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June 2022 Newsletter

It's hard to imagine that we are now in the final term of the school year. The time has flown by so quickly and it will soon be time to say 'Goodbye' to our Year 6 pupils as they prepare to move on to their secondary schools. There is a great deal happening this half term so please check the list of dates carefully. It is lovely to have the usual summer activities including Sports' Days and transition activities, something that we have missed over the last two years. However, some events will be weather dependent so please ensure your contact details are up to date in case of any last minute cancellations.

On 24th June we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the opening of St Edward's. Bishop Patrick will celebrate mass with us and you are all very welcome to attend this very special occasion. Kind Regards,

J McQuillan.

Marian Procession

A huge thank you for all the wonderful donations of flowers that you provided for our Marian Procession and special Mass for Our Lady, held on 25th May. A special thank you to Mrs Woolley, who visited all the local supermarkets asking for donations of flowers. The Church looked beautiful and it made the occasion very special and memorable. Thank you.



Attendance September 2021 to May 2022

Reception	91.21%
Year 1	93.49%
Year 2	94.67%
Year 3	93.84%
Year 4	94.74%
Year 5	94.36%
Year 6	94.58%

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL 93.84%

It is extremely important that your child attends school each and every day unless illness prevents this. We are receiving an increasing amount of holiday requests and, whilst we appreciate that plans have been put on hold because of Covid, we are unable to grant such requests, only in very exceptional circumstances.



Please check the term dates carefully and book any holidays during the school breaks.

Please also note that the term dates for next year, 2022/2023 are based on Staffordshire dates. The main changes are around the time we return to school in September and the Christmas holidays. Thank you.

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June 2022

8th - Whole School Mass 10am

9th - RSE drop in session for Y5 & Y6 parents 9am

14th - Y2 trip to Botanical Gardens

16th - Y1 trip to Tamworth Castle

- Meeting for New Intake Parents, 6pm

18th - First Holy Communion in SS Peter & Paul's 10am

22nd - Photographer in school

24th - 50th Anniversary - Mass in Church 10am

27th - KS1 Sports' Day in school (Y1 & Y2) 2pm

28th - YR & Nursery Sports' Day in school 2pm

29th & 30th - Y6 Transition Days at Blessed Robert Sutton

30th -YR trip to Ash End Farm

July 2022

1st - INSET Day - School closed to all pupils

4th - KS1 (RESERVE) Sports' Day

5th - Y6 Transition Day to Pingle, Granville or Paulet

6th - KS2 Sports' Day - Eureka Park 9.30am

7th - New Intake morning visit to school

8th- KS2 Sports' Day (RESERVE)

13th - Y5 Taster Day at Blessed Robert Sutton

14th - Y6 End of Year Play 6pm

20th - Leavers' Mass in Church 10am

21st - Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9.30am

22nd - Break up for Summer Holidays

September 2022

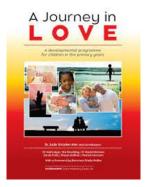
Monday 5th - INSET School closed to pupils

Tuesday 6th - Children return to school

RSE Update

Thank you to all those who were able to attend our recent meeting on Relationships and Sex Education and the terminology being used from Y1 onwards. Following the meeting we have compiled a short form for you to complete in order to capture the views of as many parents and carers as possible. This will be sent out via text today. It would be really appreciated if you could complete it so that we have a clear consensus from parents about the terminology to be used.

A further update has been sent out for Y5 and Y6 parents. This outlines the programme that will be taught over the next few weeks. If there is anything you would like to discuss please speak to Mr Ward or Mrs McQuillan or your class teacher.



Coffee Morning and Uniform Stall

We have a wide range of clean uniform in excellent condition. Please pop along to our coffee morning on **Friday 10th June at 9am**. You are all very welcome to attend. If you have good quality uniform that your child has out grown, please consider donating it to school and by so doing we can reuse and recycle, helping out as many families as possible during this difficult financial time.



Absences

Parents must ring and report their child's absence each day that they do not attend school. They may also email: office@edw.srscmat.co.uk

Any unreported absence will be followed up with a text in the first instance and then a phone call if no response is received.

In order to obtain an authorised absence mark, please send in copies of medical appointment letters to the school office. Thank you.

Calling All Volunteers!

Would you be able to spare some time to help improve our front garden? We have some seasonal jobs that require attention like weeding,



tidying and treating the wooden benches and raised planters. We would love to hear from you, even if you can only spare a couple of hours, it would really help.

Also, is there anyone who is able to help finish off our Eco Greenhouse? The roof top and door still need some attention. We've got so far, it would be such a shame not to finish it off.

One and All After School Club

There are still places available at the after school club. The cost of a full session until 6pm, including light tea, is £12 with a half session until 4.30pm costing £7. If you would like further information or wish to book a place, please contact Jo Griffiths on 07752738575

Additional Inset Day - 2022/2023

We have been informed by the St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Academy Trust that we will again be having a 6th INSET day next academic year. This has been added to our term dates and will be taken on Monday 3rd July 2023. The term dates list for 2022/23 will be reissued this week and they are also available on our website, please click <u>HERE</u>

Nursery Open Morning

We are pleased to announce an open morning for our nursery. This will take place on Friday the 1st of July from 10:00am to 12:00pm. If you wish to book a place on the open morning, please email office@edw.srscmat.co.uk

If you know of anyone who has children who may be interested in a place from September onwards, please pass the information on to them. Thank you.



Uniform—Next Academic Year

From September we will be returning to wearing school uniform each day and children will keep or bring their PE kits into school with them and change in school when they have PE. The kit will remain the same so please ensure pupils have the appropriate PE kit as listed on our website. It can also be found by clicking HERE We will also be allowing navy shorts as well as royal blue next year as they can be sourced more easily.

Breakfast Club

We are looking into the possibility of offering parents the option to pay for Breakfast Club with childcare vouchers. We hope that this will be effective from September '22 and we will update you with any confirmation before the end of term. Our Breakfast Club runs daily from 7:45am to 8:45am. Please contact the school office for more information. Booking are made in advance on School Money so that we have an idea of numbers to expect but last minute bookings can be taken by contacting the school office.