St Edward's First School



Newsletter

We see Jesus in everything we do

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Dear Parents

This term, indeed this year, seems to be disappearing at a rapid pace and we find ourselves just over four weeks away from the summer holiday. Although the end of term is tantalisingly close, there is so much to fit in, it all seems a bit busy! Please do keep an eye on the school calendar for all the events and times over the next few weeks.

St. Peter & St Paul - Friday 28th June

We will be celebrating Mass next Friday morning at 9am. Parents are warmly invited to attend.

Sports Day

Although it does seem like a very long time ago now, many thanks to all of you for your support on Sports Day. There was a lovely atmosphere and the children certainly all enjoyed themselves!

Luke (blue) were the winning team on the day and, in celebration, the children who belong to Luke house may wear their own clothes to school next Tuesday 25th June.

D Day Truck

Huge thanks to Lilian and Leo's grandparents who brought a 1942 truck that had recently participated in the D Day celebrations in Normandy to school yesterday for the children to see. The children really enjoyed seeing history in real life!

Celebration of Work Afternoon - Years 1 -4

As the Fledglings learning is all recorded on Tapestry, this event is not for them. However, you may collect your Fledglings to take home with their siblings once you have seen the older children's work if you wish.

All parents/carers are welcome to come to school on the afternoon of Wednesday 10th July 2024 after 1.30pm but before 2.45pm. We will open the courtyard gates and invite you in to collect your child from their classroom. You can then go into the grounds to look at their books and marvel at all the wonderful work they have done and at the amazing progress they have made during the course of the year. Please feel free to take all the time you need but, if you have more than one child, please do endeavour to share their work with them individually – a precious (and probably rare!) chance to focus on one child at a time. Once you have seen all the children's work, please ask the children to return all their books to the classroom teacher. You may then, if you wish, take your children home with you. Please note, none of the children's books or journals should be taken home.

Cuckoo Club will not be open on this date.

Due to the nature of this event, we are sorry that it will not be possible for us to accommodate any preschool or older children.

The Wizard of Oz

The Year 4 children are working very hard to perfect their leavers' production of The Wizard of Oz. Tickets will be available soon for the evening performances and are available for Y4 parents only but there will be a performance at 10am on the 10th July to which you are warmly invited if you wish to come and see it.

Due to restrictions of space, we will be requesting that no St Edward's First pupils attend an evening performance – they will have had the opportunity to watch the show during school time.

Parking

We continue to have constant issues with parking and complaints from our neighbours about members of our school community blocking driveways and being rude. This is a difficult issue for the school to deal with as the land is not ours and we have no jurisdiction or powers – it is also not a part of any of our staffs' job description!

Please do try and park considerately – or walk if you can!

Parking Trial

We are very grateful to have been offered the chance to conduct a trial using the parking at Clewer Memorial Hall at pick up and drop off times. We have invited a small group of parents who we know have to drive their children to school because of the distance they travel, to participate. You may therefore notice some parents using the hall parking over the coming weeks. Unless you have received an invitation, please do not be tempted to tailgate and take advantage – there is a number plate recognition in place and you will be fined. If the trial is successful this may be something that we are able to offer going forward – watch this space!

Walking Bus

As the number of children being dropped in the park to make use of this facility has not risen since our "use it or loose it" advice several weeks ago, we will no longer be offering this service from September.

Lost Property

The amount of lost property is often a subject of despair for the staff here at school but I've never known it to be like this before! Most of this is unnamed and so we are unable to return it to the children. Please ensure that everything the children bring to school is named to prevent this dreadful waste. If your child has lost any items please do come and have a look through – it may take you some time!!



God Bless

Sarah Matthews

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