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Dear Parent/Carer,

Updates for this week:



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope I find you all well and that you are managing to enjoy the spell of good weather we are currently experiencing. I am so very grateful for the help, support and patience to you as parents and carers over the last few weeks as you and our pupils have embraced isolation, remote learning and surge testing. The community spirit to support one another and keep one another safe was heart-warming and demonstrated our Academy vision of 'life in all its fullness' in real terms and actions. You are all 10:10 people.

Evidently due to the local issues with Covid-19 we have been instructed to modify our plans that Academy staff and volunteers has spent time working on and preparing for everyone to enjoy. However, to ensure that everyone has some enjoyable wellbeing activities at the end of the year I am proud to announce that the Academy staff have planned a range of different activities and alternative curriculum days to celebrate the end of the year without pupils.

We are also proud to announce that our Year 8 pupils who we will be saying goodbye to as they take the next step on their educational journey will be able to enjoy and participate in the first ever 'Ed Fest'. A festival of lots of activities to give them the send off they deserve after all their hard work, perseverance and excellent attitude during the past 4 years. The current Year 8 are my first-year group that I have seen through the Academy, and it makes me very proud to see the wonderful young men and women they have become.

Friends of St Edward's Virtual 'Tropic Beauty Product Event'

On the evening of the 30th June at 7pm the Friends Association will be running a virtual Tropic Beauty Product event. If you wish to participate in this event, see the letter that has been sent out that includes the Zoom invite details. Proceeds from the sale of these products will be donated to the Academy fund.

Social Media App Warning: Omegle

Please be aware that the Omegle website allows users the ability to socialise with random strangers without supervision. What you need to know about Omegle:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/what-is-omegle-what-parents-need-to-know/>



5p Bottle House Group Challenge:

Thank you to all those who donated to the 5p Bottle Challenge we have raised of well over £700 which is an amazing effort.

Year 8- 1st 8 Elgar £29.98, 2nd 8 Edward £23.40, 3rd 8 Nightingale £22.80

Year 7- 1st 7 Florence £66.85, 2nd 7 Isaac £61.35, 3rd 7 Newton £43.80

Year 6- 1st 6 Isaac £60.30, 2nd 6 Edward £29.60, 3rd 6 Florence £15.35

Year 5- 1st 5 Isaac £105.05, 2nd 5 Elgar £ 55.00, 3rd 5 Newton £31.15

The year that collected the most money was Year 7
The form that collected the most money was 5 Isaac.

Well done to everyone.

Academy Prefects:

Congratulations to the Year 7 pupils who have been selected to be the new Year 8 Academy Prefects for 2021-22. From these pupils the Academy Senior Pupil Leadership Team will be selected to represent the school and these pupils will be announced once the process is completed.

Dignity in Care Award:

Congratulations to our House Leaders: Mrs Mulroy, Mrs Matthews and Mrs Mountford, who have been nominated for a Staffordshire Dignity in Care Award. We are very proud of you.

Confirmation:

The Team Parish of Leek and Meerbrook is hoping to hold a Confirmation Service in November which will be conducted by Bishop Matthew, who is the Bishop of Stoke and Stafford. Confirmation is a public acknowledgement of Christian faith where candidates affirm for themselves the statements of belief that were made by their parents and godparents at their Baptism. If candidates have not been baptised this can also happen as part of the service. Those who are confirmed enter into full membership of the Church of England and are then able to receive the bread and wine during Holy Communion.

We would like to offer all pupils currently in Years 6, 7 and 8 the opportunity to be Confirmed if they wish. A five-week preparation course will be run in the Autumn and details of this will be arranged nearer the time to suit those who want to attend. After completing the course, candidates will need to come to a rehearsal at the church.

Please complete the form below so that we can arrange your child's participation.

[Confirmation Form](#)

Big PTA Summer Raffle 2021

Remember to buy your tickets for the Big PTA Summer Raffle 2021! Each £3 ticket gives you 12 chances to win up to £5000 while raising money to support The Friends of St Edward's Academy.

