



St. Edward's NEWSLETTER

Welcome
Back!

It's great to have the children back in school!

Dear Parents/ Carers and the St Edward's family,

I am delighted to be writing to you as the newly appointed Headteacher of St Edward's Catholic Primary Teaching School. I feel extremely honoured and privileged to have been chosen to continue to build upon the success the school has already achieved under the superb leadership of Mr Mabey.

As you may know, I have been Headteacher of another 'outstanding' Newham Deanery school, St Winefride's, for fourteen years. During that time, I have worked with the community of staff, parents/ carers, governors, priests and parishioners to develop pupils who present as confident, happy, secure young people, willing to engage in sharing their faith, culture and beliefs.

I have been married to Susan for 22 years and we have four children Ben, Sebastian, Abigail and Isobel. I also have a little dog, called Casper, so I feel that I am well prepared to join St Teddy's. I live in Upminster in Essex and therefore attend mass at St Joseph's. I would like to say that I am a fitness fanatic, visiting the gym, although I do play tennis occasionally and enjoy watching football.

I believe that school should be a happy, caring, spiritual, respectful and hardworking environment, with the Catholicity at the heart of everything we do. I think that all staff should utilise their skills to enable the children in their care to recognise their true potential and talents. As a Catholic community, we should endeavour to celebrate the successes of our children in all areas of school life.

My vision for the school is that we develop the 'whole child' to ensure that the needs of all our children are met and that each child is given a wealth of experience and opportunities across the complete curriculum.

It is such an exciting time for St Edward's as we commence our journey on a new era of education with our partners in 'Our Lady of Grace' Multi-Academy Trust.

I look forward to meeting you very soon!

A warmest welcome

Paul Underwood

Headteacher (LLE, NPQH, BSc)

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF



NADINE MIDDLETON
CLASS TEACHER



ABIGAIL SHELDRAKE
TEACHING ASSISTANT



SAFEENA HUSSAIN
TEACHING ASSISTANT



SHANICE COX
TEACHING ASSISTANT



HENA FERDOUSHI
TEACHING ASSISTANT



JOANNE LUXTON
TEACHING ASSISTANT



KELLY TAYLOR
MIDDAY SUPERVISOR



SAIRA PATEL
MIDDAY SUPERVISOR



ELIZABETH TAYLOR
NQT

We are delighted to welcome our new staff to the St Teddy's family. We also want to welcome Mr Stephen Karwacinski who will be undergoing Initial Teacher's Training this year! A big congratulations to Miss Taylor who has completed her teacher's training and is now our Newly Qualified Teacher (NQT). Each role is critical in fulfilling the vision of our school and community. We look forward to working with you and your successes!



STEPHEN KARWACINSKI
TEACHER TRAINEE

PE Schedule

CLASS

Year 3 – Ivy and Fern
Year 4 – Heather and Thistle
Year 1 – Poppy and Iris
Year 6 – Elm, Oak and Willow
Year 5 – Ash and Beech
Reception – Acorn and Chestnut
Year 2 – Lily and Rose

DAY

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Thursday
Friday



Please make sure children come into school wearing their winter PE kits which is our blue St Edward's tracksuits and trainers on the day of their PE lesson with a bottle of water.

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IMPORTANT!!

NOTICE TO PARENTS



It is vital that we have your up-to-date mobile number in your ParentPay account. We use the ParentPay messaging service for all our communications at school and we don't want you to miss out on any important letters. Reception and Nursery children will be given their activation code via email, if you have not received this please let your teacher know or call main the office and leave you email and contact details. Thank you.

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The school is continuing to use PurpleMash and Bug Club for extra work at home. Please ensure that you and your children are accessing them at home. We are also introducing Microsoft Teams. We are scheduling a Zoom online workshop for parents. Details will follow so please look out for the invite in your email.



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Governor's Fund

It is that time of the year again where we ask our school community to support the school in raising the sufficient funds for the development and maintenance of the school buildings. Please pay via ParentPay, this should appear in your account as Governor Fund 2020-2021. If you wish to pay using alternative method, please contact the school and speak to Mrs Facto.

