



# St Edmund's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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*'Together we learn and grow through worship and celebration'*



## Diary – Forthcoming Events

Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Jan – Happy Bag Collection 9am  
Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Feb – Class 1P Assembly in school hall at 2.40pm  
Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Feb – Parents Evening 4-7pm  
Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Feb – Parents Evening 4-7pm  
Mon 18<sup>th</sup> – Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb – HALF TERM

## KS1 Stars of the Week



**2J – Annabelle** – for working hard in Maths during our 'fractions' topic  
**2R – Eleanor** – for brilliant behaviour and perfect manners  
**1P – Tilly** – for neat and accurate work in her Maths book  
**Class 1C** – for learning their lines, speaking loudly and putting on a wonderful assembly  
**RB – Thiago** – for excellent independent writing in class. We are so proud of you.  
**RM – Azali** – for excellent use of phonics and tricky words in her writing. Wow, we are so pleased.

## Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 Online Safety Workshop

We have arranged for 'Perform for Schools' Drama Workshop Company to come into school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February. They will deliver interactive workshops about how to stay safe online with Key Stage 1 learning about how to be 'Cyber Superheroes' and Key Stage 2 learning about how to be 'Digital Detectives'. These workshops will promote the importance of being safe online and use technology positively in their lives.

## Charanga Music World

We are delighted to be able to share with the children an exciting new curriculum support for Music.

Currently we use the Charanga Scheme of Work to deliver the music curriculum and included in the package is an online music world where children can access materials used at school as well as creating their own avatar, earning coins when they complete lessons and unlock badges as evidence of their musical mastery.

All children will be given a letter during the next week detailing how to access the website. We hope they enjoy it. Mr Jankowski will ask for feedback on how they are getting on. Good luck and enjoy!

## KS2 Homework Questionnaires

Thank you for the responses to our Homework Questionnaires. Each child in Years 3, 4 and 5 should have brought home a letter this week with questionnaire results and details for the way forward. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

## Winter PE Kit

During these colder weeks, please could we ask you to ensure your child has blue or black jogging bottoms in their PE Bags to wear for outdoor PE. Please note your child should also have trainers for outdoor PE and plimsolls for indoor PE.

If your daughter wears tights to school, please ensure, for hygiene reasons, that she has spare white socks in her PE bag to change into for PE. Please note the school cannot provide socks for PE.

## Parents Evening Bookings Now Open

Our Parents Evenings, for Reception through to Year 6, are planned for Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February from 4-7pm. Ten minute appointments are available to book online via your Schools Cash Office account (the software you use to pay for school trips and Breakfast Club) from today. If you are not set up to make online payments, please get in touch with the School Office to get the details and your online code.

Remember appointments are only for 10 minutes and if you have something to discuss that may take longer please do arrange another time, outside of parents evening, to speak to your child's teacher.

When you have logged into your Schools Cash Office account, you will see a menu option called Parents Evening for you to access. Click on your invitation to book an appointment, select your child, choose the evening and appointment time you wish and ensure you then click on save.

Please note Nursery parents evenings sit outside of the rest of the school. Ten minute appointments are available to book on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 9am-5.30pm with Mrs Hambling, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 4.30-5.30pm with Mrs Preston or Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 4-5pm with Mrs Preston. Please see sign-up sheets in the Nursery foyer to book your slot.

## CAFOD World Gifts

Thank you for your contributions to the Children's Marketplace in December. We have been able to purchase the following CAFOD World Gifts on your behalf: happy queen bee, chirpy chickens, trees for life, fantastic fish, a goat that gives, water for a family, build a greenhouse and a terrific toilet. World Gifts are charity gifts that transform lives.

## Padlock Reminder

If you have a padlock attached to the school fence and you would like it back, please remember to remove it before it is removed and disposed of in the February half-term.

## Mini Vinnie Cake Sale



Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to our cake sale just before Christmas, either by donating cakes, buying cakes or both. We are delighted to tell you that £56.50 was raised for Cancer Research.

## Zumba After School Club

Please note that due to staff training there will be no Zumba club after school on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January.

## Social Media Friend Requests

Please remember that members of staff cannot accept social media Friend Requests from parents/carers. Thank you for your understanding.

## February Half-Term Football Course

There will be a football coaching course for children aged between 5-12 years old at St Edmund's between Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Please see a flyer with further details on our school communicator under Resources/Clubs.

## LOCAL VACANCIES

### Lunchtime SMSA at St Edmund's

We are looking to appoint a committed and creative person to join our team as a School Meals Supervisory Assistant. The post is for 2 hours each day during term time, Monday – Friday from 11.30am to 1.30pm, commencing Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February, Scale 2 Point 10 - £4,610 p.a.

