



Dear Parents and Guardians,

19<sup>TH</sup> July 2024

**Re: Parent Letter July 2024**

I cannot believe that the academic year is now closing and as it does, I want to thank all our families for the support you have given to our pupils, to staff and to each other.

Your children have remained the caring, resilient, hardworking, enthusiastic pupils they always are throughout a very busy year. I can honestly say that I am proud of the pupils- they really do bring a smile to your face with their optimism and little chats throughout the day.

**Our Year 6...**

With the pupils in mind.....it is that time again where we say a fond farewell to all our **Year 6** pupils who will be transitioning to Year 7 in September. Throughout their journey in school, they have dealt with the pandemic, lockdown, disruptions, remote learning and returning to their last full years incredibly well.

When you think back over the years, we are proud of how they have matured and ready to embark on Key Stage 3. In the mix is a cocktail of personalities- confident, shy, creative and astute- all with a very good sense of humour and together they have worked as one! This morning's breakfast with them all was just delightful- they were lovely to chat to and they shared their memories of their journey in St Edward's. It felt like a festival vibe!

Their talents range from comedians, actors, mathematicians, writers, sports, dancers, singers, leadership, artists, historians, scientists and designers- the list goes on! They are now ready to face the challenges of their next key stage in education and we wish them all the very best for the future.

Please keep our Year 6 pupils in your thoughts and prayers over the summer holiday and indeed when they start secondary school in September.

**Farewells also go to.....**

Miss Watson

It is with sadness to let you know Miss Watson will be leaving St Edward's. It has been a pleasure to welcome her to the family of St Edward's this year and we have many great memories. Her teaching and learning has been wonderful and I do know the pupils in her class will miss her very much. We are not saying goodbye but au revoir as we hope Miss Watson keeps in touch and visits us very soon. Thank you for everything!

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## **Congratulations**

Many congratulations and welcome back to Mrs Rovardi who has returned to school from maternity leave. She will join us in September as Deputy Headteacher...we wish her all the best in her new role and I very much look forward to continue working with both Mrs Angel and Mrs McGuinness as Assistant Headteachers and Mrs Rovardi. A great Senior Leadership team!

## **Welcome:**

We welcome Miss Stinton to St Edward's in September. She volunteered to visit this week for a transition day with her new class and to stay all week to get to know the pupils. It was lovely to see the pupils together enjoying their time in the new class and indeed a new year group- Year 5. We look forward to meeting with Miss Stinton again in September.

## **Transition**

The three days of transition for the pupils went very well last week and many positive comments were sent to school regarding this. Hopefully, for your children, this will ensure a smooth and seamless transition into the next class.

## **End of Year Disco:**

The disco last night was such good fun and finished the year so nicely. The pupils enjoyed themselves and so did the staff!

Thanks to the staff who volunteered to stay to help out; to you as parents in your support for the event and special thanks to Mrs Angel and Mrs McGuinness for the organisation of it. Look out for the next one in the Autumn term.

## **Returning September 2024:**

**Pupils return to school on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.** To help you with your plans for the academic year, we will, in the first week, send out dates for diaries for the whole year. This will enable you to plan ahead.

A reminder about school uniform for September 2024. Our school policy/uniform has been updated and has been uploaded onto the website. Please take a read of this policy. Remember our supplier is Lollipop.

***Pupils will be able to come to school wearing their PE kit on the days they have PE.***

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## Arrival and departure times

As previously, children will enter school through the brown gate/curial office or the entrance on Eastbourne Road from 8.30am onwards. The gate will be closed at 8.50am. Children are expected to go straight into their classroom ready to begin their school day. As usual, there is no need for parents to congregate on the playground as this will help the children arrive promptly in school to begin their activities and continue to keep the community safe. We have been so impressed at how independently children have been entering the school environment each day this year.

School finishes for all pupils at 3.10pm. When collecting your children from school, please enter school via the brown gate or the entrance on Eastbourne Road via Y6 modular classrooms. Parents of pupils in Reception and Y1 and Y2HM please make your way to the KS1 playground where you will be able to collect your children. If your child is in Y2W or Y3, please wait on the quadrangle area to collect your child from their class. (Outside year 3 classrooms). Parents of pupils in Y4 and Y5 please wait on the KS2 playground to collect your child. If your child is in Y6, you will be able to collect them outside the modular classrooms.

If your child is in Nursery, please continue to use the Nursery entrance for arrival and departure. Timings for Nursery sessions are as follows - Morning session 8.20am – 11.20am and Afternoon session 12.20pm – 3.20pm

More details regarding school procedures, systems and dates will be given upon our return in September.

**A reminder school breaks up for the summer at 3.10pm today Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July.**

I would like to genuinely thank you once again for your support this year. I want to thank you for the messages of support and kind words you have sent to school; I truly believe that it is only by working together we will make a difference!

Best wishes,

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