



12th January 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Parent Newsletter January 2024

I hope you had a lovely Christmas and want to wish you all the very best for 2024. It has been wonderful to welcome the pupils back to school; they have settled back into 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

- Monday 5th February: 9am-6pm-Reception and Y3
- Tuesday 6th February: 9am-6pm-Y1 and Y5
- Wednesday 7th February 9am-6pm-Y2 and Y4M only
- Thursday 8th February 9am-6pm-Y6

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

***Y4B parent consultation will take place once Mrs Brady returns to school**

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KS2 SATs test week for Y6:

Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May

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

Monday 10th June - Friday 14th June

KS1 Teacher Assessments begin in May

Multiplication Tables Checking assessment for Y4 pupils

Monday June 10th - Friday June 21st

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

Weeks ahead:

- Y6A Stay and Pray: Wednesday 17th January 9am
- Reading and Phonics Workshop: Thursday 18th January 3.15pm
- Y6J Stay and Pray: Wednesday 24th January 9am
- Family Mass: Sunday 21st January 10am at Holy Name of Mary
- School and Parish Coffee Morning: Wednesday 24th January 9.30am-10.30am- all welcome in the hall for a catchup!
- SEND coffee morning: Thursday 25th January 9am-10am
- Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 6th February
- Parent Consultations: 5th February-8th February- see above
- **Pupils break up for half term: Thursday 8th February and return Monday 19th February**

Important reminders:

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

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A reminder that parking is not allowed in the curial car park. This is a private car park for the diocese. Please do not park across the drive at the side of the church and Y6 classrooms- this is an emergency exit for pupils.

The car park is for staff only- please do not to use it unless you have sought permission.

Please be aware of the apps your children are accessing on iPads, mobile phones and snapchat. In school, during lessons and in particular Safer Internet Day, which will be held on February 6th with the focus on 'Inspiring Change', 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.

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 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.

Tuesday 16th January, you will receive the spring term curriculum 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.

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We are organising curriculum workshops for you this term to understand what the curriculum entails in St Edwards- workshops on maths, phonics and science were organised last term. Next week, January 18th a reading and phonics workshop has been organised for you. Please make sure you attend so you can understand how reading and phonics is taught in school. This will hopefully support you when working with your children at home.

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

Mrs Harris Matthews is the new lead for Mental Health & Wellbeing, Welfare and Headstart support. We have many mechanisms for support in school such as Play Therapy, Schools in Mind, The Bungalow for parents. Mrs Harris Matthews will be liaising and leading with these agencies. Thank you, to you, Mrs Harris Matthews.

Finally, please continue your prayers for our parish and school community- many are suffering bereavement, illness and very much just hard times! Thank you so much.

May your 2024 be healthy, happy and all that you wish for.

Best wishes,
Mrs M D Brown
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