

September 2023

Welcome back everyone. I hope you've all had a wonderful and restful summer - even though the sunshine is running a little late! I'd especially like to welcome all our new children and their families. We all look forward to getting to know you. This year we are holding another parents and carers 'welcome breakfast' on 22nd September (no assembly) and hope to see as many families as possible, it's not just for new families.



Further details will follow soon.
Mrs A Snell


"You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so get on your way!" Dr Seuss

Congratulations to Mrs Rigby who welcomed another baby girl, Eva, over the summer. We also send our love to Mrs Taylor who is quite poorly at the moment. Mrs Hanson-Jones will be covering for her over the next few months.

Attendance and Punctuality: Please be aware that we will continue to closely monitor both attendance and punctuality. Letters keeping you up to date with your child's attendance will be sent home every half term. **Remember that the minimum expectation set by the Government is 97%.** Holiday's in term time will continue to be unauthorised as per Government guidance.

Late after the gate is locked: A reminder...now that our entrance is completed, all children being dropped off late **must be signed in by an adult inside school.** This is to comply with our safeguarding arrangements. Please do not put our office staff in the difficult position of having to call you in. Thanks.

Cauliflower Cards

Following the success of last year's cards, look out for our fabulous Christmas designs, all available for you to buy soon!  When the master copy arrives home on 25th September, **please fill out your order online but return the design to the school office by Monday October 2nd** so that your order will be ready for Christmas.

On Friday at 9am, we hold our whole school celebration assembly. We love to welcome all parents and carers to this.

Read, Write Inc - Phonics: School has invested heavily in our new phonics scheme and we are really pleased with its positive results and the impact on reading. We are holding a RWI parents workshop for KS1/EYFS parents to you on Tuesday 26th September at 3.30pm. We hope to see as many families represented as possible.

Lost / Damaged books: Overall, we are delighted at how respectful everyone has been towards our books. However, we recognise that accidents do happen. Unfortunately, school has to purchase in sets of 10, so if books are damaged or lost we need to replace them. You will be asked to pay £5 for each book. No child deserves to bring home a dirty/torn book to learn to read from. Please support us in this.

"What would life be if we had no courage to attempt anything?"
- Vincent Van Gogh



I am excited to let you know that last year we applied for the 'Schools Games Award' for the first time. Equally, I am proud to say that we achieved the silver award. We hope our accreditation will arrive soon. Well done to all of the children who took part in the competitions. Roll on 2023-24 when we will be going for gold!

St. Edward's Tiny Tots:

Our popular pre-school group resumes on Monday 12th September at 9-11am. £2 each to come along and play (up to a maximum of £5 per family). A snack, tea and coffee is included. Ages 0-4. All are welcome, not just families who attend St. Edward's.

Facebook - St Edward's Catholic Primary School, Runcorn

Website: To keep up to date with what your child is learning about each half term, make sure you look at our class pages on our updated website.

Our Twitter feed enables you to see up daily updates and photographs.

School Twitter	@edward_primary
Mrs Williams	@StEdwards_C1
Miss McCulloch	@StEdwards_C2
Miss Percival	@StEdwards_C3
Mrs Bradshaw	@StEdwards_C4
Miss Millward	@StEdwards_C5

Check our school website for key information: www.stedwardscatholicprimaryschool.co.uk

Residential Visits: Look out for information regarding Y2 Christmas sleepover and Y4, & 6 residential visits. To make these exciting learning experiences viable, we will need your support.

After school clubs: These will begin shortly, and you will be notified which classes are involved.

Diary dates: Diary dates for our Autumn term will be shared with you shortly and I hope they will enable you to plan ahead. Whilst every attempt is made to keep these dates and times, please be aware that sometimes change is necessary. In the meantime, here are a few to note.

Friday 15 th September	Archery
Friday 22 nd September	Families welcome breakfast - 9am Christmas card making day!
Monday 25 th September	Christmas cards sent home Class 1 / siblings photographs - from 8.30am
Tuesday 26 th September	EYFS/KS1 read, Write Inc phonics meeting - 3.30pm
Monday 2 nd October	Christmas cards returned to office.
Friday 6 th October	Macmillan Coffee Morning - 9am Harvest donations - local foodbank

School water bottles are available to buy from the office for £2.



May God bless all our families.

Isaiah 43:18-9

"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.

Behold, I am doing a new thing.