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NEWSLETTER - END OF YEAR

ADIOS! AUF WIEDERSEHEN! ARRIVEDERCI! CHEERIO! GOODBYE! GULE GULE!

Dear Parents / Carers

As we come to the end of another busy year [my 13th!] I would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** for your continued support and co-operation. A healthy partnership between home and school is essential for the happiness and success of our children and I truly believe that we all work hard through '**Learning and Caring Together**' to achieve this.

After such a busy and productive year, it is now time for everyone to have a well-earned break. The children at St. Edward's are a delight; they have worked hard and should feel proud of all their achievements this year. I will miss our current Year 4 children who move onto pastures new in September, but I also wish them every success and happiness in the next phase of their education. As for the staff, I couldn't wish to work with a better team of people, who truly care for your children; they need a rest too [although they will be in/out of school during the holiday, as usual].

In closing, I wish you all a really enjoyable summer break - hopefully the sun will make a greater effort to shine. I look forward to working in partnership with you all during the next school year when normal service resumes for the children on **WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER**. [Staff are in school on the Monday and Tuesday should you need to contact anyone].

Take care and God bless

TRACY WARD

Principal

PARENT / CARER QUESTIONNAIRES

Thank you to everyone who completed and returned the questionnaires. Your responses are currently being collated and analysed so we will let you know the outcome early in the new school year. We take your views very seriously and try our best to respond in our daily practice and through the Academy Development Plan.

MESSAGE FROM THE P.T.F.A.

The P.T.F.A. would like to pass on their thanks to everyone for their continued support over the year; whether it be baking cakes or donating items for the summer fayre [and then maybe buying them back again!] it was really appreciated.

The Summer Fayre raised **£1,625 - BRILLIANT!**

SPECIAL EVENTS TO SMILE ABOUT THIS TERM; there have been lots of activities to enjoy!

- We took part in a collective Arts festival at Westwood College as part of the LEP
- Skipping event to promote fitness and fun!
- KS2 performed Rebecca Riding Hood which was superb!
- Year 3 / 4 attended County Hockey Quick sticks tournament
- Anna Bradburn, professional recorder player, performed to the school
- Key Strings entertained the children with their humour and musicianship
- We took part in Cheddleton Open Gardens and we have won the Leek Allotment Competition [for the 3rd time running!]
- Our Choir performed at the Victoria Hall as part of City Songbirds at the Circus and were brilliant!
- The Reception and Nursery children had their turn at Forestry activities, in our own woodland!
- Year 4 spent 3 days at Shugborough Outdoor Residential Centre
- The weather was kind and Sports Days happened for everyone ☺
- We started a whole school ceramic project, making individual tiles. Work will resume in the Autumn Term

PUPIL PREMIUM - FREE SCHOOL MEALS [FSM]

Did you know that if your child is registered to receive free school meals, school received additional funding [£1,300 per pupil] to be used solely to support that child's learning? Nursery pupils are also eligible [£300 per child]

You can do a quick check to see if you are eligible via

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Even if your child is in receipt of Universal Free School Meals [UFSM] – Reception, Years 1 and 2 please still register for FSM as otherwise you will miss out on this additional funding

DIARY DATES - AUTUMN 2017

Will be available to view via the school website;

www.stedwardscheddleton.co.uk

Please keep checking from September as The calendar will be updated.

******* NEW SCHOOL APP *******

Available to download via:

iTunes - search for "St Edwards CE Academy Cheddleton

or

Play Store - search for "St Edwards Academy Cheddleton

The APP is much improved and documents will be accessible direct from your phones

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2017

Every year our children have the opportunity to take part in this national Library scheme. The theme this year is 'Animal Agents' which is all about detective work.

For further information please visit Leek Library or visit their website at:

www.leeklibrary@staffordshire.gov.uk

FACEBOOK

IT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION THAT SOME PARENTS HAVE PUT FOOTAGE FROM THE SCHOOL SPORTS DAY ON THEIR FACEBOOK PAGES. **PLEASE REMOVE THIS !!!!!!!!!** AS IT WILL INCLUDE CHILDREN OTHER THAN YOUR OWN AND THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

ATTENDANCE POLICY AND PROCEDURES

In keeping with good practice we have reviewed our procedures in line with S.U.A.T. Policy. This academic year we have received over 100 requests for holiday authorisation, which is far too many for any school!

As much as we understand why families request authorised leave during term time, we also have to respond to S.U.A.T policy and changes to the law on this matter.

Whilst we cannot stop anyone taking their children out for a term time holiday, we cannot be seen to support this. Consequently, as from September 2017 we **will not** be authorising any holiday requests.

Parents / Carers will still be required to complete a Leave of Absence form and submit it, in advance, to the office as we need to know your intentions for safeguarding reasons.

We appreciate that this will not be a popular decision with many of you however, please remember that the Government/Ofsted/County Council are clearly on a mission to eradicate term time holidays. The jurisdiction lies with them and not with schools.

PARKING

Looking ahead to next year can we please ask everyone to be considerate when bringing / collecting children from school. We are all aware of the problems accessing the school site brings, but just to remind everyone:

- Please do not park on the zig zags
- Please do not come onto the staff car park [unless prior agreement made with the Principal]



We also have a new telephone number for you all to make a note of:

01538 714840

Should have come into effect from midnight 18.07.17 there was a slight delay [always the way ☹]

But please try this number first when trying to call the office.

AND FINALLY: Don't forget that the children return to school on WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER but, most of all, HAVE A SUPER HOLIDAY!!!

