024

Exciting Opportunity – Train to Teach in Local Schools

Recruiting now for September 2024 start

The Catholic Teaching Alliance is based at Our Lady's Catholic High School. Minimum requirements for our teacher training courses are GCSEs in Maths and English (and Science for primary), plus an honours degree, class 2:2 or above.

- Teacher training (PGCE with QTS) is available in all phases:
- Early Primary (3-7 years)
- General Primary (5-11 years)
- Secondary (11-16 years)
- Secondary with post 16 (14-19 years)

Train locally in Preston, Blackburn, Blackpool or the Fylde coast.

Please contact us for further information, or to book onto one of our online information sessions, call 01772 326931 or email CTAPGCE@olchs.lancs.sch.uk

Website: <https://www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org/pgce-courses.html>

PTA Bingo – Friday 22nd March

I would like tickets at £5.00 per person cash/cheque (payable to OLSE PTA for £..... enc

Child's name Year

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.

Lenten Fundraising

Dear Parents,

The School Council are writing to inform you about a fundraising event for CAFOD on Thursday 14th March 2024. We have decided that this year we will be undertaking a sponsored walk. CAFOD is such an important charity which provides aid and support to poorer communities across the globe therefore, we want to raise as much money as possible to support their work. Each child has been given a sponsor form today that they can fill in and return to school by Wednesday 13th March - this will then be signed by school to confirm that your child has completed the Walk and then returned so that sponsor money can be collected. Thank you very much for supporting our fundraising event.

Please send in your money by Wednesday 27th March. Any cheques are payable to MECMAT.

Easter Lunch – Wednesday 27th March

Name of child _____

My child would like an Easter Lunch on Wednesday 27th March

- My child is in EYFS or KS1 and receives a Universal Infant Free School Meal
- I enclose £2.50 per KS2 child. (Cheques payable to MECMAT).
- My child would like the vegetarian option

Signed _____ **Date** _____

****Please do not complete this slip if your child normally has a school lunch on a Wednesday as this causes great confusion for Mrs Kippax & Mrs Musa!!! Thank you.****