



# Newsletter

We see Jesus in everything we do

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Dear Parents

We are already 2 weeks into the summer term but it seems that no one has shared this information with the weather. I do hope it picks up soon!

### **Happy Bags to School – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

There is a collection for Happy Bags on Tuesday – maybe you could spend the weekend having a clear out?! Please bring any suitable donations to school on Tuesday morning – either to the bike shed or the courtyard.

### **Mass – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May – 9am**

Canon David will be joining us to celebrate Mass on Thursday morning. Please do come along and join us if you can.

### **First Holy Communion**

Many of our Y3 children will be making their First Holy Communion in the coming weeks. These very special Masses will be held at St Edward's Church at 10.30am on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of May. Do come along to help them celebrate if you are able to.

### **Sports Day – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

Our Sports Day is scheduled for Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May. The children will all need a PLAIN t-shirt in their house colour.

Matthew – Red

Mark – Yellow

Luke – Blue

John – Green

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!

### **Neither Cuckoo Club or the school kitchen will be open on Sports Day.**

If the weather is poor then our reserve Sports Day is scheduled for Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

More details will be sent home nearer the time.

### **ME Awareness Blue Day**

The children are invited to wear a splash of blue with their uniform or PE Kit on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May in recognition of ME Awareness Day. Blue socks, shoes, ribbons, ties, jumpers – any splash of blue to enhance their uniform is welcome. More details can be found at; <https://www.mesupport.co.uk/awareness-day>

### **Mary the Untier of Knots**

As May is the month where we specifically remember Mary, Jesus' mother, Miss McGuckian has organised for the children to participate in a devotion to Mary the Untier of Knots. The children will all be given a ribbon to write a problem or worry on that they would like some help with. These ribbons will then adorn the courtyard gates for the duration of the month.

### **Readathon**

Over the Easter holiday, the children were invited to take part in Read for Good's readathon challenge. Our school raised an amazing £1202.30 which will support local hospitals in providing books for children to read and enjoy whilst in hospital. Thank you to all who joined in and supported us in the challenge.

### **School Class Photographs – note from Tempest**

*Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk)*

*If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).*

*Many thanks.*

### **Diocesan School Building Fund**

You may remember that I have previously sent out letters regarding this fund and asking for your help with the School Building Fund invoice from the diocese. I explained that this fund is a 'pot' that we can access when we need work done at the school, and St Edward's has benefitted greatly from this over the years.

We have to pay the full invoice, which equates to approximately £10.00 per child per term. We have to pay this, regardless of how much we receive in donations from you. The spring invoice is now due and we are looking at our various budgets to see where we can find the money – not an easy task in the current climate! If you can help at all, please do so via ScoPay – it is very much appreciated!

Please remember that it is a Bank Holiday on Monday so the school will be closed. We look forward to seeing all the children back at school on Tuesday!

Do enjoy the extra day – even if the weather does not play ball!

God Bless

Sarah Matthews