

St. Edward's CE Academy Newsletter

May, 2017



Coming Up:

Half Term
29th May—2nd June
(inclusive)

Summer Holiday
24th July—4th
September (inclusive)



Dear members of the St Edward's Church of England Academy community.

It is with great pleasure that I write my first introduction to the newsletter. My initial impression of the Academy is that of a community, which is welcoming, hardworking and looks to find the very best in each other. This is evident in the superb calibre of pupils that I now serve and lead; their enthusiasm, behaviour and sense of purpose is excellent. From the greetings I have received on the corridors or in the classrooms, to the pupils who have visited my office and met with me to discuss current school topics and future developments, I have been made to feel very welcome and would like to take this opportunity to thank them for making my first half term that little bit easier.

With regard to the rest of the community, I can genuinely say that the staff and Governors at St. Edward's want the very best for the pupils and I feel lucky to have a team of committed individuals who wish to make the rapid improvements required to ensure the Academy is outstanding in the future.

The parental body (those of you who I have met) have been extremely welcoming and provided me with great insight into the key areas you would like me to develop as I lay out my strategic direction for the Academy. I would very much like to see more parents involved in the Friends group as currently numbers are low and the sterling efforts of a few diligent individuals provide resources for all the students. With a larger group, the impact could be much greater and help build the Academy vision of excellence for all. I would urge you to contact the school office if you would like to get involved - even if only in a small way. To coin a phrase: "Every little helps."

Our Vision

Following Christian principles based on the teachings of Jesus, where every person is loved and accepted by God, our vision is to prepare all our young people academically, physically, emotionally and spiritually, so they realise their God-given potential, becoming lifelong learners and effective contributors to our global community.

The distinctive Christian ethos of the Academy is one of the elements that greeted me when I first arrived and is an area that I want to develop, not only within the school, but in the wider community. I feel it is very important in today's society to examine and challenge one's self in terms of faith, whether that is from a point of scepticism or acceptance. Linked to this area are the many charities that the school is involved with.

Over the next few weeks and months, I will be outlining the development plan for the Academy and ensure that everyone is made aware when this is present on the website. Parental Forums will take place termly so that information can be shared and parents can meet face to face in open conversation over the Academy and their children's education.

Of course, for me the children are the driving factor and why I choose to do this job. I want them to have a healthy, happy and fulfilling education that develops their God given gifts. With regard to that, I will end with a quotation from 2 Chronicles 15:7. This quotation has given me support in setting off on my new adventure as Principal and is equipping me to face the celebrations and challenges ahead. I believe it is applicable to us all:

"But as for you, be strong and courageous, for your work will be rewarded."

I wish you all a happy and restful half term break.

God Bless,

Mr T Hutchinson



In an attempt to remove all cash from school we are asking all parents to only use our e-payment method to pay for all trips. This can be done online using a very secure website called ParentPay. Unfortunately, ParentPay cannot be used for the payment of school meals as this is operated by an external provider.

You will have a secure online account which can only be activated by using a unique username and password which is provided by the school. Once you have activated your account you will be prompted to change your username and password to something you will easily remember.

If you have two or more children at a ParentPay school, you only need to activate one account to create your 'main account' and then add your other children via 'add a child tab' on your home page.

If you have not activated your account yet please do so as soon as possible. **If you have mislaid your activation details then please contact the Finance Office on 01538 483364 for a copy.** Please note activation details cannot be given over the phone or by email as they are part of the data protection act.

Thank you to all the parents who have used ParentPay already, your support in using this system has helped the school enormously.

Y5 Geography

5E and 5D have been working hard on their Local Land Use topic in Geography this half term. They have surveyed their families about developments that would be welcome in Leek, and have written some excellent letters to Sainsbury's about the derelict land around the store.

We have had an initial response from the team at Sainsbury's and are hoping that we may get to meet the planners from the store to find out more about what may happen in the future - watch this space!

Chess MegaFinal Results



130 pupils, aged 7 to 17, entered this year's MegaFinal with 37 being from St.Edward's. Fifteen were successful gaining the required points to qualify for the GigaFinal.

This year's MegaFinal had pupils from schools all around Staffordshire and Shropshire. We had pupils in eight of the sections and they came first or joint first in four of them.

Joint best year 5 girl - Jodie Meakin

Joint best year 6 girl - Jasmine Jones and Lilly Brown - Jasmine was first overall due to getting her points quicker.

Best year 7 boy - Daniel Pope

Best year 8 boy - Josh Brown

Chess County National Finals



Seven of our year 5 and year 6 pupils were picked to play for Staffordshire in the National Finals. It was a fantastic achievement for these pupils to be part of the twenty player team reaching the final.

They had many tough, long games. Seb Crawford came out best winning two of his three games. Other pupils involved were : Jasmine Jones, Tilly Snape, Lilly Brown, Jodie Meakin, Aeddán Pope and Sam Smith.



