



# 7th October 2022 St Edmund Campion Newsletter

## Briars

Our Year 6 visited The Briars Diocesan Residential centre this week.

Their 2 night visit started with a very exciting day at Alton Towers with plenty of soggy (due to the weather conditions) children and adults going on lots of exhilarating rides.

When Mrs Blake visited on Wednesday night they were full of their adventures and stories of tremendous bravery.

They have had a great time taking part in lots of different activities based around what it means to follow Jesus.

It has been extra special this year as one of our Ex pupils Beth is part of the team and has been an inspiration to both staff and children.

We know that they have made memories, cemented friendships and embraced the challenge of getting a duvet into a duvet cover.

## Year 5 Mass

Father Liam joined us for a wonderful celebration of Mass to honour St Francis of Assisi.

Year 5 children sang beautifully, read confidently and answered lots of questions with enthusiasm and understanding.

It was lovely that so many parents and visitors were able to join us in this uplifting celebration. It was a great way to end the week.

## Communication with Staff

I will be sending out more detail on this subject after half term but would like to take this opportunity to clarify that parents should not be sending emails directly to teachers' email addresses. All emails should go through office ([office@st-edmundcampion.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-edmundcampion.notts.sch.uk)) and these will be directed to the relevant member of staff during working hours.

Staff have been directed that they do not need to respond to any messages received via SeeSaw or any other means after 6pm or at weekends/holidays. This is part of our Staff Wellbeing policy which is an important part of our Mental Health drive.

Staff are directed to give 100% of their attention to their class and their work during school hours and as such they will not be able to answer messages between 08:30 and 15:30.

Any collection arrangements, absences, appointments etc should be sent to the office, as above, not to the class teacher. The office staff's job is to communicate during the working day so they will be able to respond to any messages sent to them.

## Parent Consultations

Thank you for signing up for Parent Consultations which will be taking place on Tuesday and Thursday next week, both face to face and online.

This will provide a wonderful opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into school and how we can work together for them.

Mrs Hoyle, our school cook, will be providing a few samples of the type of food your children enjoy during school lunches.

We are looking forward to seeing you and having this opportunity to talk to you about your children.

## International Evening

Last Friday was a magnificent evening! Many thanks to all those who attended our International evening.

We celebrated the rich diversity of our community. So many parents brought along food and drink to share but more than that was the atmosphere of mutual respect and friendship. We were even treated to some impromptu flamenco dancing. We may have to bring in international dancing to our next celebration.

Your generosity and kindness were awesome. I felt humbled and honoured to be part of this wonderful event.

## Winter Uniform

After half term (from the 31st of October) children will be expected to wear winter uniform in school.

This means long trousers for boys and pinafores and grey skirts/culottes for girls.

White shirts and red cardigans for girls and white shirts and grey jumpers for boys.

Don't forget a school tie!

Footwear should be black shoes, not boots.

Please adhere to the school policy in relation to hair styles. Any shoulder length hair should be tied back with hair accessories in school colours (Red, Black or White). There should be no lines shaved into hairstyles and no shorter than a number 2 buzz cut.

Thank you for your support in this, our children always look very smart and this can only be achieved with your support and our rigorous monitoring.

## Allotment

Children have access to and work in the allotment throughout the year.

If your child has a slot in the allotment, their teacher will let them know and will request that they bring suitable footwear (wellies/outdoor shoes) after half term due to the weather and muddy conditions.

Thank you once again.

## Staff Leaving

It is with great sadness that we say that we are losing Mrs Whitelocks at the end of this half term.

Mrs Whitelocks has worked with us for a number of years and has been a valuable member of our team.

We take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work and dedication and wish her all the best in her new job at Bluecoat Academy.

An advert for a role in our school office can be found <https://www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/work-with-us/>

If anyone should be interested in joining our team, please apply.

## Attendance

We take pride in our attendance at SEC and want to share this with you.

FOUNDATION	96.9%
YEAR 1	94.9%
YEAR 2	99%
YEAR 3	98.4%
YEAR 4	95.7%
YEAR 5	97.7%
YEAR 6	96.9%

Your support with ensuring all children have a good level of attendance is wonderful. Please remember that excellent attendance leads to amazing achievements. This week, we have achieved 97.1% attendance as a whole school. Our year 2 Pupils are overall attendance winners with 99% well done.

## Looking Ahead

- 11.10.2022 - Parents Consultations
- 13.10.2022 - Parents Consultations
- 14.10.2022 - Harvest Mass
- 14.10.2022 - Break up for Half Term