The job involves working in the dining hall and the playgrounds. It requires a good level of physical fitness, good interpersonal skills, a sense of humour, enjoyment of outdoor activities and above all common sense.

Closing date for applications is 12 noon on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Successful candidates will be contacted by telephone and interviews will be held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January.

An application form and job description for the vacancy above are available from the vacancy section of our school website or call the school office on 020 88947898. Please return completed applications to:

[g.nicholl@st-edmunds.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:g.nicholl@st-edmunds.richmond.sch.uk)

## Train to Teach with Richmond Teaching School Alliance (RTSA)

Would you like to train to teach with Richmond Teaching Schools Alliance (RTSA)? RTSA is a group of local secondary schools led by Waldegrave School. The Alliance offers an outstanding place to work and learn and provides a supportive and tailored learning opportunity in partnership with our partner universities, Roehampton, St Mary's and King's College London.

We are currently recruiting for the following School Direct (unsalaried) courses for 2019/20 in our local Richmond schools:

English, Computing, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geography, History, Religious Education, Design & Technology, Art & Design, Modern Languages (French, Spanish, German), Drama and Physical Education

Successful completion of the course leads to qualified teacher status (QTS) and a postgraduate certificate in education (PGCE) with Masters credits. For further details of courses and how to apply please visit UCAS teacher training course search\* and enter 'RTSA' in the 'school, university or other training provider' box.

Further information can also be found on the School Direct page of our website ([www.waldegrave.richmond.sch.uk](http://www.waldegrave.richmond.sch.uk)) or by emailing [rtsa@waldegrave.org.uk](mailto:rtsa@waldegrave.org.uk).

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Website: [www.waldegrave.richmond.sch.uk](http://www.waldegrave.richmond.sch.uk) Email: [rtsa@waldegrave.org.uk](mailto:rtsa@waldegrave.org.uk) Twitter: @RichmondTSA  
\*UCAS course search: <https://find-postgraduate-teacher-training.education.gov.uk/>



## PA NEWS

### Happy Bag Collection

There will be a Happy Bag Collection on Tuesday morning, 29<sup>th</sup> January. Please return your bags at morning drop off and deposit them at the school gate which leads onto the field. Thank you.

### Rugby Parking

We need volunteers from Year 6 to cover the rugby parking on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Kick-off is at 4.45pm so the parking will need to be covered from 12.45pm. Please let your Class Rep know if you are able to help.

### Applying for Nursery Class 2019

The supplementary forms for next year's Nursery Class (children who will be three years old by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019) can be printed from our website [www.st-edmunds.richmond.sch.uk](http://www.st-edmunds.richmond.sch.uk) or paper copies can be collected from the School Office. The closing date for Nursery forms to be submitted to the school is 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

## PARISH NEWS

### A Message from Fr. Nigel

When you apply to St Edmund's School Nursery you will be asked to provide a Certificate of Catholic Practice, signed by the priest of the Catholic Church where you usually worship. Entry to the Nursery does not depend on attending St Edmund's Catholic Church, but priority is given to practising Catholic families.

I will be available for the parent(s) of each applicant who worships at St Edmund's during the course of the next few months before the application deadline. I will then (if appropriate) complete and stamp the Certificate of Catholic Practice.

I have set aside the following dates and times for these appointments:

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2.00pm – 4.30pm**  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 3.00pm – 7.00pm**

To book your appointment, please phone the school office on 020 8894 7898. I look forward to seeing you.

### Prayer of the Week



#### A St Edmund's Prayer

Patron of our school, can you please help me be a better person in faith? Can you please guide me to be a better person?

When you were a teacher, you helped your students learn about God and to help others. Please help me to do the same.

You helped the poor and those that needed help. Please help me to do just the same. When people needed your help you would help them even when it was hard.

You were a priest, a very good priest. If you hadn't been alive we wouldn't have this wonderful school. Please help me to live like you.

Holy Patron, help me with my school work and to be a good Christian. I will try my best to follow your example. Amen.

By **Lara (4N)**

### Reflection



Today, we celebrated the feast of 'The Conversion of Saint Paul'. This feast reminds of the powerful story of how the Saul, enemy of the early Church, was transformed into Paul, one of the greatest teachers in Church history. This is an important story as it reminds us that God reaches out his loving

hand to all of us, even when we think we are unworthy.

*O God, who taught the whole world  
through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Paul,  
draw us, we pray, nearer to you  
through the example of him whose conversion we  
celebrate,  
and so make us witnesses to your truth in the  
world. Amen.*

Mrs C Moreland  
Headteacher