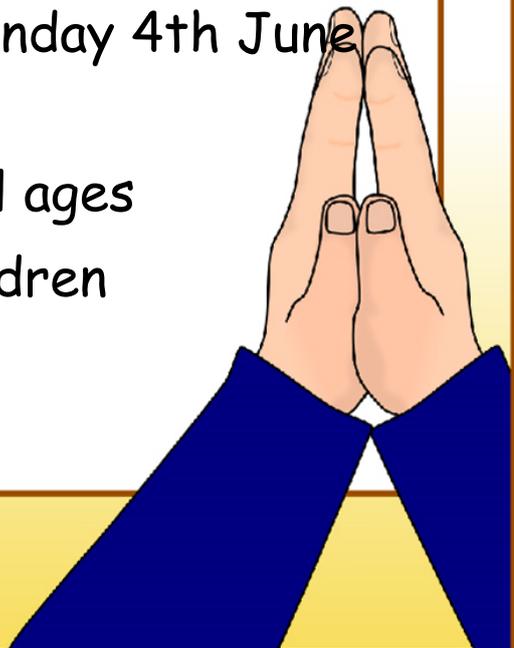
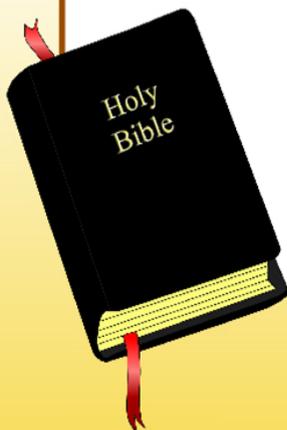
Pop in to St Edward's Church, Leek

Have a chat with God using activities
based on the Lord's Prayer

The church will be open from
10am-2pm
(and whenever you see the doors
open.)

Every day from
Thursday 25th May-Sunday 4th June

Suitable for all ages
including children



House-keeping

Please ensure your child is aware of any arrangements for the end of the school day before they leave for school.

If you have changed your address or phone number please inform the school office as soon as possible to ensure our records are up to date.

Pupils should have a water bottle and their locker key in school with them each day.

Please make sure your child has sun cream and a hat in their bags.

UKMT Junior Maths Challenge

The UKMT Junior Mathias Challenge takes place every April. It is an international competition with the winner of this first round competing with the winners from all the other schools in the country for a place in the British squad who then compete at international level.

The questions included:

I add up all the even numbers between 1 to 101. Then from the total I subtract all the odd numbers between 0 and 100. What is the result?

A). 0. B). 50. C) 100. D). 255. E). 2525

The range of a list of integers is 20 and the median is 17. What is the smallest possible number of integers in the list?

A) 1. B) 2. C) 3. D) 4. E) 5

120 Pupils from year 6, 7 and 8 were involved in the challenge. Results will be back later in the term.



Y5 & Y6 Tag Rugby

On Wednesday 26th April 20 pupils from Years 5 and 6 took part in the district tag rugby tournament at Leek RUFC.

The competition was organised into 2 leagues with 10 teams taking part. St. Edwards A played well winning 2 games and narrowly missed out on qualifying for the semi-final. St. Edwards B also played some excellent rugby and missed out on a semi-final shot by just 2 tries.

All pupils showed excellent sportsmanship and they should be proud of the way they represented the school.

A special thanks must go to Mr Edge from Leek RUFC who looked after one of the teams and for his help at lunchtimes coaching the children.

Y7 Boys Rugby

On Thursday 27th April 2017, 15 boys from Year 7 travelled to Lichfield RUFC to participate in the county rugby finals. 24 schools from all over the county took part, including several independent schools.

During the morning pool matches the boys played 3 games and qualified for the plate tournament by finishing 2nd in their league. During the afternoon the boys played 5 more games, winning 2, drawing 1 and losing 2. This meant they finished in 3rd place in the plate competition and 9th overall in the whole tournament.

The boys showed tremendous commitment and skill throughout the day and they deserve praise for their attempts to play "proper" rugby.

A special thank you must go to Mr Meakin from Leek RUFC who helped to coach the team on the day.



Y7 Cricket

On Thursday 4th May 2017, the Year 7 cricket team travelled to Barlaston C.C. to play the first round of the county cricket cup against Sir Stanley Matthews Academy.

St. Edward's lost the toss and were put into bat on what looked like an excellent wicket. The team batted well scoring 87 runs in their allotted 15 overs. At the time this looked a good total. Sir Stanley Matthews opening batsman were both county players and they opened their innings with some mature shots. Despite some good bowling from St. Edwards we were unable to prevent these two excellent players from knocking off the runs and Sir Stanley Matthews eventually won by 10 wickets.

Well done to all players who batted, bowled and fielded well against strong opposition.

Y8 Tennis

Our Y8 girls' tennis team have been in action this week, playing their first two matches in the Staffordshire Schools Tennis League.

They played their first match at home against Newcastle. They have to play a singles set each and then a doubles set with their partner.

Kaitlyn Pakeman won her singles game, whilst Tia Bott, Krista McCartney and Lottie Baron narrowly lost theirs. In the doubles, Kaitlyn and Lottie won their game and Tia and Krista lost, resulting in a 4-2 victory for Newcastle. This was a promising result for our girls as Newcastle usually beat us 6-0!

The girls then travelled to St. Joseph's College for their second match of the season. With Lottie unavailable to play, she was replaced by Emily Pointon, who joined Tia, Krista and Kaitlyn. This proved to be an easier match for our girls with all players winning both their singles and their doubles games, resulting in a 6-0 victory to St. Edward's.

The boys also played their first match in the Staffordshire League at home to Endon. With Tom Willshaw off ill, Tom Warrilow stepped up to take his place, joining Toby Gayes, Tom Crick and Logan Johnson. Tom Crick, Tom Warrilow and Logan won their singles games, with Toby battling a very strong Endon player at number one seed and only losing 6-4. All the boys then went on to win their doubles games, resulting in a 5-1 win to St. Edward's.

