



**St Edmund Campion Catholic Primary
A Voluntary Academy**

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Hand in hand with Jesus Christ, we live, love and learn together.

St Edmund Campion Newsletter

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Welcome back!

It is great to see you all back and in the swing of the new school year.

A very warm welcome to all our new children whether they are part of our Foundation classes or in one of the other classes. A big welcome to some new staff too – Mrs Allsop a new teaching assistant in Foundation, Mrs Bradbury a new teaching assistant in Year 1 and Miss Seals a School Direct student based in Year 1.

Congratulations!

Our new House Captains and School Captains have been appointed after some very impressive presentations by the children. Some difficult decisions had to be made and we have finally decided on the following:

Harry and Ava our new School Captains

Amelia and Ben house captains for Moore

Isaac and Lottie house captains for Becket

George and Scarlett house captains for Fisher

Orlaith and Aidan house captains for Houghton

Well done to them all. I know that they will work hard for their houses and the school.

Sport

Good luck to the boys' footballers who will be representing the school, on Saturday, at the Rushcliffe 6 aside. It will be the girls turn the following week. Watch this space for updates.





Calling all Runners

Mr Tuckwell is looking for children and parents of all ages to represent the school at the Crossdale 10k and Fun Run, on **Sunday 16th September at 9.45am**. Entry can be found at www.crossdale10k.co.uk or entry on the day. You can run as a family age is no barrier – young or old.

On 30th September 55 of our parents and children have signed up to take part in the Robin Hood Fun Run. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures.

A gentle reminder!

It is lovely to see the children in their uniforms looking so smart. This a reminder to all parents and children that long hair must be tied back during school time and that any hair bobbles or head bands should be in school colours- red, white or black. Remember – no Jo-Jo bows! Hair gel is not appropriate unless we are having a non-uniform day. Summer dresses and shorts can be worn until October half term 25th October and then again from after the Easter break, April 23rd 2019.

Parking

Please be considerate to our neighbours when you are parking in the roads close to our school. Please do not block driveways. When parking and driving please take extra care to be vigilant and mindful that there are children from two schools in the area.

Dogs

Many of our families have dogs as pets and a number bring their dogs to drop children off in the morning and collect at night. I am grateful that our parents keep their dogs under control as some of our children are nervous around animals particularly if they are congregated in one area. Thank you very much.

European Day of Language

- 1) We would like children to dress up in (inter)national or stereotypical outfits for the day - international sports kits included or dress in the colours of a country's flag
- 2) We are having an international breakfast and we would appreciate it if children made a small (voluntary) contribution of international breakfast items (bought or home-made)e.g. croissants, pain au chocolat, traditional cakes etc., which should be brought into school on the morning of the 26th September to be shared with their class
- 3) Children will be involved in the learning of various languages and international fact finding tasks during the day
- 4) The day will end with a celebration assembly

Please do not include any nut products as some of our children have very severe allergies.

Don't feel that you have to purchase a special outfit!



Disability Equality

If you have any special requirements regarding disability access at any of our school events *e.g. Parents Evening, Sports Day*, please let us know.

Charitable Giving

During the year we support a number of charities. The children are always keen and very generous with their time and talents. Last year we raised money for Emmanuel House, Cafod, Father Vincent's orphan fund, Building Hope in Bunkpurugu Ghana and others. Thank you very much for your support.

School Times

School begins at 8.55am. Playground gates are open from 8.30am. Mr Bartle and Mrs Pezzolo are on the gate to help children and can take messages you may need to pass on to teachers. Teachers are on duty from 8.40am. The doors are open from 8.45am children are encouraged to walk in and settle into the classroom from this time. Lunchtime is from 11.45 – 12.45pm for FS/KS1, 12.15pm – 1.15pm for KS2. Children are dismissed at the end of the day at 3.20pm.

School Absence

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness or family reasons please contact the school office before **9.30am**. Messages can be left on the school answer phone.

Any pupil absence from school, other than sickness or urgent family reasons, is to be discouraged. Please try to avoid taking holidays during term time. Where this is unavoidable, a leave of absence form should be collected from the office. Any request for leave of absence will be passed to the Education Welfare Officer who reviews each case in accordance with academy policy.

Leave of absence will **not** be authorised unless in exceptional circumstances such as written confirmation that leave of absence cannot be taken at any other time and the parent's work place will not permit leave during school holidays.

Parents will be informed in writing of the decision, authorised or unauthorised.

Should an absence be unauthorised the Academy will forward documentation to Nottingham County Council who actively pursue fixed term penalty notices, in other words a fine for parents. Leave of absence requests must be made at least a month before the absence starts.

Punctuality

Please make sure that your child arrives at school on time each day – thank you.





Change of Details

Please inform school of change of address/telephone number. It is important that we have up to date numbers and contact details in case of emergency.

Appointments

If your child has a medical appointment during school time, they should be collected via the school office. In the interest of your child's safety no child will be allowed off the school premises unless accompanied by an adult.

