

# St Ethelbert's RCP School



## September 2021

Dear Parents,

It seems like an age since our school was able to operate normally, and although there are still some restrictions in place to protect our community from Covid, we are delighted to be able to offer, once again, our full curriculum and begin to carefully reintroduce many of the events we used to have pre-pandemic. Our first month in school has been very busy. The children have now settled down into their new classes and are working hard to either catch up in their learning or are working towards achieving their year group objectives. In particular, we welcome all of our new children and families, who have joined us this term. This newsletter celebrates some of the things that have taken place in September, as well as giving information about future goings-on in school.

Thank you for your continued support,  
M. Messham  
Headteacher

### Staff Changes

We send every good wish to Mrs Oates, our Assistant Headteacher, who retired at the end of term. We are delighted that Miss Murphy has been promoted to the role of Assistant Headteacher, whilst Mr. Gavin is now the new Maths subject leader.

We also welcome Miss Munro to our staff team – Miss Munro supports children in Year 1 on two days per week and children in EYFS for three days.



Miss Murphy



Miss Munro

### National Tests

The following National tests will take place this year:

- December 2021 – Y2 phonics check
- May 2022 – Y2 Tests
- w.c. 9<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATs
- w.c. June 13<sup>th</sup> 2022- Y1 Phonics Check
- June 2022 – Y4 Multiplication Check

### Rosary Group

The GIFT Team are running a Rosary Group which takes place every Friday morning at 8.40a.m. in the hall during the month of October. All parents and children who would like to attend, can come through the main entrance. Children may bring their own rosary beads to be used for prayer.



### Class Assemblies & Masses

Now that many Covid restrictions are being lifted, we can now resume our class assemblies and masses. Many of our parents will not have experienced these events before, due to the pandemic. All children from Reception-Y6 will present two class assemblies over the course of this year – these celebrate the children's work and reflect our faith. All assemblies will take place at **2.15pm in the school hall** – all parents are welcome to attend. Our masses take place **in church at 9.30am** on certain dates. The children participate fully in these celebrations, taking on different roles. It will be wonderful to hear singing again! Again, parents of all faiths are welcome to join us. See the Diary Dates overleaf for details of your child's assembly and class mass.

### A Big Thank You!

Thank you to all those who were able to support our recent MacMillan Coffee Afternoon.



### Halloween Disco

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October  
£3 per child to be paid at the office.

Nursery, Reception, Y1 & Y2  
4.30-6.00pm

Y3, 4, 5 & 6  
6.15-7.45pm



## Dates for your Diary

### October:

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>** – Individual / family photos (am)

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>** – Y3 Assembly

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup>** – Y5/6 Mass

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>** – Reading Coffee Morning

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>** – Y2 Assembly

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>** – Halloween Disco

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** – School closes for half term at **3p.m.** for one week, reopening at **8.50a.m.** on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.**

### November:

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>** – Y6 Assembly

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup>** – Y1/2 Mass

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>** – KS2 Games Night

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>** – Y3/4 Mass

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Reception Mass

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>** – Y5 Assembly

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>** – Own Clothes Day

### December:

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Tea Party for Parents

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Discos

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>** – Nursery, Reception, Y1 & Y2

Christmas Nativity play (1.30pm)

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>** - Nursery, Reception, Y1 & Y2

Christmas Nativity play (1.30pm)

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup>** – Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 Christmas Play

(6pm in church)

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>** – Whole school mass

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December**- school closes at **2p.m.** for Christmas holidays and reopens on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January** at **8.50a.m.** (2 weeks & 3 days)

**Please note that the Nursery, Reception, Y1 & Y2 Nativities will be daytime performances only – both at 1.30pm. We gave out the dates in early September so that parents can make arrangements with work if required. Also, a polite reminder that babies and toddlers will not be admitted to these performances in order to comply with fire regulations – therefore, parents will have to make childcare arrangements.**



## Penalty Notices

Just to remind parents that if children are taken on holiday for up to five days during term-time, then a penalty notice will be issued by the Council. This will also be the case if there are up to five days of other unauthorised absence over the term. It is vital that your child attends school every day to ensure they do not miss key learning and make good progress, particularly since so much schooling has been lost as a result of Covid. If you are intending to go on holiday, then please let us know – if your child does not turn up to school, then this becomes a safeguarding issue. Even if you have rung in, we will make a home visit after three days. Therefore, it is better to be up front to start with.



## Nut free zone



Please ensure that any food sent in packed lunches or for birthday treats does not contain nuts, so that we can safely manage allergies in school. Also, for health and safety reasons, if sending birthday sweets, please do not send lollipops. Thank you.

## September Birthdays

**Nursery: Musa; Nika; Ese**

**Reception: Mikael**

**Y2: Sela; Amelia; Charlie**

**Y3: Umar; Maira; Sumiyo; Joseph**

**Y4: Amelia; Evelyn**

**Y5: Dylan; Falone; Blayden**

**Y6: Benjamin; Fronisny**



**Happy Birthday to you all!**

## Curriculum

The school strives to make its curriculum interesting and motivating for our children, by providing memorable experiences, particularly through external visits and visitors into school. In September, some highlights have included:

- Y4's visit to Bolton Museum, as part of their studies on Ancient Egypt
- Y5's Greek Day, where two historians visited school to deliver a range of activities all about the Ancient Greeks
- All classes from Y1-Y6 are completing Food units in Design Technology – in Y5, the children have been making bread; in Y6, the children have been evaluating different buns and sauces to help them design the perfect burger
- All children enjoy a range of experiences in PE, including boxing!
- In Y2, the children have been learning about the Great Fire of London
- Y3 have been learning all about the Stone Age
- Nursery, Reception & Y1 are learning so much through play!



Check out our Facebook page to see regular updates of our learning!

## Please Help!

If you have any children's books which are in good condition, and you no longer need them, please consider donating them to school. Thank you.



## Parking Issues

You may have noticed that PCSO Farrell and PCSO Harrison have been patrolling outside of school for the last few mornings. This is because we are aware of issues regarding parking, road rage and just basic unsafe driving at the beginning and end of the day. If you see anything that we should be aware of, please take the registration of the culprit, let school know and the police will follow this up. Also, for the safety of all our children, a reminder that under NO circumstances are parents to drive on or off the school car park.

