



Newsletter

We see Jesus in everything we do

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Dear Parents

Another busy – and very wet - week! It has been so lovely to see all the children so happy and engaged in their learning as I have moved around the school. They all seem very settled and are enthusiastic about sharing their learning and knowledge with me – long may it last!

School Census Day – Thursday 3rd October

Every year the free school meal funding (the amount of money given to the school by the Government to cover the free school meals for YR, 1 & 2) is based upon the number of school meals served on a particular date. The more meals – the more money! Census day this year is the 3rd October. We have changed the menu for Thursday it will be Chicken Nuggets & Chips or Veggie Nuggets & Chips; Friday 4th will be Chicken & Tomato Pasta Bake or Quorn Noodle Stir Fry. The Jacket Potato & Grab Bag option will be available on both days.

Please do consider letting your child have lunch on the Thursday 3rd – every packed lunch can cost the school budget £400!

The Catholic Faith – A Message from Canon David

If you would like to become a Catholic or know more about the Catholic faith, St Edwards Parish will soon be commencing a gentle unfolding of the faith, without any strings attached. If you are interested, then please contact Fr David: 01753 865163 or e-mail canondavid@catholicwindsor.org

Friends AGM – October 7th @ 6pm

The Friends will be holding their annual AGM on Monday 7th October in the school hall at 6pm. Adela Winfield, who has Chaired the Friends very successfully has given her notice of intent to stand down so we are in need of a new Chairperson, the role can be shared.

Please do come along to the AGM – The Friends provide the opportunity for the children to experience all the curriculum “extras” that the school budget does not allow for.

Swimathon Sunday 27th October at 3pm

Every year The Lions of Windsor run a Swimathon. Many local schools and clubs take part to raise money for their charities. The Swimathon takes place all day. On the hour, different teams from various schools and clubs will swim for 55 minutes, taking it in turns to swim as many laps as they can.

Two lanes are reserved for St Edwards Catholic First School on Sunday 27th October at 3pm (arrive 2.30pm)

The Friends are looking for 16 swimmers to take part in this year's Swimathon.

If your child is interested, please follow this link by 18th October. Places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofstedwardsfirst/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=84531>

We raise money for St Edward's Catholic First School by asking friends and family to sponsor the children who are swimming. 100% of the sponsor money goes back to school and the Lions of Windsor receive gift aid which then goes to many local charities. A Just Giving page has been set up for you to share.

<https://windsorlions.enthuse.com/pf/the-friends-of-st-edwards-catholic-first-school-5fb64>

It is a great atmosphere on the day and the children really get involved in cheering their teams on to win as many laps as they can and of course this is a great achievement in supporting their school.

Lost Property

The staff are increasingly being asked by parents and carers to find children's belongings that have been lost or misplaced but also continue to be told that they are not named. It is impossible for us to spend time trying to locate and return items that are unnamed – it would, with the current demands, be a full-time job for a staff member!!

Please, please ensure that ALL your children's belongings are named clearly and correctly. This will save you money and us a huge amount of time!

PE Kit

There are still a number of children across the school wearing hooded, zipped or tops with logo's on their PE days – sometimes all three! A reminder that the PE kit is a ***plain black sweatshirt*** please.

Phonics Session for KS1 Parents Thursday 3rd October

Mrs Hayman will be leading a Phonics information session for all parents of Y1 & Y2 children next Thursday morning at 9am in the school hall. Do come if you can!

Greenhouse – Saturday 5th October @ 9am

The Friends were kind enough to top up the funds raised by the Gardening Club to allow the purchase of the long desired greenhouse which was delivered in flatpack form this week. The intention is to erect the greenhouse on the morning of the 5th October but this can only be done if we have some parental help. If you are able to assist for a couple of hours on that Saturday morning from 9am please do let the office know office@secfs.org.uk. Due to the nature of the work being undertaken we will not be able to accommodate any children whilst the work is carried out.

I do hope that you have a lovely weekend.

God Bless

Sarah Matthews

Headteacher