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PRAYER FOR THE START OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR



God of wisdom and might,

*We praise you for the wonder of our being,
For mind, body and spirit.*

Be with our children as they begin a new school year.

Bless them and their teachers and staff.

Give the strength and grace as their bodies grow;

Wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding;

And peace and zeal to their hearts.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Wednesday 7th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I would like to say a warm welcome to the start of the new academic year to you and your families. I hope the summer holidays have provided opportunities to rest, have fun and spend precious time with friends and family.

St Edmund's is a wonderful school, which has a unique way – the 'St Edmund's Way'. There is a special atmosphere and unity inspired by the life and teachings of Jesus and the important motto of 'Love, Care, Share'. This message holds an important place in my heart, having attended the school as a child and returning as a teacher between 2010-2019. Therefore, I will ensure that the spiritual ethos, and the highest expectations of behaviour and standards of education are maintained. I am extremely proud to lead the school and excited for the year ahead.



Our vision at the school is to ensure that the needs of all our children are met in all areas of school life and that each child is given a wealth of experience and opportunities. This, in turn, will guarantee that they leave at the end of Year 6 feeling extremely confident, responsible and competent members of society - ready for the next step on their educational journey. True excellence happens in schools when all concerned want to challenge themselves, take initiative and grow because they are inspired, excited and motivated. I firmly believe in celebrating success and making sure everyone knows they are loved by God. Here at St Edmund's, we have a wonderful staff who have a passion and drive to ensure that this happens at this school.

My overall goal as Headteacher is simple – to ensure that each and every child, in Christ's image, develops their full potential to become the very best that they can be.

It was lovely to welcome all the children back to school on Monday morning after the summer holidays. Looking at the school community together again and looking so smart, with so many smiling and enthusiastic faces, was really inspiring for us all to see.

I look forward to seeing you over the coming days and weeks and working closely with you at St Edmund's.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Abrahams

