



# Saint Edmund's and Saint Thomas Parents' Newsletter

## 29th April 2022

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Dear Parents

The summer term has started and the sun has made a number of 'guest appearances' at the end of April! Let's hope this continues over the next three months. We were lucky with the weather for the Easter Bonnet Parade presented by our Early Years and Infant Classes. We had a tremendous crowd to admire their seasonal hats, bonnets, fascinators etc!

### Year Five Reading Group

Thanks to Miss Kelly and Mrs Martin for agreeing to run the Year 5 reading breakfast club. We are very pleased that the majority of families have taken us up on this great offer. Knowing the value and impact of small group tuition, the early start (with breakfast included) is a small sacrifice to make. Whenever we make these offers, I would urge everybody to accept them without reservation.

### School Photographer 5th May

The school photographer will arrive next Thursday 5th May to take the following photographs:

8.00am Holy Communion Children (Individuals)

Your child can arrive in the foyer at 8am in their First Communion clothes. After having their photograph taken they can change into their uniform and will be admitted at the normal time of 8.50am

9.05 Year Six Group Photograph

Reception Class Photographs

### Health Issues Notice

We have been informed by Sefton Public Health that cases of scarlett fever are above seasonal expectations. Scarlett fever is a common childhood infection caused by a bacteria. The early symptoms of scarlett fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea, and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, and gives the skin a sandpaper-like texture - Children can return to their school 24 hours **after commencing antibiotics if they are well enough to attend.** Without medication, they will be infectious for 2 -3 weeks!

## First Holy Communion

### Saturday 30th April 2022

Please keep in your prayers and thoughts the 38 children who are receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time in their lives. Fr Dominic will celebrate this special Mass at St Edmund's Church at 12.30pm this Saturday. Evidently, because of the high numbers of families involved, numbers are limited to 6 per family and each family can occupy one bench.

Fr Dominic has also concluded his work with those children who were due to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation when he visited school this week. I would like to thank him and the catechists for their tremendous support of all our children whose journey of faith had been disrupted by the events of the pandemic

### Curriculum

Our friends in Year Six have been working very hard on their Maths and English with SATs tests on the horizon. In lower Key Stage 2 classes the children will be developing their understanding of growth with planting the garden areas already underway and they will be following up some science work on electricity. They are also looking forward to some interactive history lessons.

Reception children have been out and about speaking to people who help in the community. This week they met the lollipop man on Denmark Street and former past pupil and parish priest of St Wilfred's parish in South Liverpool, Fr Joe Kendall will also be popping in to meet them this afternoon!

### Dinner Monies Arrears Letter

*Please pay for schools meals in advance on Pay 360 system. We have picked up a few accounts in arrears recently.*

### School Attendance Matters 19/04-22/04/22

RD	96.1 %	5 6 H	92.6 %
RP	94.6%	6M	97%
1C	94.4%		
1 2G	87.5%		
2C	96.1%		
3M	96.3%		
3 4C	94.2%		
4S	90.4%		
5F	91.5%		

Well done Mrs Metcalfe's class on great attendance last week. The school operates a first day response to absence and if we cannot contact you for any exceptional reason, we will send a text.

Should fixed penalty notices ever be issued by Sefton Council, they will normally be issued to both parents separately unless there are exceptional arrangements when one parent no longer maintains parental responsibility.

Many thanks.

### Sats Week for Year Six 9th May

For the first time since 2019 SATs tests return for Year Six. The children will complete tests in Reading, Mathematics and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. These tests will be timetabled from Monday 9th May to Thursday 12th May.

On this week, children in Year 6 will be allowed to come in daily from 8.30am for refreshments and a chance to settle earlier. The timetable is set out below;

**Monday** Grammar Punctuation and Spelling

**Tuesday** English Reading

**Wednesday** Arithmetic Mathematics Paper 2

**Thursday** Mathematics Paper 3

**School Nurse Parents Drop In Joanne Windsor last Wednesday of the month**

*Kieran A Loftus Headteacher*