



St Edmund's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

No. 666 Friday 15th February 2019

'Together we learn and grow through worship and celebration'



Diary – Forthcoming Events

Mon 18th – Fri 22nd Feb – HALF TERM

Fri 8th March – PA Mums Movie Night

Tues 12th March – Maths Evening for Year 3, 4 & 5
Parents 7pm in school hall

Fri 15th March – Class 5T Assembly 9am in school hall

Thurs 28th March – Class 5D Assembly 9am in school hall

Fri 29th March – PA & Governing Body Auction
Evening

Mon 1st April – Whole School Photo

**Thurs 4th April – Easter Passion led by Year 4
11am in church**

**Fri 5th April – Last Day of Term – Early Finish
1.30pm**

Special Mentions

Congratulations to **Elizabeth** who has been awarded Level 8 in the British Gymnastics proficiency award. Amazing news – very well done!

KS1 Stars of the Week

2J – Prince – for being a kind and thoughtful friend

2R – Frankie – for having an excellent attitude to learning

1P – Mathis – for using finger spaces in his writing. Continue the good work! Well done!

1C – Sonia – for doing wonderful work

RB – Hannah – for excellent reading! You've worked so hard at home and in school.

RM – Maksat – for his outstanding home learning. His handwriting and presentation are absolutely awesome.



Staffing



Following Mrs Glover's retirement and Mrs Jennings' job opportunity I am delighted to

introduce Ms Fitzgerald and Mrs Trussler to our SMSA team.

They have settled in quickly and the children have already reported that they love spending time in their company, especially when they play games with them.

SPORTING NEWS

Swimming Gala

Well done to our swimming squad for their fabulous performances at the Richmond Schools Swimming

Gala. Mrs Rayner was very proud of all of you. Results have not yet been published so we await with bated breath to see if any of our pupils have made it through to the final.



Many thanks to Mrs Onabanjo-James for helping and supporting our team.

RISE Swimming Gala



Congratulations to our RISE Swimming Gala competitors – great performance. Their certificates will be presented at a school assembly soon.

REMINDERS

Car Park

Parents must **NOT** walk across or PARK in the church car park. Staff are having difficulty parking because parents are walking their children across the car park instead of down the side whilst going to Breakfast Club and we still have parents parking at the beginning and the end of the school day. PLEASE STOP – THANK YOU.

A group of parents have volunteered to marshal parking but it would be extremely sad if we have to do this.

School Rucksacks

Please note children in the Infants should ideally bring a book bag to school and not a rucksack. This is due to lack of storage space at school as their book bags need to fit on to their peg with their coats and PE bags. Obviously, if your child needs a change of clothes for their after school activity then they should bring a rucksack on that day only. Thank you.

Stationery for KS2

We would appreciate it if you could ensure your child's pencil case supplies are replenished over half term. Thank you – everyone loves a new pencil.

WhatsApp

WhatsApp is a wonderful and useful tool used by many of the classes to communicate and remind parents of things like class assemblies, PE kit. etc. It should not be used as a forum for discussing school business, for example how your child is getting on – that should be personal to your child – nor should it be used to discuss opinions on other parents or indeed school staff.

The purpose of the school's E-safety policy, that we ALL sign up to, is to ensure:

- all children are safeguarded
- that St Edmund's Primary School, its staff and governors, are not exposed to legal risks
- that the reputation of St Edmund's School, its staff and governors, are not adversely affected
- that any users are able to clearly distinguish where information provided via social networking applications is legitimately representative of St Edmund's School.

Choir

Thank you for all our hard work, joy and dedication. Please practise our songs over half-term – we need to be word perfect. All songs are on the Charanga website and you have your login details. Upcoming choir performance dates are as follows:

Thurs 28th Feb – St Mark's Choir Festival

Tues 26th March – Singing Festival, Rose Theatre

Additional dates for the choir:

Sat 20th April – St George's Day Parade

Sat 18th May – First Holy Communion

Letters will come home after half term with details for the St George's Day Parade and First Holy Communion events.

