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Updates for this week:

Dear Parents and Carers,



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Another term has passed and we prepare to enjoy the Easter break and reflect on the Easter message.

Pupils and staff have continued to demonstrate our 10:10 vision, living life in all its fullness, and the image of the cross, the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter provides the foundation of our Christian faith and community.

I hope that you are able to take part in some of the Church celebrations this Easter whether at St Edward's Church or one of the other churches in Leek or via some of the wonderful online celebrations that are taking place. I also hope that get chance to indulge in lots of chocolate eggs!

On behalf of the Trustees and Staff of the academy I would like to thank you for your continued support and encouragement and wish you a very happy Easter tide.

Many thanks,

Mr Hutchinson
Principal

Updated Covid-19 Guidance:

On Tuesday 29 March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the next steps for living with COVID-19 in England from Friday 1 April.

Updated guidance states:

- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious.
- For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days

The population now has much stronger protection against COVID-19 than at any other point in the pandemic. This means we can begin to manage the virus like other respiratory infections, thanks to the success of the vaccination programme and access to antivirals, alongside natural immunity and increased scientific and public understanding about how to manage risk.

For education and childcare settings from Friday 1 April:

Regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in any education or childcare setting, including in SEND, alternative provision and children's social care settings.

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) will publish new guidance. Most of the specific COVID-19 guidance for education and childcare settings will be withdrawn from GOV.UK on Friday 1 April.

Thank You, Good Bye and Welcome:

At the end of this half term we are saying a big thank you and good bye to some long serving and very committed members of the Academy staff.

Mrs Strong who has served as SENDCo diligently for many years is retiring. She has supported so many pupils and their families in her work and we wish her every happiness as she leaves the Academy.

Mrs Jenkinson who has supported Mrs Strong in the Additional Needs team will also be leaving the academy to pursue a new career shortly after the holiday. Her work as a Teaching Assistant and in support and guiding our team of teaching assistants has supported the lives and learning of so many young people. We all wish her well.

We would also like to welcome Mrs Stubbs who will start a new role as the Faculty Leader for Additional Needs after the Easter. She will lead the team of teaching assistants and ensuring that the Academy provision for our SEND pupils goes from strength to strength from the great foundations put in place by her predecessors.

PFA Fashion Show:

The Friends of St Edward's (PTFA) are hosting a live fashion sale on Thursday 28th April at 7 pm at St Edward's Academy. Tickets are available for £5 via ParentPay this includes a glass of fizz or a soft drink on entry. Tickets can also be purchased at, No 58 Ladies Boutique, Leek.



5p Challenge

The Friends of St Edwards have extended the deadline for the 5p challenge to Friday 27th May, so keep filing those bottles.

Forthcoming trips and visits:

We have a number of trips and visits arranged for the summer term. Further information will be provided regarding these for you as parents and carers specific to each trip as and when required.

- **Y5 Peak Wildlife**
 - 26/04/2022 - Ed, El & Is
 - 28/04/2022 - Ne, Ni & Fl
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- **Y6 Cornwall**
 - 19 - 24 June 2022
- **Y7 Dovedale**
 - 27/06/2022 - Fl & Ni
 - 28/06/2022 - Is & Ne
 - 01/07/2022 - Ed & El
- **Y8 Camp**
 - 4 - 8 July 2022

- **Reward Day Trips**
 - 11/07/2022 - Y7 (Cinebowl/I-skate)
 - 12/07/2022 - Y5 (Cinebowl/I-skate)
 - 13/07/2022 - Y6 (Cinebowl/I-skate)
 - 15/07/2022 - Y8 (Alton Towers)

Parent Pay Accounts

Please can you check your Parent Pay Accounts for your children on a regular basis regarding lunch monies and trip expenditure.

Chewing Gum in the Academy:

Chewing gum is banned within the Academy. Please can you ensure pupils do not bring chewing or bubble gum into the Academy at any time. Many thanks for your support on this.

Uniform in the Academy:

Please can I remind all parents/carers that pupils are to wear full school uniform (or full school PE kit when they have PE lessons) when attending the Academy.

The Academy Uniform policy is present on the Academy website. If you have any queries about this please use the



'Contact Us' form that can be found on the website.

Can we also request that all parents and carers clearly label their children's uniform to ensure it can be returned to them should they lose it.

Pupil Appointments:

If your child/ren are required to leave the Academy during the school day for an appointment please can you use the 'Contact form' to make the Academy aware of this and write a note in their planner. This will allow us to make sure your child is ready to be collected.

Drop off and Pick Up

Can I please request that **no parents/carers enter the bus park** when dropping off or collecting their children in a morning or afternoon. There is a lot of pupil movement during these times and cars entering the bus park causes an increased safeguarding risk.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

Yours sincerely,



Mr T Hutchinson
Principal

School Term / Holiday dates 2021/2022

Summer Term 2022

Staff & Pupils	Monday 25th April – Friday 27th May
May Day	Monday 2nd May
Holiday	Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June
Inset Day	Monday 6th June
Staff	Monday 6th June – Thursday 21st July
Pupils	Tuesday 7th June – Wednesday 20th July
Holiday	Thursday 21st July – Friday 2nd September

***Queen's Platinum Jubilee Thursday 2nd June - Sunday 5th June (4-day bank holiday)**