



ST EDWARD'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome to this new academic school year. It is wonderful to finally welcome all of our school family back into the building. There has been a "buzz" and a sense of excitement around school and we have the children to thank for this. They have been amazing. No matter their age they have shown great maturity adapting to new routines and procedures.

We must also thank you as parents for your patience and cooperation in relation to the staggered entry and exit times. This newsletter outlines the fantastic work that continues to go on in St Edward's across all year groups and phases. The curriculum delivered continues to be exciting and challenging but account the emotional and educational needs of all our children.

Further details regarding the organisation of the PE curriculum will be given out next week. Here's to a successful, happy and safe academic year for us all.

With best wishes,  
Mrs M D Brown. Mrs Teasdale and Mrs Fox



### Year 6

It was wonderful to welcome our new Year 6 children back into school. They have returned with hardworking and mature attitudes; they are so ready to learn!

World War I is our focus this term; the children have already enjoyed researching the key events and sequenced them in chronological order. We have also introduced our class novel, *Private Peaceful*, as part of our English work. Year 6 have loved analysing the front cover and made predictions about what might happen in this Michael Morpurgo book.

Overall, a fantastic start to the new academic year. We are so glad to have you back!



### Year 5

We are so impressed at how well Year 5 have adapted to the new school year. They have been sensible and mature and we are proud of them all. This week we have been getting to know our new classes whilst introducing the first topics of the Autumn term. We are learning about why WW2 began and the events leading up to this. We have used our history knowledge to write a newspaper report in English. In maths, we have focussed on place value and can now read and write numbers to one million! In RE, we have been talking about ourselves: what makes us unique and how we are created in God's image (Imago Dei). The children have been so enthusiastic towards their learning and have shown a conscientious and diligent attitude in class. Well done Year 5!

Keep up the hard work!

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### Year 3/4

Year 3/4 have had a fantastic start to the new school year! All children have settled well into their new routines. Year three have transitioned excellently into KS2. They have been working hard across all subjects and produced some amazing work. We are very impressed and proud of them all. In English, we have begun to read *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. In Maths, we have been focusing on number and place value. During RE, we have explored our new topic of 'Homes' and looked at rules and routines that we follow. We have also enjoyed some PSHE and well-being activities along with learning numbers 1-10 in French. Well done again to all of Year 3/4 children for a brilliant start to the autumn term!

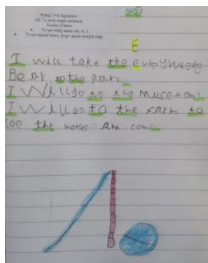
### Year 2

We have been so impressed by all of our children in Year Two. It has been lovely to welcome everybody back. It is clear to see that they are mature, polite and eager to learn. They have thoroughly enjoyed lessons this week and have absorbed information like little sponges. The children have worked alongside their friends and enjoyed each other's company. We have been reading "Supertato" this week in class – a funny tale about a potato based hero! Like Supertato – all of our Year Two's have been superheroes! We have been looking closely at numbers and place value. During RE, we have been thinking carefully about the wonderful world in which we live. A great start to a new academic year - we can't wait for next week!



### Year 1

Wow! The Year 1 children have settled into our new routines with maturity and great big smiles. We are so proud of how well they have adapted to school life in Key Stage 1 and how hard they have been working. This week we have been reading *The Everywhere Bear*, sequencing the story with pictures from the book and writing sentences about where we would like to take him! The children have also enjoyed continuous provision on our fantastic decking area, which helps us to bring learning outside. A very successful start to the year for everyone, well done!



### EYFS – Nursery & Reception

What a fantastic start to Reception we have had!

The children have come in sensibly each day and we are so proud of them. They have had lots of fun playing with friends and getting to know the classroom and outdoor areas. Our first topic is, "Why am I precious?" We have enjoyed lots of circle time activities where we have talked about our friends, family members and our likes and dislikes.



We have also been welcoming back our older Nursery children this week and cannot wait to start welcoming our new starters next week. We are looking forward to making lots of new friends!

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