



## Saint Edmund's and Saint Thomas' Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents, Carers

Our children are *well into the swing* of 2023 and many are persevering with resolutions for the New Year whether that is improving their standard of presentation, learning their tables, reading more regularly at night or listening to their parents and teachers more effectively. School has been busy with many after school clubs and activities and we will continue to pursue our aims for **very good attendance for every child**, ongoing progress in reading and mathematics and developing stimulating learning experiences.

### Residential Visit to Robinwood Wrexham Y6 Parents' Meeting

Y6 Robinwood residential Visit final payments can be made by **15<sup>th</sup> February 2023**.

There will be a parents' meeting for this experience on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 3.20pm**.

### Clubs Overview

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
Am Dodgeball Quick ball Y3- 6 <b>Phonics Y1 2</b>  <b>Y5 reading breakfast</b>    Sports Hall Athletics Y3 6	Gym Club Y3- 6  Y 3 4 Lego until half term <b>Phonics Y1 2 until 29/03</b>  <b>Y5 reading breakfast</b>  <b>Y2 Maths Club</b>  Dance Club Girls football Y3 6	Badminton Y4- 6  Singing Club – half term <b>Phonics Y1 2 29/03</b>  <b>Y5 reading breakfast</b>  <b>Y3 and Y4 Maths Club</b>  Netball Y5 6	Am Cricket Y3- 6       Boys Football Y3 6	Am Dodgeball Quick ball Y3- 6     <b>Y6 Booster</b>  <b>Y4 Maths club Mrs Clayton</b>

**Children have been selected for these groups and their parents have been contacted.**

### Reading Clubs

We ask all parents to support any invitations to breakfast reading clubs where children can make tremendous progress. We have managed the practicalities of providing care for siblings so if you receive one of these offers, please grab it so that your child maximises their progress. Thank you.

### Dodgeball Tournament Success

Congratulations to the Y3 4 and Y5 6 dodgeball teams who won the dodgeball tournaments at Chesterfield and will represent Sefton in the Merseyside finals.

**Levy letter £10**

We have sent out the diocesan levy letter to families (which we held off from in the Autumn with all the costs around Christmas time).

### Twitter

Parent followers are increasing on the school's Twitter account. Go onto the website and click on the link on the homepage. You will find out all sorts of learning activities which are enjoyed by our children.

### NEU Teacher Strike Action

You will receive a separate letter regarding proposed strike action with some context from the Sefton Association of Primary Headteachers. This action could likely result in class closures and so we wish you to be aware of these dates now. We will contact you again early next week to confirm how we will be affected.

Proposed strike dates which would affect our school 1<sup>st</sup> February 28<sup>th</sup> February 15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> March. (See separate letter)

### Choir at St Edmund's

Mr Charlie Corkin, Director of SE Music is inviting children to the junior choir at St Edmund's from age 6+ The choir sings at concerts and events including at St George's Hall in Liverpool City Centre. Parents can request more information from Hannah by emailing [hannah@semusic.org.uk](mailto:hannah@semusic.org.uk) (07806 664160)

### Attendance Persistent Absence

If your child is classed as a persistent absentee this means that their attendance has fallen below 90%. We have a relatively high number of children who are currently in this position and we are very committed to returning our attendance figures to pre-pandemic days. We know that repeated episodes of ill- health have contributed to this but we are very worried about children who are falling behind when they are absent from school. PLEASE do everything in your capacity to raise our attendance figures.

RD	RP	1B	1 2 G	2M	3SW	3 4 C	4C	5 T	5 6 H	6 M
95%	92%	92.1%	96.3%	95.6%	98.4%	96%	97.2%%	91.7%	96.1%	93.2%

### Punctuality

We have noted an increasing number of children who are arriving at the school late; ie after the gates have closed at 9.00am. The Local authority operates a Late Gate visit to school and we want to raise awareness that children who arrive after registers close will not receive an attendance mark for the session.

### Staffing

Mrs Blackwell retires from her post of school bursar next Friday and the school will be celebrating her career in a special Mass celebrated by Fr Dominic. Over the many years of service, Mrs Blackwell has always contributed significantly to the school's strong sense of community and she very kindly extended her service from last summer to allow the school to be in apposition to successfully recruit her successor. On behalf of all the school community, I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Blackwell or Sue as many of you who have come to know her, we wish her every happiness as she begins the next chapter of her life and enjoys all the new pursuits in retirement.

Welcome to Mrs Collette Birch who is covering Year 1 class during Mrs Cooke's maternity leave.

### Online Safety Newsletter January 2023

You received the fifth edition of the school online safety bulletin, full of parental e safety tips for your information

### PE kit Uniform

There are a few older children who have deviated from the **uniform PE kit** so I would ask all parents to ensure that their children are not tempted to wear other sportswear or casual clothing.

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