

Our Lady & St Edward's Catholic Primary School's

3rd May 2024

Dear Parents

Well done to Year 3 for their Class Worship this week. They shared their readings, prayers and singing with reverence.

We have had a wonderful response towards our many recent fundraising events and your generosity is very much appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who sent in sponsor money for our Lenten Fundraising – we raised a fabulous total of £988.97 for CAFOD.

Thank you also for the donations of chocolate for the Easter bingo and money donations from Year 5 and 6 for Kalomo – we raised £72.60.

Please keep the children and their families in Year 3 and Year 6 in your prayers as they prepare for Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation.

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Dates for your diary

Monday 6th May – School closed for the May Bank Holiday

Wednesday 8th May - Reception class trip to Brockholes

Thursday 9th May –Feast of the Ascension Mass led by Y5

Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May – Year 6 SATs

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

Friday 17th May – May Devotions assembly at 9.10am in school led by Y4 (Y4 Parents Welcome)

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

Monday 20th to Friday 24th May – Assessment Week Y1, Y3, Y4 and Y5

Monday 20th May - Freddie Fit Day

Wednesday 22nd May - New Reception Class Induction evening for parents 5.00pm

Friday 24th May - School closes at 3.20pm/3.30pm for Half Term

Monday 3rd June - School re-opens

Monday 3rd June to Friday 14th June - Year 4 Swimming

Monday 10th to 13th June - Year 1 Phonics

Tuesday 13th June – Cake Sale 3.20pm Reception and Year 3. PTA meeting at 7pm

Wednesday 19th June - Sports Day Infants 10am -12pm Juniors 1.30pm-3.15pm

Friday 28th June- PTA OLSE Talent Show from 6.00pm (see PTA section for further information)

Value of the Month for May

The value this month is **Unity**. In school we will be using the Gospel passages which explore what this means. During the course of the month the children will reflect upon what it means to work together, to encourage others and to create strength and harmony.

May the Month of Mary

The Catholic Church celebrates Our Lady during the month of May. The children will take part in an assembly dedicated to Our Lady as well as weekly Rosary prayers.

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/

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

CAFOD

A word of congratulations and thanks to Elsie and Florence who have raised £100 for CAFOD by setting up a Hot Chocolate stall and selling the delicious drinks to friends and neighbours.

KS2 Snacks

Pupils and staff have noticed that a large number of children are not eating healthy snacks at break time and, therefore, the school council have decided to run a snack shop. After half term, children in the juniors will be able to buy a range of snacks, including fruit, raisins, smoothies and veggie sticks. Prices range from 30p to £1. The only snack which can be brought is fruit.

PTA News

PTA Meeting – Tuesday 4th June at 6pm in school – everyone welcome.

Cake Sale - The next cake sale will be Tuesday 21st May and we are asking Reception and Year 3 to donate cakes. We are raising money for Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Have you signed up to the School Lottery yet? 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!

OLSE Talent Show

Pupils are invited to audition for the OLSE Talent Show. Acts can be as individuals or in a group and a range of talents are welcome in the audition. Acts can be singing, playing a musical instrument, magic, comedy, sketch shows, dancing, performance poetry and so on. Auditions will take place during the week beginning 20th May and will be judged by the school council. Successful acts will then perform at the 'live' show on Friday 28th June. As it is an audition process, not every act will get through to the 'live' show but every act will be acknowledged and appreciated for their participation. Successful acts will be informed on Friday 24th May and tickets for the show can be bought after the half term holiday.

Families with children who have SEND

A further opportunity for parents to apply for Break Time activities. Please see the attached flyer and the link below to register your interests

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/things-to-do/break-time/>

Class Dojo Winners for Spring 2

Reception - Ayda

Year 1 - Jacob

Year 2 - Ottie

Year 3 - Halle

Year 4 - George B

Year 5 - Hania

Year 6 - Coco

Congratulations to all the winners.

KS2 Reading Books

Please can all pupils in Y3-Y6 return their reading books before we finish on 24th May. The books are being re-organised. Children are welcome to borrow a library fiction book to read over the holidays.

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.

Reminder During Sunny Weather

In the hope that we get some sunny weather can we please remind parents to apply sunscreen to pupils before school and send them in wearing a cap. A reminder too that drinks of water can be brought into school so that the children have access to water throughout the day.

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.

Freddie Fit Fitness Day

On Monday 20th May we will be joined by Freddie fit to take part in a day of fitness and fun. All children are to come to school in their PE kit ready to participate in the sessions.

Sports News

Kurling Teams Y6- Congratulations to the Kurling team gaining 3rd place in the Preston Schools' competition.

Year 5/6 Girls' Football Team reached the Semi Final of the Dick Kerr Trophy where they were narrowly beaten with the last kick of the game in extra time.

On Friday 17th May our Year 5/6 Girls Football Team are playing in the ESFA Primary Schools' Cup National Finals at Derby County's ground. There are only 8 teams in England who have progressed to these finals so please join us in wishing them luck at the tournament.

Year 5/6 Boys' Football Team reached the Quarter Final of the Harold Slater Shield but were beaten by a stronger opposition.

Sports Day

We will be having our annual Sports' Day on Wednesday 19th June. The Infant races will begin at 10.00am until approximately 12.00pm and the Junior races will begin at 1.30pm.

Parents are welcome to stay for the day and can bring their own picnic lunch. We politely ask that parents do not share food with the children and to be aware that as a school, staff are responsible for the children during school hours.

Adventure Play Areas

The activity play areas adjacent to the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds should not be used before or after school. They should only be used during playtime, lunchtime or by the before or after school club.

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 Y1 Phonics Screening

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/system/files/attachments/articles/y1-phonics-screening-check-parent-handout-2024.pdf>

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_PDF_A_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

School Dinners

Due to the increased costs of food supplies we are having to increase the cost of school dinners to £2.70 from September 2024.

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.

Arbor Payments

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

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