



ST EDWARD'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 17th December 2021

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Well... what a term! So much has been achieved; your support and generosity with our fundraising activities and school life in general has been tremendous. As always - simply thank you. Yesterday's letter mentioned our Y2 pupil who has undergone surgery in the last couple of weeks. Grandma told me today that she is making a couple of steps towards progress but all our prayers together will hopefully speed this along. Please keep the family in your thoughts, prayers and hearts.

Enjoy your Christmas with your family.

Best wishes,
Mrs Brown (Executive Headteacher)



Attendance

Overall, termly whole school attendance as of December 15th was 96%.

Let's see if we can continue to improve this attendance, month by month as we enter the new year.

Faith Space

As we approach Christmas, we remember this special season of Advent as we wait in hope for the coming of the baby Jesus.

Throughout Advent, we have celebrated wonderful nativities and services to remember the very first Christmas story and to spread Jesus' message of love, hope and peace to all people. At this time, let us remember all of those who may be suffering in any way and pray that the hope of the new Baby King can bring some light into the darkness.

From all of us at St. Edwards, we thank you for the wonderful generosity and contributions for our Cause Hamper appeal. We had an incredible response, creating more than 40 hampers!

Finally, we would like to wish you a very happy and holy Christmas!



LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR ANNUAL HOLIDAY The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006

Amendments to the 2006 Regulations remove references to family holiday and extended leave as well as the statutory threshold of ten school days. The amendments make clear that Head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Headteachers should determine the number of days a child can be away from school if the leave is granted.

Please do not book your holiday during term time or until you have requested authorisation. NPCAT attendance team is monitoring all attendance and punctuality issues alongside school.

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Dates for Diaries 2022



Date	Event
Friday 17 th December	School breaks up for the Christmas holidays
Tuesday 4 th January	PD Day – School closed to pupils
Wednesday 5 th January	Pupils return to school
Wednesday 12 th January	Y6J Stay and Pray Session 9-9.30am in the hall
Thursday 20 th January	Height and weight checks for Reception pupils
Wednesday 26 th January	Y5W Stay and Pray Session 9-9.30am in the hall
Thursday 27 th January	Harbour Healthy Relationships Workshops for Y6 pupils

There will be further letters when we return to school in January with more dates for your diaries – including sporting competitions and events which will be happening in school.

Reindeer Run

Well done to everyone who completed our Reindeer Run to raise money for Teesside Hospice. It was like a winter wonderland outside; it didn't stop anyone. **Thank you so much for your generous sponsorship. We raised a massive £5,216 - outstanding!**



Sporting Update

This half term has been a wonderful celebration of sport. Our children have thoroughly enjoyed participating in a range of sporting competitions organised by NPCAT Sport. Our Y3/4 boys and girls teams were most recently involved in football competitions, with the girls team finishing in 2nd place overall, and the boys team, 3rd. Fantastic achievements!



We have lots of exciting competitions coming up in the New Year too – including KS2 Athletics, Cross Country, Basketball and Netball competitions. Keep a look out for the results from these competitions too as we enter the next year.

There will also be new groups of children taking part in our swimming programme – letters will be sent out soon.

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Beat the Street Celebration Event

We are very proud to announce that St Edward's achieved 6th place in the whole of the Beat the Street Competition - across all schools and teams entered in Middlesbrough. Some of our Y5 pupils visited Middlesbrough Town Hall last week to collect our prize: a certificate and a £50 voucher for our school to spend.



Joshua (Y5S) managed to be in the top 10 scorers in the whole of the competition - we are so proud of you, Joshua!

As always, we ask you to keep in your thoughts and prayers, all those members of our school community, families and wider Parish, who need our support, love and kindness in the coming days and weeks. As Christmas time approaches, we remember and pray for those who may find it more difficult, and offer our support.



This has been particularly evident in Year 2. Our wonderful Year 2 pupils have really demonstrated what it is to be a special, caring friend recently. They have shown true compassion and support through their actions.

Cause Hampers

Once again, we were completely blown away by your generous donations for our Cause Hampers appeal this year. We were able to support more than 10 families in the local community at this important time of year. There were so many overflowing hampers produced by every year group. To see more than 50 hampers created across the school was truly inspiring.

Thank you once again.



Christmas is most truly
Christmas when we celebrate
it by giving the light of love to
those who need it most.



It was truly magical to be able to carry out our Christmas performances in school this year. Hearing the corridors filled with singing, laughter and enthusiastic voices has been so uplifting. In EYFS, Y1, Y2 and Y3/4, each child played their part in making their performance wonderful to watch. With Y5 and Y6, the advent liturgies in church were inspirational. The Y5/6 choir singing, pupil's readings and reflections and the candle light, made the liturgy simply lovely! Throughout the performances, we were able to share time with the children in each year group, listening to them telling us how to prepare for Jesus' birth in the most wonderful way. Well done to all our pupils and staff.

Parking Reminders

This is a polite reminder not to use the Curial car park to drop off and collect children. This is a private car park and should not be used as a dropping off point, nor should it be used as a shortcut by pedestrians.

Just a reminder, that due to the lack of parking near the school (no parking please in the zig zag or double yellow lines outside of the school as this is not legal at any time), we have been able to negotiate parking in the Little Theatre for use by our parents at the beginning and end of the school day.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



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Christmas Spirit

The Christmas Spirit certainly landed in St Edward's during December. We have enjoyed so many wonderful Christmas activities, worship and celebrations across all of our classes. From the Reindeer Run, to nativities, liturgies, Christmas dinner and parties, the children have shown true Christmas spirit. Reception were lucky enough to visit the Little Theatre for their Christmas Pantomime too! Enjoy browsing our Christmas photos to highlight just some the activities...



Don't forget to like our school page on Facebook for daily updates of school life!

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Year 2 and Year 3/4 have had wonderful trips to the Dorman Museum this half term. The children have learnt all about Christopher Dresser, Linthorpe and our local area. Year 5 have visited Kirkleatham Museum as part of their History learning: the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons. In Year 6, the Hough Gunn Battery Museum was their educational visit this half term. This outdoor museum in Hartlepool showcases WW1, tanks, guns and other interesting memorabilia. We all learnt such a lot.



Congratulations!

We love to celebrate all of our children's wonderful talents and achievements - please continue bringing your awards in to our Celebration Assembly, weekly. Well done to Mae (Y1R) for her fantastic 4th place in her ballet competition recently.

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