

St Edward's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter January 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year break and enjoyed the time with your families.

A special welcome to all our new pupils, families and teachers, Mr Tierney in Year 6 and Mrs Casiraghi Year 3, we look forward to sharing and celebrating all your child's successes throughout this academic year at St Edward's.

It has been lovely to see the children return to school excited and enthusiastic and looking forward to meeting their new teachers and looking forward to the learning they will undertake this year. You will receive a newsletter from the children's class teacher and subject leaders regarding the work the children will complete, homework expectation and any important events which may be planned.

Further information regarding important dates can be found at the end of this letter.

Please can I remind you of the importance of all children arriving at school by 8.45am prompt. All children's learning begins at this time with spelling, phonics and sensory circuits all of which are essential to your child's learning, with lessons in Mathematics and English beginning at 8:55a.m. The school gate will be closing at 8:55a.m. If your child arrives after this time an adult will need to bring your child to the school office to sign them in. It is therefore essential your child arrives at school on time each day.

Please come and speak with me at anytime if you have any worries or concerns or email office@se.ket.olicatschools.org.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Olsen

Head of School

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Safeguarding

The most important job we do as a school is keep our children safe. I would like to inform all parents that if you have a concern about your child, or another child in the school, then you should bring this to the attention of the school.

Please note that the Designated Safeguarding Leaders are: Mrs Olsen, Mrs Colson, and Mrs Tennant.

If you have a serious concern out of school hours then you can contact the MASH team on 0300 126 7000.

School Uniform

Many thanks to all of our parents for ensuring your child attends school wearing full school uniform and PE kit. Our uniform is an excellent example of showing our identity and proclaiming our pride in our school. Thank you also for ensuring that the children wear **plain black** shoes for school. As every child has a school uniform, please make sure your child wears it at all times, and **has their name on ALL items of clothing. Jewellery must not be worn during PE lessons** as this could cause your child to have a serious accident. If your child is unable to remove their earrings by themselves please ensure these are removed before they come to school.

Behaviour Policy / School Rules

Children are expected to behave well at all times; in the classroom, playground and to and from school.

Positive behaviour creates a positive atmosphere where effective learning and teaching takes place. As behaviour is a shared responsibility, we actively seek the support of our parents in promoting our class/school rules, in particular our school "Be-attitudes" and demonstrating our school mission statement "Let all we do be done in Love".

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Absence & Late coming

Please note the following information -

- a) All children should be in school by 8.45am prompt.
- b) The school should be contacted before 9am if your child is going to be absent or late.

After 9.10am a member of our office staff will contact those parents who have not informed us of their child's absence. If no contact is made with the family then the appropriate member of the Local Authority will be contacted as the child will be classed as "missing in education".

PE

Please can your children in KS1 and Year 3 and Year 4 attend school in the appropriate PE kit on Tuesday and Thursday. Whilst, Year 5 and Year 6 will have their PE lessons on Tuesday and Friday (no jewellery to be worn)

Family Holidays During Term Time

If your child is taken on a family holiday during term time then this will be classified as an unauthorised absence. **Holidays which exceed 5 days will receive a penalty notice as per Northamptonshire County Council Guidance.** We are unable to authorise any absence unless they are for "exceptional circumstance" and supported by written evidence e.g. Appointment slips.

Nut Free School

Please can I remind all parents that we do have children in the school with nut allergies and we try to ensure that we are a **nut free school**. It is important that there is strict avoidance to this food in order to prevent a life-threatening allergic reaction. Any exposure to peanuts may cause a life-threatening allergic reaction that requires emergency medical treatment. To reduce the chance of this occurring, we are asking that you **do not send any peanut or peanut containing products to school** with your child e.g. peanut butter. If your child has eaten peanuts before coming to school, please be sure your child's hands and face have been thoroughly washed before entering the school.

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Inhalers

Please can I ask that all parents of children who suffer from asthma and have inhalers in school to fill in a Medication Consent Form, which can be obtained from the school office, if you have not already done so. Please provide your child's class teacher with an inhaler that can be kept in school and ensure that it is in date and clearly marked with your child's name

EYFS and Key Stage 1 Universal Infant Free School Meals

All children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 are entitled to have a free school meal. If you wish for your child to receive this then please go online to www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk and register. You must order the meal online the week before and the school will be charged accordingly.

Please share this prayer with your children.

A Prayer for a New School Year

Wishing you all a Happy New Year

Mrs Olsen

Head of School

Dear Lord,

As the new year begins, I look to You for our hope, joy, and peace. Give me the courage to do all that You ask of me. Please also make me brave to not do what isn't from You. Show me how-to walk-in grace and embrace Your love for me even more.

Amen



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Important Dates for the Spring Term:

Friday 12 th January :	Year 4 Cake Sale.
Sunday 4 th February:	St Edwards Family Mass.
Monday 5 th February :	Children's Mental Health Week.
Monday 12 th February:	PTA First Aid Day.
Wednesday 14 th February:	Ash Wednesday- Ashes in school time TBC.
Friday 16 th February:	Year 3 Cake Sale. Last day of half term for 1 week.
Monday 26 th February:	Back to school.
Wednesday 28 th February:	Parents Evening.
Thursday 29 th February:	Parents Evening
Friday 1 st March:	PTA Mother's Day.
Thursday 7 th March:	World Book Day
Monday 11 th March:	World science week.
Friday 15 th March:	Year 2 Cake Sale
Tuesday 26 th March:	Year 5 Easter Play Performance
Wednesday 27 th March	Year 5 Easter Play Performance
Thursday 28 th March:	Last day of half term for 2 weeks
Monday 15 th April:	Back to school.