



January 2022

Dear Parent/Guardians,

I hope you had a lovely Christmas and want to wish you all the very best for 2022. It has been wonderful to welcome the pupils back to school and they have settled in to school very well. This is just a short letter to welcome you back for the Spring Term; to inform you of important dates for your diaries and more importantly updates and gentle reminders of the procedures/systems in school so that together we keep your child safe and happy with the start of a new year!

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 headteachers 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 is monitoring the attendance alongside the school. Please ensure your child is in school every day and punctual. Gates close at 8.50am.

Dates for your diaries:

Parent Consultations: More details later

Thursday 8th February: 9am-6.30pm-Reception and Y1

Wednesday 9th February: 9am-6.30pm-Y3/4

Thursday 10th February 9am-6.30pm-Y2

Thursday 17th February 9am-6.30pm-Y5/6

(Details regarding consultations with Mrs Bell and Nursery will be sent out separately)

KS2 SATs test week for Y6:

Monday 9th May - Thursday 12th May

Phonics Check Week for Y1 (and some pupils in Y2):

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Monday 6th June - Friday 10th June

KS1 Test administration begins in May for the whole month

Multiplication Tables Checking assessment for Y4 pupils

Monday June 6th - Friday June 24th

We will keep you informed of any changes to the above information

Important reminders and information:

A few pupils are wearing earrings for school...jewellery should not be worn due to health and safety reasons.

Please ensure your children, especially the KS1 pupils, are with you at all times when exiting the school premises across the KS2 playground.

A reminder that parking is not allowed in the curial car park. This is a private car park for the diocese.

Please be aware of the apps your children are accessing on ipads or mobile phones. In school, during lessons and in particular Safer Internet Day which will be held on February 8th, the pupils are constantly made aware of the importance of online safety. Together we can make sure your child is aware of all the dangers regarding online activity in this ever-changing world of technology.

We are hoping to organise our usual parents' workshop for updates with ESafety. It is being organised at the moment...more details at a later date. I do know parents find this workshop very useful.

Due to disruptions with the pandemic and interruptions to school life over the last 20 months, we have been recently developing further our 'Culture of Excellence' with regard to assertive discipline and positive recognition; routines and procedures in school and tweaks to the behaviour procedures to ensure the pupils understand and remember what the expectations are and have always been

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in school- in the classroom, accessing the inside and outside environment and what is expected to help each other.

The pupils are always well behaved, extremely well- mannered and polite and this has, over the years, been commented on. This week, since returning, I have also noticed a calm environment with high expectations evidenced across each Key Stage, pupils being supportive of one another and working and playing together as a team. Well done to all pupils! They are mature, friendly, keeping themselves safe and eager to learn.

Please encourage your children to discuss with you what is expected in school so this continues as the term progresses.

With expectations in mind, can I please remind you that full uniform with black shoes is expected to be worn in school and PE kits should be worn in all PE sessions. PE kit consists of a white t-shirt, navy shorts and trainers. Our winter kit allows pupils to wear navy jogging bottoms and a navy plain hoodie/jacket. Please ensure your child is dressed in the correct clothing. This will ensure the standards and expectations are consistently applied across school.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

Curriculum

Next week, you will receive the curriculum spring term newsletter from your child's year group. Please take a note of the curriculum content and coverage; any information you need regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher.

We are organising curriculum workshops for you this term to understand what the curriculum entails in St Edward's- our recent workshops on maths, phonics and science in the autumn term were so well received. I am sending out a letter to you on Friday 7th January with information on our 'Life to the Full' RSE programme. Please look out for this as it contains passwords and usernames for you to access resources and information.

Letters to you will be sent through email. The letters will also be uploaded onto our website in the parents section and on latest news. Please check daily for any

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updates. Classes will post events and activities of school life on Facebook and Twitter too so look out for these. If you would like a hard copy of a letter, please just inform the school office and it can be sent home with your child.

Holy Communion-Year 3 pupils

I am in discussion with Fr Tom with regards the sacramental programme for our current year 3 pupils. The parish sacramental programme is led by the parish and parishioners so any more information I have for you, I shall inform you. Thank you for your support with this.

COVID

Please continue to follow government and NHS advice with regards to any positive cases you may encounter and inform school of the information you have been given.

Finally, you will remember our year 2 pupil who was extremely poorly last term...well, I have much better news to share. She started to make a little progress on Christmas Eve and was discharged from hospital on New Years Eve!!! What a wonderful start to the new year.

She is still recovering and there is a fair way to go but your prayers and kind thoughts have made all the difference, I am sure. Please continue your prayers for the family; we wish the family and our pupil much luck and love along the way.

As always, please keep those in our school community and parish who are facing sadness; illness and difficulties, in your prayers and thoughts.

May your 2022 be healthy, happy and all that you wish for.

Best wishes,
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