To buy your tickets, go to www.bigptaraffle.co.uk and search for 'St Edward's C of E Academy Leek ST13' (**please take care to select our school**). The closing date for the raffle is Sunday 11th July.

Further details regarding the raffle can be found:

[Big PTA Summer Raffle letter](#)

[Big PTA Summer Raffle poster](#)

Magnet Warning:



Please can parents and carers speak with their children regarding magnets. It has come to our attention that some children may be using small magnets from within fidget toys to resemble piercings, placing them inside their mouths. Evidently this is very dangerous, please be vigilant.

Pupil Absence

If your child will be absent due to illness, medical appointment, or for any other reason please select **option 1** for the pupil absence line to leave a voicemail message at any time.

Appointments and Collection of Pupils

If your child has an appointment during the school day, please put a note in their planner to show the teacher and the teacher will allow them to leave during the lesson. The pupils can then ensure they are at the office on time for collection.

When you arrive at school to collect your child, please ring the bell at the main entrance to inform office staff that you have arrived then your child will be sent out to meet you. Pupils need to be collected by an adult; for safeguarding, pupils are unable to leave alone during the school day.

Year 7 and 8 Pupils: Reporting Lateral Flow Test Results:

Please can parents/carers remember to send in your home testing results to the link below and not the Academy contact form unless you have a positive result. This form below has been set up specifically to collate this information:

[Year 7 and 8 Lateral Flow Home Testing Result Form](#)

Home Testing Information Year 7 & Year 8

A detailed letter with further guidance on this has been sent out to Year 7 and 8 parents/carers. Information on this has also been posted on the Academy website. A Video and links with further information can be found below.

[How to do a Covid self-test video](#)

[Informing the Academy of your result](#)

[Informing the NHS of your result](#)

[Testing at Home Y7 & Y8 Letter](#)

[Privacy Notice for Staff/Pupils Testing at Home](#)

New guidance from the Government informs us that from now on, if a positive result is recorded for a lateral flow test. Then a confirmatory PCR test must be arranged either using the online facility or by calling 119.

If the PCR test result returns negative the pupil/s will be able to return to the Academy.

We politely request that you make us aware of all of these results and we will continue support you and your children during this process.

Mobile Phones:

We are happy for pupils to have their mobile phones with them as they are a piece of equipment that keeps them safe on the journey to and from school. However, we do not allow phones to be used in school and will be reminding pupils about this. If phones are seen in school, they may be confiscated and held in the Academy office until they can be collected by a parent/carer. Evidently, we wish to avoid this situation to reduce the risk of transmission through unnecessary visits to the Academy office.

To avoid this please can parents/carers reinforce that mobile phones are not to be seen or used in school.

Spare PE kit donations

Please can I request if any parents/carers have any spare Academy PE kit or serviceable trainers at home that pupils have grown out of and you would like to donate could pupils bring it to their PE lessons, where we will

quarantine them. We will give house points for donated items and redistributed them to pupils who need it or keep it in school as spare kit.

PE kit

Pupils will need to come in their PE kit on the following days:

Year 5	5Ed / 5EI / 5Is	Monday and Friday	5Ne/5FI/5Ni	Tuesday and Friday
Year 6	6Ed/6EI/6Is	Wednesday and Thursday	6Ne/6FI/6Ni	Monday and Friday
Year 7	7Ed/7EI/7Is	Monday and Friday	7Ne/7FI/7Ni	Thursday and Friday
Year 8	8Ed/8EI/8Is	Wednesday and Thursday	8Ne/8FI/8Ni	Tuesday and Friday

Pupils with medical needs and/or diabetes who are returning

If your child has medical needs and requires medication (e.g. inhaler and spacer, Epipen, diabetic kit), please ensure that your child brings their medication to school with them ready to hand in at the school office on their return.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding your child's medical needs, please contact us via the contact form on the Academy website.

Before and after school club

Kids Space before and after school club will resume as per the arrangements prior to the Christmas break. If you require any further information regarding this, please call Lyn on 07534 839280.

Thank you for your support in helping us to keep everyone as safe as possible at school.

Yours sincerely,



Mr T Hutchinson
Principal