

St. Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

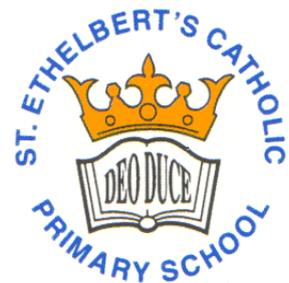
'Learning, achieving and growing together with Jesus'

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Dear parents and carers

Friday 17th June 2016

Friday News from the Headteacher

Well done year Class 3S

Thank you to the girls and boys in class 3S for their wonderful celebration assembly this morning. We were treated to some amazing dancing and singing as well as a fantastic video of the boys and girls having fun in class watching the England vs. Wales Euro 2016 game yesterday. The assembly also had a very important message in that it reminded us of the importance of Fairtrade to ensure that the communities that grow our food receive a fair price for their harvest. Remember to



look out for the Fairtrade logo when you are shopping.

Well done boys and girls – we really enjoyed your poetry performances last week!

Last Friday, the girls and boys treated us to some amazing “royal themed” poetry performances in the playground. Fortunately the rain stayed away and we were able to gather together as a school to celebrate HM Queen Elizabeth’s 90th birthday. I was very impressed by the standard of the

performances and I know the pupils really enjoyed having the opportunity to learn and perform a poem in front of their friends and families. Reciting poetry is a key part of the new English curriculum and we hope that this type of event builds children’s confidence in performing in front of an audience. We have some wonderful displays around the school to celebrate this event and I have attached a couple for you to see.



Thank you to all the parents who joined us last

Friday for this event. We do appreciate your support at these special events. A few parents mentioned that they found it very difficult to hear the performances. We are looking at investing in a better quality sound system that we could use outside and we



hope to have this in place for next year. In the meantime we would ask that when attending shows, parents support the pupils by not talking during the performance.

Well done to our athletics team

Congratulations to our year 5 pupils who represented St. Ethelbert's at the Slough Schools Athletics competition. Today in assembly I presented them with special certificates and medals. Well done - we are really proud of your excellent effort and positive attitude.



First Holy Communion Celebration Mass

As a school we will be celebrating all the pupils who made their First Holy Communion this year in a whole school mass on Tuesday 21st June at 9am. All are welcome to join us to mark this very special occasion.

Sports Days

As you are aware, our Sports Days are planned for next week and letters have already been sent home to parents with all the details. We hope to see you there. Fingers crossed for sunshine!

- *Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2: Wednesday 22nd June*
- *Reception and Nursery: Thursday 23rd June*

Healthy Mind, Healthy Body Week

Next week we are holding a special week in school to promote pupils' awareness of how to keep fit and healthy. A separate letter has gone home about this. Please remember that pupils can come to school in their P.E kit every day next week. It is essential that pupils wear trainers or plimsolls next week. They do not need to wear school uniform.

Parking outside the school

I have received complaints from residents regarding parents parking inconsiderately before and after school. One resident's car was blocked in their driveway and this resulted in them missing an important hospital appointment. Please do not block driveways and only park where it is legal and safe to do so.

Parent Governor

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor on our Governing Body. Parent governors play an essential role in representing the views of our community so we can continue to improve as well as meet the needs of the pupils and families we serve. Further information has been sent home today in a separate letter.

Attendance: Well done to class 4H and 5K for 100% attendance this week.

Events coming up in school next week

Healthy Mind, Healthy Body Week: Monday 20th – Friday 24th June 2016

- **Monday 20th June:** Start of Healthy Mind, Healthy Body Week
- **Tuesday 21st June:** First Holy Communion Celebration Mass at 9am
- **Wednesday 22nd June:** Sports Day for pupils in Year 1 to Year 6
- **Thursday 23rd June:** Sports Day for pupils in Nursery and Reception
- **Friday 24th June:** 3P Class celebration assembly at 9am

St. Ethelbert, pray for us.

Mrs Murphy
Headteacher