



# Endsleigh Newsletter

Working through Christ to inspire, learn, achieve and grow

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have settled very well into school for the start of the new term. We celebrated a wonderful Mass together last week to ask for God's blessings upon everyone in our school community for the whole of this academic year. The children's exemplary behaviour was commented on by parishioners and visitors. Father Des was very impressed!

The St. Cuthbert's Catholic Multi Academy Trust has now expanded to include all 7 Catholic primary schools in the city and St. Mary's College. We are pleased to welcome Mrs Michelle Ryan as Executive Head to the Trust and to Endsleigh. Mrs Ryan has already begun working closely with myself and Mr Broadhead in identifying our school improvement priorities and is looking forward to meeting the children in school next week.

We feel very privileged to be part of the Catholic family of Endsleigh Holy Child and strive to ensure that all of our beautiful children develop into kind, caring and considerate individuals. During collective worship on Monday, I introduced the children to our Statements to Live By. These Statements help the children, and all of us adults too, to think about who we are, what we believe and what we hope to become. Our statement this week is 'We are all special'. Next week our statement is 'I can say one good thing about myself' and the following week will be 'I can say how I feel'. Further information about the statements will be posted on the school website during the next couple of weeks.

The draw for our reading bookmarks competition took place today and the winners of the prizes for last academic year are:

FS:Jarvis, KS1: Edwin, KS2: Sohail

Congratulations to the winners! I look forward to seeing lots of reading bookmarks in the draw at the end of this year.

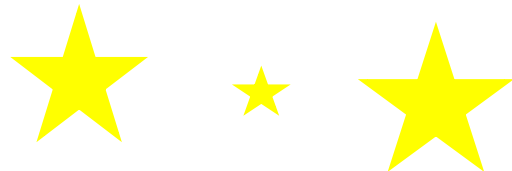
With best wishes

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 Head of School

## Star of the week:

Our star of the week certificates are presented to children who have been spotted for something fantastic in school during that week. The children only find out in the assembly on a Friday so it is always a surprise to them. The following children have been awarded star of the week during the last fortnight:

|                  | 8.9.17         | 15.9.17  |
|------------------|----------------|----------|
| Orange Lions     | -              | Joseph G |
| Purple Elephants | -              | Emre     |
| Class 1          | Savvina        | Angelo   |
| Class 1/2        | Fionn          | Nadia    |
| Class 2          | Jeremy         | Max      |
| Class 3          | All of Class 3 | Joseph J |
| Class 3/4        | Andrei S       | Hannah S |
| Class 4/5        | Kayden         | Lilly I  |
| Class 5/6        | Joshua F       | Alex A   |
| Class 6          | Cici           | Mia W    |



## Attendance:

Each week we award a certificate to the class with the best attendance for the previous week in school. Our whole school target is 96%.

|                  | 6.9.17 – 8.9.17 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Orange Lions     | ***100%***      |
| Purple Elephants | ***100%***      |
| Class 1          | 94.4%           |
| Class 1/2        | 93.3%           |
| Class 2          | 97.7%           |
| Class 3          | 94.6%           |
| Class 3/4        | ***100%***      |
| Class 4/5        | 93.8%           |
| Class 5/6        | 92.5%           |
| Class 6          | 96.9%           |
| Whole school     | 96%             |

Congratulations to the Orange Lions, Purple Elephants & Class 3/4 for a fantastic start to the school year!



### **Secondary school applications:**

Parents of children in year 6 should have received a letter with guidance on applying for a secondary school place. All applications must be done online. A supplementary information sheet for St. Mary's College has also been sent home. Please be aware that the supplementary information sheet is **not** an application form and you must complete the online application as well. Please ask at the school office if you would like any further help or guidance.

Open evenings for Y6 children will take place at St. Mary's College at 6pm on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October and at Kingswood Academy on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September. Further information about the Kingswood Academy open evening can be obtained from the school office.

### **Packed lunches:**

We have children in school with severe nut allergies and must insist that we continue to be a nut-free school. Please ensure that packed lunches do not contain any nuts or food that contains nuts (included hazlenut chocolate spread). Could I also remind parents to ensure that grapes are cut up so that they are not a choking hazard to the children. Thank you for your support.

### **Foundation 2 children:**

From Monday, the F2 children will be playing on the main playground after they have eaten lunch. They will continue to be closely supervised by our FS midday supervisors, as well as the rest of the midday supervisor team, along with support from our playground buddies. We are awaiting the arrival of some new playground toys specifically for the FS children to enhance their play during lunchtime.

### **School uniform expectations:**

The children look wonderfully smart in their school uniforms and I look forward to seeing that continue throughout the school year. Remember that school shoes must be all black please (including the laces) and that hairstyles must be appropriate for school – no shaved lines/patterns or artificial hair dye. Hair accessories must be of an appropriate size and, where possible, in the school uniform colours.

### **Parish Mass:**

The rota for going to Mass this half term is as follows:

- 15.9.17 – Class 6
- 22.9.17 – Class 5/6
- 6.10.17 – Class 4/5
- 13.10.17 – Class 3/4
- 20.10.17 – Class 3
- 27.10.17 – Class 6

### **Dates for your diary:**

| Date                                 | Time             | Event                              |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September   | am               | Class 2 visit to Tesco             |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September | am               | Class 1 visit to Tesco             |
|                                      | 3:40pm           | Class 6 parent welcome meeting     |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September  | Am               | Class 1/2 visit to Tesco           |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September   | Full day         | Year 6 Trip to Beverley racecourse |
| Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September    | 9.00am – 10.30am | McMillan Coffee Morning            |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October       | 2.30pm           | F2 Come and Play                   |
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October      | Full day         | Year 6 reflection day              |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October     | 2.45pm or 5pm    | F2 Parent info meeting             |
|                                      | 6pm              | St. Mary's College Y6 open evening |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October       | 2pm              | F1 Come and Play                   |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October     | 2pm              | F2 Come and Play                   |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October      | 3.50pm – 7.00pm  | Parent consultation evening        |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October     | 3.50pm – 5.30pm  | Parent consultation evening        |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October      | 10am             | F1 Come and Play                   |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October      | 3.30pm           | School closes for half term        |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November      | 08.40am          | School opens                       |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November    | am               | Class 4/5, 5/6 and 6 cinema trip   |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November     | am               | KS1 cinema trip                    |
| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November    | am               | Class 3 and 3/4 cinema trip        |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December   | am and pm        | FS Nativity performance            |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December      | 9.30am           | Advent Mass at the Marist church   |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December  | am and pm        | KS1 Nativity performance           |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December     |                  | Christmas jumper day               |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December     |                  | Christmas dinner                   |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December    | Am               | Whole school theatre trip          |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December  | 10am             | Carol service at St. Anthony's.    |
|                                      | 3.30pm           | Close for Christmas holiday        |