



St Edmund's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

No. 664 Friday 1st February 2019

'Together we learn and grow through worship and celebration'



Diary – Forthcoming Events

Tues 5th Feb – Class 1P Assembly in school hall at 2.40pm

**Fri 8th Feb – Green House and Red House
Winners Mufti Day**

Tues 12th Feb – Parents Evening 4-7pm

Thurs 14th Feb – Parents Evening 4-7pm

Mon 18th – Fri 22nd Feb – HALF TERM

**Fri 29th March – PA & Governing Body
Auction Evening**

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

We have arranged for 'Perform for Schools' Drama Workshop Company to come into school next Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th 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 teach the children how to use technology positively in their lives.

Autumn Term House Winners

We are pleased to announce a draw between Red House and Green House and therefore they will have a shared prize - the opportunity to wear mufti (their own clothes) next Friday, 8th February and they will also receive 10 minutes extra play.

Children receive house points for good behaviour, nice manners and effort as well as academic progress. The house points are collected together each week. The winning house climbs a ladder and the first house to the top of the ladder wins the prize. Each new term the competition starts again so every house has an opportunity to win.

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.

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 After School Choir

We would like to extend our after school Wednesday sessions by 15 minutes from next week until the end of term to enable us to have ample rehearsal time for our upcoming performances.

Please note collection time has now moved from 4.15pm to 4.30pm. Thank you.

Class 1P Assembly – Tuesday 5th February

We would like to invite the parents of children in Class 1P to stay after the assembly to watch a special performance of the dance element of the curriculum that the children have been working on. It is absolutely beautiful.

We will organise a suitable date in the near future for Class 1C to perform for their parents.

Catholic Children's Society Lenten Boxes



Catholic Children's Society Lenten boxes will be coming home with your child over the next few days. Please keep the boxes during Lent and return to school after the Easter holidays. Thank you in advance.

Year 6 School Journey Payments

A reminder to Year 6 parents that the second payment of £95 is due by Wednesday 6th February in respect of the school journey to Skern Lodge in Devon.

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.

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 18th and Friday 22nd February. Please see a flyer with further details on our school communicator under Resources/Clubs.

Frizz Kidz

Frizz Kidz will be open for the entire week of February half-term and are offering 5% discount for one day if your child brings along a buddy. For more information please contact Neena on 07956554528 or email frizzkidz@gmail.com. Thank you.

LOCAL VACANCIES

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) or by emailing rtsa@waldegrave.org.uk.

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*UCAS course search: <https://find-postgraduate-teacher-training.education.gov.uk/>



Deb Long via the school office if you are able to help in any way.

Happy Bag Collection

Thank you for all your contributions to our Happy Bag collection this week. We have raised £339.30. Thank you.



Applying for Nursery Class 2019

The supplementary forms for next year's Nursery Class (children who will be three years old by 31st August 2019) can be printed from our website 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 8th 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 28th February 2.00pm – 4.30pm
Monday 4th 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



Dear God,
Thank you for a beautiful life and an extraordinary school and good teachers. Thank you for nature and food. Amen.

By **Joshua & Nicholas**

LOCAL NEWS

Whitton Day Nursery Wins Award



Whitton Day Nursery was recently nominated in the National Nursery Recognition Awards and at an awards ceremony in Leicester on Saturday they won the prestigious Nursery of the Year (South) award. They would like to pass on their thanks to St Edmund's parents and staff who voted for them.

PA NEWS

Rugby Parking

We need volunteers from Year 4 to cover the rugby parking on Saturday 9th March. Kick-off is at 4.45pm so the parking will need to be covered 12.45pm. Please let your Class Rep know if you are able to help. Thank you.

PA 1000 Club

Want to find out how you could be in with a chance of winning £1000 every 3 months? Please come and speak to our PA volunteers Kelly and Suzanne at both Parent's Evenings to find out more. There will also be an opportunity for you to sign up there and then should you wish to.

PA & Governing Body Auction Night

Our fantastic Auction Night has been booked for Friday 29th March. This is always a fun evening whether you are looking to bid on items or just have a laugh and a few drinks with our lovely school community. Make sure you put the date in your diaries.

As always, the success of these events is reliant on the input of our families and carers. If you are able to support with the donation of any prizes for raffle or auction items we would be very grateful. Please contact Aimee on: stedmundspa@gmail.com or

Reflection



On Saturday, we celebrate the feast of Candlemas. This great feast commemorates when Jesus was first presented at the temple in Jerusalem. This is also the day that all the candles to be used in the Mass are blessed.

*Lord Jesus Christ,
You are the true Light
enlightening every soul born into this world.
As we celebrate the feast of Candlemas.
Before Holy Mass,
the priest blesses the candles,
whose wax is the humming summer's work of
countless bees.
The flames of these candles
will shed their light upon the altar at the Holy
Sacrifice.
Help us to realise,
this day and every day,
that our own humdrum daily work,
if it is done for love of You. Amen.*

Mrs C Moreland
Headteacher