Safety in School

The safety of our children is paramount. Teachers are in their classes 10 minutes before the start of the school day. At the end of the school day teachers in Foundation and Key Stage 1 will hand over your children to you, the parents, or to a person nominated by you. Please inform your child's class teacher or the office if there is any change to the usual end of day going home arrangements. In the event of any delays please telephone the school office. Please also inform your class teacher if your child is taking part in any after school activity and which days these are on.

In the interest of safety please keep pre-school children close by you at the start and end of the day and away from the timber trail or any other school equipment.

We encourage the children to be as independent as possible and this includes being responsible for all their belongings. However we understand that there may be odd occasions that you may need to deliver items to the office.

Parents on School Premises

If you have any concerns regarding behaviour or school issues please talk to your child's class teacher or me.

Communication with Teachers.

Teaching staff are always willing to communicate with parents but it is not always convenient for them to do so at the start or the end of the day. If you wish to communicate with a teacher for any reason, please make a note in your child's homework/reading diary or through the school office.

Administration of Medicine in School

Professional advice to teachers is that they should not administer medication. However we are flexible with this but it is entirely down to the teacher's discretion.

Parents are responsible for the administration of medicines to their children. If your child requires medicine in the middle of the day please come to school to administer it. When a pupil becomes unwell in school they should be collected as soon as possible.





If a child becomes seriously unwell or is injured, an ambulance will be called and parents or relatives informed.

Self-Medication

Where a child suffers from a condition such as asthma or diabetes, arrangements can be agreed for the child to self-administer medicines. Please ensure that up to date inhalers are available in school.

School Meals

Meals are provided in school through our catering company Aspens.

The cost of a school meal is currently £2.22 per day (£11.10 per week) payable on the **first day** of each school week or half termly.

Cheques are acceptable, payable to St Edmund Campion School and may be paid half termly in advance.

All payments for meals should be sealed in an envelope with the child's/children's name on the outside.

Please refrain from including nuts in packed lunches as a number of children have severe allergies to them. Sandwich boxes should be as compact as possible and clearly marked with your child's name.

Please ensure lunch boxes contain a healthy, nutritional balanced lunch. All our children are encouraged to drink water at lunch time.

Food Allergies – If your child has a food allergy please confirm, in writing to the school office which foods affect your child.

Drinking Water

Research shows that children benefit from drinking water. This can help with concentration. At St Edmund Campion, children have access to drinking water throughout the day and are encouraged to bring in a named water bottle.

Head Lice

This is always a problem in every school. The only way to control head lice is **for all parents to check their child's hair thoroughly at least once a week**. Please encourage your child to brush their hair regularly and vigorously every night.

The eggs are easier to spot than the lice. **If seen, action must be taken immediately**. Treatment is available from the chemist or on prescription from your doctor and the direction should be followed carefully. Only treat infected heads, **DO NOT** use preparations "just in case". The most important advice is to remove the NITS (eggs attached to the hair) either by a fine toothed comb or by hand using your thumbnail against your forefinger. As head lice are becoming more resistant to the preparations and parents are increasingly anxious about using insecticides the following advice can be tried **BUT** it must be done thoroughly.

1. Wash and rinse hair thoroughly.
2. Apply conditioner to make combing easier.
3. Comb through with fine toothed comb.
4. Rinse conditioner off.





5. Repeat the process three times a week for TWO WEEKS.
6. Treat all the family and try to ensure all nits are removed as above.

A natural alternative to the conventional chemicals is tea tree (*Melaleuca alternifolia*) oil. Put 20 to 30 drops of tea tree oil in a pint of warm water and use this as a final rinse for the hair after wet-combing and after regular washing each day.

Lost Property

Lost property is situated in a large tub in the hall. If your child has mislaid any uniform please collect it from there. At the end of each half term it will be checked and any un-named items will be sent to a local charity shop.

Educational Visits, External Providers and Out of School Activities

We are committed to providing first hand experiences to children and use visits and outside providers to enhance the curriculum.

Visits may involve travelling costs, entry fees and providers charge for their services. The cost of any visit is kept to a minimum and we try to provide as much notice as possible. Should there be any difficulty with any educational visit please come and see me or phone. Children who are eligible for Free School Meals are entitled to support in meeting the costs of such visits.

P.E. & Games

Please ensure that your child has the correct P.E. uniform in school from Mon- Fri. **PLEASE ENSURE ALL PE KIT IS NAMED INCLUDING PLIMSOLLS/TRAINERS.**

Helpers in School

We always appreciate the help of parents/grandparents/guardians/friends of our school. If you are able to help in school please contact the office. Any volunteers must complete a DBS clearance – information about this process can be provided by the office staff.

Social Networking

We are aware that many of you use social networks such as Facebook to communicate with friends and family. I take this opportunity to remind you that should it come to our notice that any derogatory remarks about the school or staff have been posted on a social network, legal advice will be taken on the behalf of the school. This is very serious and will be taken as such.

Many thanks for your ongoing support

Mrs Blake

Head Teacher

