

# PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE



**Word of the week – Foundation**

**Worship Theme of the week – Teachings of Jesus**

**Core value of the week – Respect and tolerance of different beliefs**

**Biblical reference of the week – Matthew 5 – 7**

It has been another jam-packed week here at St Edward's. I have been in to so many lessons this week and seen superb teaching and unbelievable attitudes to learning from all children. Their focus, behaviour and work ethic are a pleasure to see. Everyone is fully back in the swing of our routines and achievement points, postcards and certificates are being awarded for brilliant work. We have launched our first House competition and Mrs Pearson, who is leading the House system, will be communicating events, competitions and subject fortnights each week in this newsletter. Our INVOLVE clubs are flying and the PE team are busy scheduling fixtures over the coming weeks. Next week we are hosting an open classroom for other school leaders from all over South Yorkshire to come and observe and discuss how we deliver mastery maths here at St Edward's. We're looking forward to welcoming them. As always, thank you for supporting the school and your children, enabling all of us to be the best we can be.

## Celebrating success – postcards home



### **Year 7 Settling-in Evening**

It was wonderful to welcome so many parents into the school last night to discuss how children have settled into life at St Edward's. We hope the slot with form tutors was valuable to parents/carers to hear how impressed we have been with Y7. Please do get in touch to raise any concerns and to pass on any thanks or positive messages to our team, we really value and welcome this.

### **Year 7 – Groupings**

Y7 will be re-issued their new timetable on Monday. Form tutors discussed this with parents at the Settling-In Evening. We have formed new groups for the year based on their performance so far in lessons, some baseline assessments and the use of their SATS data. These groups are a range of abilities and are fluid in nature. They are not sets. The aim is to ensure every child receives the best teaching and can learn at the right pace according to their ability. Each year so far, we have seen Y7 students flourish in these groupings and make exceptional progress in their learning. Movement will occur from time to time based on the expert opinion of teaching staff.

### **European Day of Languages**

Over the next fortnight we will be celebrating languages in school. French is such an important part of our curriculum, there will be focus on this alongside other European languages and cultures. Mrs Skitt and the team have planned a range of events and activities as you can see below. On Tuesday, staff will be coming to work dressed in a range of European outfits and we will be encouraging students to find out about new languages by asking staff. We have our languages Baking Challenge on Monday; this is where we challenge all students to bake a cake with a language or European theme. If you take part, please bring your cake to the cafeteria on Monday morning, please make sure your name and Year group are labelled on it. We then vote whose is the best for House points and we then sell the cake to everyone, and all the proceeds are donated to one of our local charities. Please make sure that cakes are free from nuts, sesame seeds, chickpeas, hummus, mushy peas, honey, lentils, black beans, kidney beans and all pulses. This is to ensure all allergies of our children are protected against flaring up.

## **MFL Fortnight**

Form activity spanning the two weeks looking at our departmental intent:

“One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way.” Frank Smith

All forms to create a languages related doorway – two weeks to create and make!

Language Leaders and SLOs to make a decision on the winning door – form prize.

### Monday 25th

Baking competition – Entries to the cafeteria 8am

Bake sale at lunch – proceeds to charity – Y7 cakes sold to Y7

All day - FIND THE TEACHER – teachers will be wearing stickers with different languages on.

Match the teacher and the language.

### Tuesday 26th

Dishes from other countries at break and lunch

Staff dress up

Bake sale continues – proceeds to charity – Y7 cakes sold to Y7 etc

### Wednesday 27th

Deadline for Global Schools Alliance, entries to JST – show ‘To me a language is...’ through any medium you wish to use

### Thursday 28th

cafeteria break and lunch – where in the world – match the monuments and images

Y9 lunch – Bingo – small hall

### Monday 2nd October

Break – cafeteria -French sudoku

Y7 lunch – small hall – bingo - Y8 lunch – small hall – bingo

### Tuesday 3rd October

Break – cafeteria – guess the language quiz

Y8 Lunch –house boules (la pétanque)

### Wednesday 4th October

Y7 lunch – house boules (la pétanque)

### Thursday 5th October

Break – The big languages quiz 2023

Y9 lunch - house boules (la pétanque)

### Friday 6th October

Form time – decision on the winning house door

### Dates for your diary/upcoming events

Monday 25th September- Bake Sale for Charity – European Day of Languages

Monday 25th September – Local Governing body meeting

Tuesday 26th September – European Day of Languages

Friday 29th September – Mastery maths open classroom