Old Furniture

The school has some old furniture suitable for Year 1 (or slightly younger) children which is currently located by the cycle rack near the gate to the field. Please feel free to take anything that you can make use of. Anything left will be removed next Wednesday.

Charity Event



Mr Rose is having his haircut today to raise money for the Little Princess Trust, a charity that provides wigs to children with cancer to help them cope when they lose their hair. If you would like to support him

please follow the link below:

<http://www.justgiving.com/owner-email/pleasesponsor/Thomas-Rose10>

Year 5 Geography Field Trip Payment

A reminder to Year 5 parents - a deposit of £50 is due by Thursday 28th February in respect of the Geography Field Trip to Sayers Croft.

Maths Evening with Caroline Clissold

Children in Years 3, 4 and 5 should have brought home an invitation for their parents to attend a Maths Evening on Tuesday 12th March at 7pm in the school hall.

This promises to be an exceptionally useful and informative evening and I would encourage as many parents as possible to attend. Please return the reply slip to the school office. Thank you.

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. If you need any advice – speak to Mr Young or the Office.

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.

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

Nursery Open Morning

There will be an opportunity for prospective parents to visit our Nursery on Friday 1st March 9.45-10.15am. To book your place, please call our school office on 020 8894 7898 or email: office@st-edmunds.richmond.sch.uk. 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.

LOCAL EVENTS

Support for Parents of Primary School Children with Social Communication Needs

Below is a link to a flyer detailing free local activities and workshops for both children and parents. For more details, please click the link:

<https://afc-document-portal.org.uk/bounce.aspx?b=gf,49162,9016,318>

Understanding Autism Seminar

An Understanding Autism seminar will take place on Friday 8th March, 9.30am-2.30pm at Grand Avenue Primary School, Grand Avenue, Surbiton, KT5 9HU. For more information, and to book a place, please email Jane Pidduck: jpiddle2@grandavenue.kingston.sch.uk or telephone 020 83995344. Thank you.

INDOOR TABLE TOP SALE

Ss Philip & James Parish Hall

Saturday 23rd February 2019

1.00pm - 5.00pm

Refreshments available

£10 per table. Only 20 tables available

All proceeds go to Ss Philip & James Church
Tickets available from Mark Croucher on
07765 864673 or mark@instantcreations.com

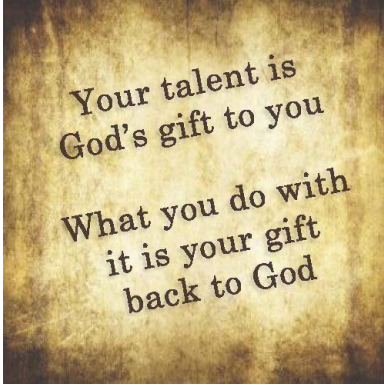
Prayer of the Week



Dear God,
Thank you for creating this wonderful world for us to live in happily. Thank you for our friends and family who look after us, love us and keep us safe. We are sorry for not being the best versions of ourselves at times when we forget. Amen.

By **Charlie M & Emily**

Reflection



After a week of parents' evenings, this is a perfect time to stop and reflect on the wonderful gifts and talents all our wonderful pupils have. We thank God for these talents and ask Him to always make St Edmund's a

place where every pupil can achieve their full potential.

*Lord of All,
Thank You for the unique talents
with which each of us is born,
and for Your support
as we employ them over the years
with Your grace and good guidance.*

*Lead us to use wisely the varied abilities
which each of us receives and develops
in his or her own way,
as individual as our finger-prints,
reflecting the singular personality
and unique individualities
You have given us.*

*Grant us strength and wisdom to share
our talents in ways that honour and enlighten
all whom we encounter, and all whom we
knowingly or unknowingly influence.
Help us, Lord, to walk our special paths
kindly and courageously in a manner
that enriches all whom we meet
on our life's journey.*

*All this I pray to You.
Amen.*

Mrs C Moreland
Headteacher