



Newsletter

We see Jesus in everything we do

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Dear Parents

Despite the miserable weather (will it ever stop raining?) we have managed to make the most of the past few weeks in school. The children have been working hard and the teachers are very proud of them and all they have achieved.

Parents' Evening – 19th & 21st March 3.30pm – 6.00pm

There are still about 40 children across the school whose parents have not made an appointment to see the class teacher next week. Please do log on to School Cloud to book your appointment if you have not yet done so and contact the office if you have any questions.

<https://www.stedwardscatholicfirstschool.co.uk/parents/instructions-for-booking-parents-evenings-and-teachers-clubs>

Parking

We continue to receive regular complaints, both from our neighbours and members of the school community, regarding inconsiderate and dangerous parking in Parsonage Lane and the surrounding streets. Please do walk, cycle or scoot to school if this is a viable option for you, or consider using the walking bus facility as an alternative if it is not.

Walking Bus – Use it or Lose It

On the subject of the walking bus, the number of children using the facility has dropped off dramatically this academic year, with there regularly being only one or two children using the service. As we do not charge parents for this service and we necessarily need at least three members of staff to run it, it is proving to

be a particularly costly provision for the school budget. The Governors have discussed the issue and it has been decided that we will continue to offer the service for the rest of this academic year, but if the numbers of children using the bus do not increase it will not be possible for us to continue into the new academic year. Please do consider if this might be an alternative option for your family.

Reading Books

There have been several incidences of the children's reading books being returned to school damaged this week – the primary culprit being leaking water bottles. All the parents concerned have, thankfully, agreed to replace the damaged books to ensure that our stock levels remain adequate (we buy most of them in sets). Please do take extra care to ensure that the water bottle and book are as separate as possible in the children's bags – or even in a sealed plastic bag to make sure!

Faith Friends

Miss McGuckian has had a very hard time this month selecting just 8 Y3/4 Faith Friends from the multiple applications she received. These children applied for the position to help Miss McGuckian and the whole school community with RE and the Catholic ethos of the school. They will be helping their peers with our Gospel missions, supporting children and adults in becoming more prayerful and gathering ideas and creating prayer spaces across the school. Congratulations to; Lucie, Maxim, Tomy, Irene, Tishe, Ivy, Hana, Elsie, and our altar servers Zuza and Amelia.

Sports Day - Friday 24th May

A reminder that we have booked our school Sports Day for Friday 24th May, with the reserve date being the 7th June. All children will need a PLAIN house coloured T shirt

Matthew – Red

Mark – Yellow

Luke – Blue

John – Green

The school kitchen will be closed on Sports day and no school lunches will be available on the day. We will host picnic lunches for families on the field after the event and children will be allowed to go home with their families after registration at 1pm.

If you are not able to attend the picnic, please do try to arrange with another family for your child to share lunch with – the children far prefer this arrangement than spending their time with staff!

The Cuckoo Club will not be open on Sports Day.

Fiona Barker Author Visit - Wednesday 20th March

A reminder we have Fiona visiting school this coming week. Details regarding the visit and how to purchase books are attached.

Help your child with Maths homework KS1 & KS2

20th March free support session at Dedworth Library, details attached, please book if interested.

Very best wishes

Sarah Matthews

Headteacher