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Finally, please can we request that parents/carers not to send their children too early to school and arrive on time to pick them up. Parents must line up in single line to ensure social distancing measures are in place. Also, children are not to bring school bags unless it is packed lunch. Children can continue to bring water bottle clearly marked with their name. This is to make sure that we minimise the risk of spreading the virus in school. Please refer to the letter that was sent to you before the start of school for the correct starting times for your child. If you have any questions in regards to this, do contact the school via phone or email.

Newham London

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES AUTUMN OFFER 2020

Please don't forget about the autumn offers mentioned and if you need support in any of the areas mentioned, please arrange an appointment to speak to Ms Tatnell.

Strengthening Families has been organised by Newham's early help teams. It is about recognising that all families need a helping hand at times such as these and this helping hand should be as varied and as diverse as our families. Strengthening Families is steeped in our values of keeping people at the heart of what we do.

Our offer includes:

Family Relationships Matters

A coach will work with you to reduce arguments and promote healthy communication.

Family Money Matters

Providing information, guidance and support for Families who are worrying about money, housing and employment.

Parenting Befriending

A bespoke parenting befriending service for parents / carers of children and young people aged 0-16 years who need a space to talk and think through the ways that they are coping in the circumstances and practical suggestions to manage challenges such as their young person's behaviour, anxiety and worries, family relationship challenges and a young person's screen time.

To request a service for a family you are working with please complete the referral form and email to strengthening.families@newham.gov.uk

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for Children and
Young People

Family Money Matters (family finance, housing and returning to work/training)

FREE one to one advice and guidance to all via phone or on-line in partnership with Newham WorkPlace, MoneyWorks and voluntary sector Organisations including Community Links.

1. **Advice and assistance** on housing, homelessness, evictions, welfare benefits, tax credits and universal credit, immigration and employment law
2. **Financial support** to access affordable credit, money and debt management and emergency support including access to food bank vouchers, supermarket and energy vouchers
3. **Employment/training** support includes
 - Improving your CV
 - Identifying job/career options
 - Advising on jobs to best suit your skills
 - Good quality apprenticeships for all ages
 - Bespoke training to enhance your existing skills including accredited qualifications
 - Preparing you for attending assessment centres and interviews
 - Advice on childcare options

Specialist teams such as Young People's Team (16 – 24 years old), Apprenticeships Team (all ages), Supported Employment Team (disabilities or long-term health conditions) and construction team, to support the requirements of our residents.



All services are delivered following up to date government Covid-19 guidance.

Family Relationship Matters

We all have arguments; it is normal for parents to argue, whether they are together or not. Causes can include; job loss, births, deaths, illness or separation, money worries or the pressure of family life.

Our Family Relationships Matters programme consists of six sessions delivered one to one by trained facilitators from Early Help, Families First, Children's Centres and Schools. We will match families to the best organisation to deliver based on the family's needs and existing support networks.

These sessions give families the tools to manage conflict effectively and reduce the impact on their children.

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- **Befrienders** are either trained children centre staff or Newham Parent Peer Facilitators
- **30-60 mins** session per week
- **1-8 weeks** with a clear transition process put in place for when the contact ends.
- **Group sessions** – will be developed where this would be helpful and appropriate.
- **Virtual Coffee Mornings** - Early Years / Primary and Secondary.
- **Signposting and referrals** to other support and services as and when appropriate.

If you have any questions about the children's centre offer or the family support work please make contact via email:
BSILFamilySupport@newham.gov.uk



GOSPEL - MATTHEW 18:15-20



15 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.

16 If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: whatever the misdemeanour, the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain the charge.

17 But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a gentile or a tax collector.

18 'In truth I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

19 'In truth I tell you once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven.

20 For where two or three meet in my name, I am there among them.'

Year 3 children will be given their first holy communion application form this week. Please ensure that you complete this form and return it to the class teacher by Friday 18th September 2020 .



BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, as we return to school from the lockdown and summer holidays, we give thanks for bringing us safely back together as a school community. As we say farewell to members of staff and our previous Year 6 pupils, we keep them in our thoughts and prayers as they join their new educational environment or start another chapter of their life story. We officially welcome new members of staff and pupils to our school and trust they will have a secure, happy and productive experience with us. We pray that with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, wisdom, understanding, right judgment, courage, knowledge, reverence, awe and wonder., you will guide us in these unprecedented times to make the right choices about the safety and future of our pupils and staff as we embark on this new academic year. Amen

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