



St Edward's Catholic Academy

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18th February 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we reach the end of this very hectic half term there are a few updates and news items to inform you of. I hope you are all keeping well and safe? January saw a huge rise in COVID cases across the school and presented us with daily challenges but fortunately we were still able to continue with face to face learning and ensure all our children could attend school with wrap around care available too. I would like to thank you all for your support during this difficult time. You kept us informed of any illnesses and followed the Government guidelines; this really helped us to keep the school open and kept children, families and staff as protected as possible.

I believe the Government is due to announce its next steps soon so we will, of course, keep you posted with any changes. Thank you.

Term Dates

The school has now closed for half term. Monday 28th February is a Trust Inset Day and staff will be working at Blessed Robert Sutton for the day. School will reopen for all pupils on **Tuesday 1st March 2022** from 8.45am

Lent Term 2 - 2022

Tuesday 1st March 2022 to 8th April 2022

Pentecost Term 1 - 2022

25th April 2022 to 27th May 2022

2nd May 2022 (Early May bank holiday) - *School closed to children*

Pentecost Term 2 - 2022

6th June 2022 to 22nd July 2022

INSET – 1st July 2022 - *School closed to children*

New Website

We now have a brand new website. Check it out here at

<https://www.stewardsswadlincote.srscmat.co.uk/>

The website is not yet complete and we will be updating it continually over the coming weeks so please keep popping back to have a look.

Inconsiderate Parking

Despite countless reminders and requests we still have a number of parents parking inconsiderately. Please do not double park on any of the roads in front of or around school. If buses or emergency vehicles need to get through they simply won't be able to. Quite frankly we are putting people's lives at risk.

Also, please respect the neighbours who live near school. Do not block their driveways at any time. They too may need to get out in an emergency.



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We are constantly receiving calls from angry neighbours, not just because their driveways are blocked but because of the abuse they have received from drivers. This clearly is not acceptable and we do not want any of our children to witness this. We have informed all the neighbours to record number plates and any details of incidents and to contact the police. We have also requested further patrols by police and safety officers at the beginning and end of the day.

Please be considerate and keep everyone safe.

Uniform

We pride ourselves on our smart uniform, thank you to all our parents for supporting our uniform policy. Please remember children need to be wearing winter uniform until Easter.

We will be checking uniform compliance during the first week back and sending notes home or on Class Dojo if the correct uniform is not being worn.

Please remember that black jeans style trousers or tight leggings are not acceptable. Footwear should always be sensible black school shoes. We do not permit trainers/pump style or canvas shoes or boots/ankle boots

Please refer to the academy's website for guidelines on requirements for school uniform and the appropriate colours required. Click [here](#)

We do have some good quality spare uniform in school. If you are in need of particular items or spares we may have items available. Please do contact us.

Sensory Room

Thanks to a wonderful donation from the parish of SS Peter and Paul we have been able to resource our new Sensory Room. We only opened it this week and a few children have been able to experience it so far. The children have absolutely loved spending time in there and we know it will be an excellent addition to our provision.



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Science Provision

We are very fortunate to have Miss Prabatani working with the Ogden Trust. She is the hub leader for the local area and through her hard work, we have been able to significantly enhance our science resources and provision. We have received items for a Space Camp, which we hope to be able to use in the summer. This week we received six telescopes and six sets of binoculars. This was after Miss Prabatani was successful in her presentation to The Worshipful Company of Glass Sellers of London who then provided us with a grant of £1000 to be spent on buying the telescopes. It is a wonderful achievement. The next project is hopefully the creation of a Phiz Lab in school, again with the support of the Ogden Trust.



World Book Day

We will celebrate World Book Day on **Friday 4th March**. Please dress up as your favourite book character. It is the 25th anniversary of World Book Day this year so it would be lovely to have as many children and staff to dress up as possible. If this isn't possible children may wear non uniform on that day. Years 4 and 6 who have PE on Friday 4th will need to bring their PE kits with them on that day and get changed in school before their PE lesson.

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We have been informed that Mr Sean McClafferty, CEO of the Trust, will retire at the end of August. We wish him good health and happiness in his retirement. A separate letter is attached for your information. The Trust Board are working hard to recruit a replacement.

Mid-day Supervisor

We say goodbye to Mrs Gemmell and wish her every success in her new role. We are currently advertising for a new mid-day supervisor so if you know of any suitable candidates who would be interested please refer them to the Trust vacancies page. Click [here](#).



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Executive Headteacher

I have been asked by the Trust to support Holy Rosary Academy, Burton on Trent for this Lent Term. They are currently without a head teacher so I will be working with the Senior Leadership Team to support them until Easter.

Please be assured that when I am off site Mrs Methven will take charge and she is always in regular contact with me if anything requires my attention. The smooth running of the school will not be affected.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Kindest regards

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