



Learning and Caring Together,
“...they will flourish in the courts of our God.” (Psalm 92:13)

End of 2022 letter to parents

19th July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I say this every year but I can't believe another school year has ended and I bet you can't either. It has been absolutely wonderful to be able to plan and host end of year activities for all and, particularly for our **Year 4 leavers**, after a couple of years of restrictions due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. I think it's fair to say that we all feel more grateful for the opportunities to create and make memories for our children! The Year 4 family picnic was attended and enjoyed by all and it was a joy to see every child enjoying time with their families and friends. Their Leavers' Service was also a celebration of how the children have flourished at St Edward's, as we have worked in partnership together, to educate and care for them all. Two highlights for the children were their air conditioned disco yesterday, that ended with a water 'fight' between staff and children, and their residential experience at Standon Bowers earlier in the term. The children are certainly ready to continue their learning journey in Year 5 and we wish the children and their/your families all the very best for the future.

In other news...all children had a fantastic **Sport's Week** earlier in the July. They thoroughly enjoyed the climbing wall, skipping workshop and competitive events mid-week. The flexibility of hosting events over a week meant that many of you could attend, fitting this in around your work and other commitments, which was fantastic for you and for the children who always enjoy their 'grown ups' visiting to see them enjoying and learning at St Edward's.

Our **Eco Council** were so confident in hosting the opening of our **Orchard** in June and we feel honoured to have dedicated it to the late Keith Hollins, the CEO of our Multi-Academy-Trust and colleague, ex-teacher and friend to many in the local area. **Our Christian Council** have also been really busy 'twinning our toilets' and providing vital facilities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Our **PTA** have also worked tirelessly this year! They are so valued and are a real asset to our school. Since my last letter they have: raised £214.00 on their tombola stall at the Community Family Fun Day; ran a stall at our Village Fete, raising £133.00; collected and sold pre-loved uniform and sold ice lollies, raising £284.11; held a special men's sale, raising £225.20 and hosted our new to school parents and organised and ran our incredible Summer Fayre, raising £1670.62!

We are extremely pleased with our children's response to **catch up provision** at St Edward's. Our curriculums were adapted to ensure that gaps were identified and addressed and some children have accessed small group and/or individual provision too. **Progress and attainment** is reflected in our end of year data. Indeed, I am delighted to share that data for all year groups is pleasing in reading, writing and maths; Year 1 phonics data is the highest St Edward's phonics data to date; Early Years Good Level of Development is significantly high and comparative to St Edward's data pre-pandemic and our Year 4 Multiplication Tables data has risen by 31% this year. I am also extremely proud of our **Special Educational Needs** provision in school. Indeed, we have had an independent review of provision this term where our strengths and expertise in this area were identified and celebrated.

Though I am yet to meet any member of school staff that truly has six weeks off in the summer, as many of you have said, our staff need and deserve their summer break, where their own families and friends are prioritised. With that in mind, I am reminding you that, apart from Brambles, messages into school (including Dojo) we will not be accessing or monitoring messages during the holidays, with the **exception of safeguarding concerns sent to d.leese@stedwardscheddleton.co.uk**. Staff, including Mrs Leese and the school office, will reply to all messages received before 3.30pm on Tuesday 20th July and will respond to all others from Monday 5th September.

I end by thanking our Local Academy Council Members (governors) for their work, support and leadership this year and thanking you, our parents and carers, for your many messages of support, thanks and appreciation for the care and education provided at St Edward's, as the academic year of 2021-2022 comes to a close. I am incredibly proud of my staff team and the influence we have on positively shaping the children's past, present and future successes and achievements. I wish you all a happy and healthy summer with your family and friends. September will be here before we know it and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday 7th September and seeing their photos, reading with animals, as part of Miss Fowler-Hill's Summer Reading Challenge!

With very best wishes to you all,



Mrs Machin
Principal

