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Dear Parents, Carers

Summer Fair Postponed

After all this sunny weather in June and then the rains arrive! the PTA have decided to postpone the summer fair. The forecast was not good for today, As you will be aware, the fair has been moved to Monday 17th July when the weather may be a little more kind. Fingers crossed!

The children have been in the midst of a few busy weeks of assessment and they have worked very hard. Staff are currently preparing annual progress reports for your information and these will be sent out to parents on Friday 14th July 2023.

Reading at Home Please maintain your efforts with listening to your children read at home. We really appreciate all who routinely listen to their children at home and naturally, the children gain greatly in confidence in school.

As you will be aware this week, we held an internet safety workshop for parents of children in Years 3 -6 and brought in a neighbouring local authority adviser to share a presentation on keeping our children safe when using the internet. I must admit that we were disappointed by the low attendance as the time and effort involved for those concerned (Mrs Metcalfe, Mr Ellis) is directed from a will to support all families with the challenges of children accessing an ever increasing platform of Apps, social networking sites etc. As quite a number of families have valued the monthly newsletters, we felt that a presentation would be supportive and a significant exercise in raising awareness for all adults.

Farewell Mrs Clayton

Mrs Clayton will be leaving us at the end of the school year as she takes up a promotion as Inclusion Manager in another school. We thank her for all her efforts in her roles as class teacher and SENCo over the last eight years at St Edmund's and St Thomas'.

Mrs Cooke will be adopting the role of SENCo from September 2023.

Attendance - Good Attendance Makes for Good Progress

The attendance record for last week is very encouraging. Nursery and IB have fantastic figures. Well done to all concerned. Please remember that we do not authorise holiday leave in term time.

PLEASE do everything in your capacity to aim for high attendance for your children. The primary years of your child's education pass so quickly and extended time away from school limits progress significantly.

Attendance for last week 19th June - 23rd June 2023

Nursery	Rec D	Rec P	Y1B	Y12G	Y2M	Y3SW	Y34C	Y4C	Y5T	Y56 H	Y6M
98.9%	98.2%	94.3%	99%	97%	94.2%	95.2%	96%	95.5%	97.7%	94.8%	85.4%

School Sport

The school athletics team is competing in the Liverpool and District Catholic Schools Athletics Meeting in Wavertree. Next Tuesday they enter *The Champion of Champions Finals* and so we wish all children competing the best of luck! Recently, Mrs Devey took a girls cricket team to a tournament at The Northern Cricket Club. Children will be competing in Y5 6 Quad Athletics at Litherland Sports Park today 30th June, and the Merseyside Finals of the Sports Hall Athletics tournament on 12th July in Widnes. Best of luck to all children representing St Edmund's and St Thomas' School!

School Sports Days Reminder

11 th July	Reception	9.30am
12 th July	Year 1 and Year 2	9.30am
14 th July	Year 5 and Year 6	9.30am
17 th July	Year 3 and Year 4	9.30am
18 th July	Nursery Sports Day	9.30am

Reception Induction Meetings

Two induction meetings were completed in recent weeks for parents of the new reception class and we look forward to welcoming them back to a Teddy Bear's picnic on Wednesday 12th July at 2.15pm.

Class Transition Days

Children will meet their new teachers on one afternoon on the week commencing 10th July.

Dance Club Performance at Sacred Heart Catholic Academy on Thursday 6th July at 6.00pm.

Next week Mrs Tyrrell's dance club will be performing at Sacred Heart Catholic Academy and they have worked hard so we wish them well for their performance.

Year 6 Leavers

Year 6 children went to their respective secondary schools yesterday as part of their transition experience. The Year 6 Leavers' Mass will be on 18th July at 1.30pm in church.

Year 6 Financial Literacy Workshop

Our Y6 children had their first financial literacy workshop this week which was presented by Helen Morris through an opportunity provided by Elevate, Sefton. Perhaps it is more important than ever that our children learn important skills about managing finances. We hope this will help them in their onward development as they prepare for secondary education.

Changes on the horizon for Cashless Payment

School Comms will be taking over from Pay 360 which you have been using for the payment of various things like school dinners. The changes will be effective from the new academic year but Mrs Fleming and Mrs Hoban will contact you before breaking up so you are all set up with the new system.

Coach Rose Summer Sport Camp

Next camp will be at the start of the summer holidays Monday 24th July and will run for two weeks



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