



4th June 2015

**Dear Parents,
Welcome back!**

And so we move on to the 'final lap' of the school year which is, without doubt, one of the busiest half-terms of the year with a great number of events planned.

Art Week 6th July

This year's Art Week will have the theme of Sculpture and Architecture. Some classes have discussed their study on the classes' pages of the school website. We have commissioned Roy Bouffler (Wood Sculptor) to develop a solid wood sculpture of a Storyteller's Chair.

Teaching Staff changes for September

Mr Kennedy has been appointed to a new school with middle leadership promotion with effect from next September 2015. We wish to congratulate him on this post and thank him for all his efforts at Saint Edmund's and Saint Thomas' over the last three years. We wish him well for a new chapter in his career.

New Staff Appointment

The school has appointed Mrs Pauline Clayton to work as part of the Nursery and the Reception team next year. This is (The Early Years) phase within our school. Mrs Clayton will be the Nursery teacher for the next school year.

New Parish Priest at Saint Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Church

A new parish priest, Rev Fr. Dominic Curran has been appointed to Saint Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Church by the Archbishop with effect from 21st June 2015. Fr John Cullen will remain parish priest of Saint Edmund of Canterbury Catholic Church but has had the increased responsibility of both churches within one parish for the last twelve years! We look forward to meeting with Fr Curran in the coming weeks.

Admissions Appeals

Admission appeals meetings are scheduled to take place this month on Wednesday 24th June

Infant Disco

Thanks for all your support for the Infant Disco. £144 profit was raised which will contribute to some outstanding costs of the play climbing frame.

School Nurse Drop In

Please remember that the new school nurse, Ruth Norbury visits the school on the last Thursday of the month and is available should you wish to speak to her from 3.00pm on this day. The next visit will be Thursday 25th June 2015.

New Website Launched

We have launched our new school website, using our same address of www.stedmundsprimary.co.uk. We have included class pages, blogs and shared activities with you for the coming term. We will set up pupil log-ins for the children for all manner of communication and parent log-ins will follow. There is a calendar of school events which will be updated by the office staff. This website is still a work in progress but we hope that you will be pleased by the results.

Attendance Matters!

So the last week of last half-term's attendance figures were examined recently and this is how they look;

Mrs Lennon Reception	91%
Mrs Greaney Rec Year 1 Mon –Thur	95 %
Ms Bowden Year 1	97.5%
Miss Richardson Year 2	90.8 %
Miss Smith Year 2	99.2 %
Mrs Ashcroft Year 3	96 %
Miss Knott Year 3 / 4	95.2 %
Mrs Sugden Year 4	98.7 %
Mrs Metcalfe Year 5	88.9 %
Mrs McAnespy Year 5 /6	91.8 %
Mr Kennedy Year 6	96.7 %

Well done to Miss Smith's class for your great attendance last week of last half-term!
Please remember that holiday leave in term time will not be authorised.

Sacramental Programme Conclusion

A special Mass has been arranged for all the children in Year 4 who received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist for Monday 29th June at 9.15am at Saint Edmund's Church.

Dates for Your Diary

- Junior Film Night 4th June after school*
- Reception 2015/16 Parents Meeting 5th June 2.30pm*
- Class Assembly 2S 12th June 9.15am*
- Year 2 Maths Curriculum Afternoon for Parents 18th June 2.00pm*
- Wally Cain Dance Festival Year 1B 19th June*
- Summer Fair Friday 26th June 2015 3.30pm*
- Y6 Transition Day to Sacred Heart 2nd July 2015 all day*
- Art Week 6th July 2015*
- Mass to celebrate the career of Mrs Terri McQueen 8th July 4.00pm*
- Year 6 Leavers' Mass 13th July 7.00pm*
- Juniors Musical 15th July 2015**
- Year 6 Leavers' Disco 20th July 2015**

**Please note: times still to be confirmed of *events*

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