



12th September 2016

## Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone and a special welcome to our new children in Reception and Ethan and Ruby Naylor, Gabriella De Mello and Keira Ashcroft.

### Welcome Miss O'Sullivan and Miss

### McCormack

Welcome to our new teachers who will be covering maternity leave for Mrs Farrell and Miss Smith.

### Meet your Teacher

Teaching staff will prepare a short presentation for you on their curriculum plans and expectations for this year. These curriculum briefings will take place after school and will take place in your child's classroom. The times are listed below;

Year 5S ,5/6 M and 6Mc on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 3.45pm  
 Year 2S , 2C on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 3.45pm  
 Year Reception B , Reception/Y1L and Y1G on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 3.45pm  
 Year 3 O'S ,3/4 Su and 4A on Thursday 22nd September 3.45pm

The meetings should conclude by 4.15pm and staff will continue to place information on the class page of the website.

### Beginning of the School Year Mass

There will be a special Mass for Years 1 – 6 to celebrate a new academic year on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September in St Edmund's Church at 9.15am

### Sacramental Meetings Year 4 Parents

The first sacramental meeting for parents of Year 4 children will take place at school on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm in the school hall. A full list of dates of meetings to follow.

### PTA Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016

The first meeting of the PTA will be its AGM and will take place in the New Room adjacent to the school hall on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 3.40pm. At this meeting the positions of Treasurer, Secretary and Chairperson will be determined. If you would like to take on one of these roles, please leave your details at the school office for the attention of Anne Marie Whelan. The meeting will also establish the plan of events for the school year.

### Date for Your Diary Advanced Notice

The first Parents' Meeting will be Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

### School Clubs

Letters for a wide range of after school clubs have been sent out from the office.

### Attendance Matters 11/07/16 – 15/07/16

We take a very keen interest in school attendance issues. Well done to Mrs Lennon's class for your attendances last week, ending 15/07/16. This is very good!

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|---------------------------|--------|
| Ms Bowden Reception       | 96.7 % |
| Mrs Lennon Rec Year R 1L  | 100 %  |
| Mrs Greaney Year 1G       | 95.2 % |
| Mrs Claro Year 2C         | 99.6%  |
| Miss Smith Year 2S        | 95.5%  |
| Miss O'Sullivan Year 3O'S | 95.2%  |
| Mrs Sugden Year 3 / 4S    | 96.7%  |
| Mrs Ashcroft Year 4A      | 98.8%  |
| Mr Smith Year 5S          | 95.6%  |
| Mrs Metcalfe              | 97.6 % |
| Mrs McAnespy Year 6       | 97%    |

We are looking forward to improving our attendance rates this year and appeal to everyone to encourage regular school attendance. The school will not authorise holidays in term time.

### Rewards Assembly

The school has re-launched a rewards assembly on Friday afternoons in the hall. Children in Years 2 – 6 will collect house points for their team which bare the names of the patron saints of the British Isles; St George, St Andrew, St Patrick and St David. House points are collected and totalled each week and positions are highlighted . At the end of the year the winning house will receive a shield and have a house treat. We hope that this will promote good teamwork and motivate children to do well. Two Year 6 children have been nominated as captains and vice captains of each team;

|                   |                        |                                    |
|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>St George</b>  | Meghan Doherty Captain | Mikey Armstrong Corns Vice Captain |
| <b>St Patrick</b> | Aidan Lovelady Captain | Lilly Garrett Vice Captain         |
| <b>St Andrew</b>  | Hannah Morgan Captain  | Frankie Taylor Vice Captain        |
| <b>St David</b>   | Abe Campbell Captain   | Lucy Jones Vice Captain            |

Two children in each class also receive a Merit Certificate for individual achievement relating to academic or social achievement during the week.

### School Meals Increase

The new price of school meals will be **£2.00** per day or **£10** per week from 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016. Dinner money is to be paid in advance on Monday morning for the week.

### Emergency Contact Form

Please remember that this Wednesday is the deadline for the emergency contact form (peach colour) to be returned.

**Check this year's holidays on:**

[www.stedmundsprimary.co.uk](http://www.stedmundsprimary.co.uk)

**Kieran A Loftus Headteacher**