



ST EDWARD'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

January / February 2022

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome to our February newsletter to outline some aspects of our curriculum this month. Thank you for your attendance at parent consultations; many parents stated they like the new arrangements allowing for longer consultations and through the day too. A huge thank you to our "Curriculum Safeguarding Superheroes" - pupils (they named this group themselves) who checked our safeguarding procedures during parental consultations - even the teaching staff had to show their staff lanyards! I will be sending out a general letter with updates at the end of the week.

Until then, take care.

Mrs M Brown

Faith Space

This term, children in Year 6J and Y3/4M have led us in our worship as a school. As part of our reflections on the Sunday of the Word of God, we enthroned the Bible in school to remind us how important it is. Many children even brought Bibles in from home to be blessed.

Our support with the Genesis Project is continuing throughout this year. Thank you so much for your invaluable support so far. The items specifically requested are tinned meats, tinned vegetables and laundry tabs and/or powder. Our next collection will be on 7th March. We will also be launching a school JustGiving page for our Lenten Cafod campaign: Walk Against Hunger. CAFOD are inviting schools to Walk Against Hunger in solidarity with the 200 million children whose lives are at risk because of malnutrition. We are joining them in their target of walking a total of 40,000km - the distance around the world. Even a small amount, when put together, can make a big difference and raising awareness and praying for those in need is equally important.

Due to Covid unforeseen circumstances, a number of our class Stay and Pray sessions have had to be cancelled. With advice changing, we hope to rearrange these as soon as possible.

Upcoming feasts: Presentation of the Lord - 2nd February; 11th February - Our Lady of Lourdes; Racial Justice Day - 13th February; 22nd February - St. Peter's Chair; 2nd March - Ash Wednesday

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



Date	Event
Friday 18 th February	Pupils break up for half term at 3.10pm
Monday 28 th February	Pupils return to school after the half term break Nursery Eyes & Hearing Checks
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day – celebrated in school
Tuesday 8 th March	Y3/4B trip to the Dorman Museum (pm)
Wednesday 9 th March	Y3/4M (am) and Y3/4C (pm) trips to the Dorman Museum
Friday 18 th March	Comic Relief – celebrated in school
Monday 21 st March	Bikeability Training starts this week for Y6 pupils

Please see further letters after we return to school on **Monday 28th February for Lenten Liturgy dates.**

Advanced Notice: **Easter Holidays Friday 8th April (break up) – Monday 25th April (return to school).**

Sporting News

We absolutely love to hear all about your children's sporting achievements, both in and out of school. Please continue to send medals, trophies and awards in for our Celebration Assembly on a Friday.

There have also been lots of sporting events going on in and around school since the Christmas break. Year 6A have completed their two-week class swimming block at Borocuda Swimming Baths. We are also incredibly proud of our Y3/4, Y5 and Y6 Cross Country runners, who competed on Wednesday 26th January in our NPCAT event at Postgate Sporting Fields, bringing home 10 medals! Incredible. The girls football team brought home an amazing gold medal and our mixed basketball team achieved third place overall in their competition on 9th February.

We have lots of exciting sporting events coming up during the coming weeks too. We will update you with results soon!



Sportshall Athletics Stars

Wow! We are incredibly proud of our Y5/6 and Y3/4 athletics superstars, who competed in the NPCAT Sportshall Athletics Competition this January. Our Y5/6 team started the week brilliantly by achieving 1st place in their competition. The following day, our Y3/4 team achieved 1st place in their competition too!



It was wonderful to see such a fantastic display of teamwork, dedication and passion from all of our children (and staff too!)



We can't wait for the next NPCAT sports event.



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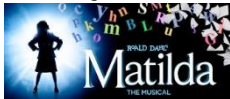
New - Lunchtime Gardening!

Our pupils are very excited about a new opportunity to spend some relaxing time gardening in our school 'maze' area during lunchtimes, thanks to Mrs Harrison. It has been noted how lots of our children have a keen interest in our planet, animals, habitats and gardening. Therefore, we have decided to overhaul the area completely, with lots of new flowers, decorations and animal habitats. Hopefully there are lots of changes coming very soon!



Matilda!

We are happy to announce the return of our famous St Edward's show this year – Matilda, the Musical! We have booked The Little Theatre in Middlesbrough for June 2022, where our fantastic children will put on their show. As always, this will be led by our dance and drama teacher, Mrs Sophie Gordon, and Mrs Angel.



The children have already begun auditioning, learning songs and practising lines, ready for parts to be given out and dances to be learnt. We cannot wait to see our fantastic children put on a production once again in the coming months.

Safer Internet Day 2022

This year, Safer Internet Day was celebrated on Tuesday 8th February, with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. [#SaferInternetDay](#) explores new issues which impact the lives of young people in the UK. The theme will revolve around safety in online gaming and apps.



In school, we focused on this theme throughout our computing and PSHE topics, learning all about young people's role in creating a safer internet, whether that is whilst gaming and creating content, or interacting with their friends and peers.

[#PlayYourPart](#) and we can make [#AnInternetWeTrust](#)

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

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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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