



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 5th March – Year 1 Pancake Café

Thurs 7th March – World Book Day

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

Fri 26th April – PA Quiz Night

Fri 10th May – Rescheduled Mums' Movie Night

Special Mentions

Congratulations to **Philomena (2R)** who has recently achieved the Class Award Primary in Dance from the Royal Academy of Dance. Huge congratulations!



KS1 Stars of the Week

2J – Olivia – for using great maths vocabulary to explain her understanding

2R – Ione – for working really hard on spellings and handwriting

1P – Owen – for excellent work in maths, halving shapes

1C – Jacob – for excellent participation in class!

RB – Lisa – for excellent reading and writing. We are very proud of you!

RM – Kordian – for excellent handwriting and for the most wonderful presentation in all his tasks.

Year 1 Pancake Café

Year 1 will be hosting our Pancake Café on Shrove Tuesday and selling their pancakes for 50p. The money raised will be forwarded to the Catholic Children's Society. Please send your child to school with a 50p donation on Tuesday. Thank you in advance.

School Meals

Due to World Book Day, ISS has updated the menu choices for next Thursday, 7th March. If you had already chosen a meal for your child, please could you log in and reselect as your original choice has been erased. Apologies.

St Mark's Singing Festival

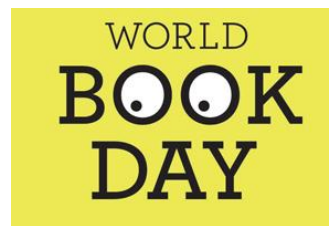


Thank you to all the children in the choir who sang their hearts out at last night's Singing Festival. The children sang 'Joy of the Holy Spirit' (Mike Stanley) with signing from Evie, Saoirse and Elizabeth and 'Perfect' (Ed Sheeran) which included singing in Italian - Bocelli would have been incredibly impressed as it was very beautiful.

The children joined choirs from St Mark's, Botwell Primary, St James' and Mount Carmel to sing a medley from 'The Greatest Showman'. It was a wonderful celebration of music and song and our children were brilliant.

Thank you children for sharing your love of music with us. Particular thanks also goes to Mr Jankowski for preparing the children so well and to all the parents who came along to support them - it was a stunning evening.

World Book Day 2019



On Thursday 7th March, St Edmund's will be celebrating World Book Day. All children are invited to come to school dressed in their pyjamas or as their favourite story character.

Children can also bring in their favourite story book and a cuddly toy. On the day we will be enjoying stories and taking part in lots of fun activities to celebrate reading!

We will also have a Book Fair at school later this month – more details to follow.



SPORTING NEWS

Boys Football

The boys had two very tough games over three days the week before half term.

On Wednesday, 13th February, we played St Mary's and won 3-1 with an excellent team performance.

At lunchtime on Friday, 15th February, we played an extremely strong Heathfield school and, although it was an even game, Heathfield scored two late goals to win 3-1. However, the whole squad performed very well. Well done everyone.

Netball Festival

On Wednesday St Edmund's Netball Team played in the Richmond Borough Netball Festival. Our team played incredibly well and we managed to reach the semi-finals, which was a tremendous achievement bearing in mind there was a total of 38 schools participating.

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.

Year 6 School Journey Payments

A reminder to Year 6 parents - the third payment of £95 is due by next Wednesday 6th March in respect of the school journey to Skern Lodge in Devon.

PA NEWS Auction Night

The 2019 Auction Night has been confirmed for Friday 29th March at 7.30pm sharp and we appreciate your continued support. As you know already, we, and all other schools, are currently under great financial pressure and are working hard to maintain standards. We are doing our very best to make up our budget shortfall, therefore fundraisers such as our auction are vital. This year the PA will be running the event with our Governors working closely with us to ensure that this is the best auction yet!

We have already got some amazing items to be auctioned, both big and small, but we really need your help to make the evening a success. We will have a target for the evening (yet to be determined) so that we all know what the money will be spent on and the auction website will go live in the next week or so.

You can help us reach our target in several ways:

By putting the 29th March in your diaries and coming along on the night to enjoy an evening with friends, buy a drink from the bar (with a Happy Hour) and maybe have a bid on an item or 2!

By sharing the auction details with your friends and family – there are items on the list that can be bought and enjoyed by anyone! We will share details on Twitter and Facebook as well as leaflets and newsletters.

By offering items/promises that we can auction on the night. Last year we were overwhelmed by how many parents were able to offer auction items. Examples of some suitable things are:

- * Professional services such as plumbing, handyman/DIY, decorating, gardening, car mechanic, hairdressing, beauty services, fitness/pilates/yoga instruction, tutoring, photography, etc;
- * Promises such as babysitting, baking, cooking, sewing, ironing, cleaning, etc;
- * Do you own or know someone who owns a holiday home who would be willing to offer a weekend/week to be auctioned?
- * Do you work for a company that might be able to offer an item/voucher/experience to be auctioned?

If you can't help us with an auction item or promise but your employer or someone you know could support our event financially, we would be very happy to receive financial donations to help us achieve the target for the evening and more details about Matched Funding will be sent out separately.

Please get in touch with Deb Long on 07990 595873 or debalong@mac.com to book a place at the auction (maximum 120 people so first come, first served) or to offer an auction item, promise or any other way you think you may be able to help us – we'd love to hear of any ideas you have that will help the event be a great success and an enjoyable evening for all.

PA Mums' Movie Night

Please note our Mums Movie Night is not on Friday 8th March and has now been rescheduled for Friday 10th May. More details to follow.

PA 1000 Club

The St Edmund's PA 1000 Club January 2019 draw was held at school on 25th February. The lucky winners are:

1st Prize - £990

Joelle Gola

5 Runner up Prizes - £50

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Christina Cox

Phil Long

Gina Rico

Michelle Moynihan

Congratulations to all the winners, your prizes are available for collection from the school office. If this is not suitable, please contact Kelly Smith. We currently have 123 members which allows us to pay out a top prize £990.

Thank you to all members for your continued support, if you wish to join the 1000 Club please contact Kelly for further details: kelly@jim-smith.net

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 next Friday, 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 date and times for these appointments:

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.

Children's Easter Craft Workshop

There will be a children's Easter craft workshop on Saturday, 30th March, 2-4pm in St Edmund's Parish Hall for children aged between 7-11 years. Please bring a snack to share together. Please register at: chiaraaletti@rcdow.org.uk.

Prayer of the Week

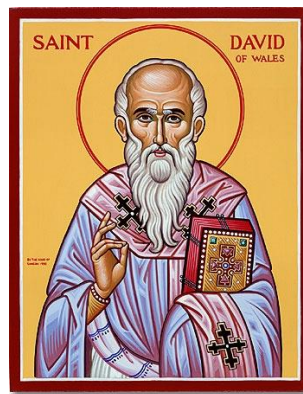


Dear God,
Thank you for your never ending love and passion to make our world better. Thank you for animals that make us smile and all the friends you

give to us. Thank you for our homes that make us safe. Thank you for our families, they mean the world to us. Amen.

By **Lois & Ellie (4G)**

Reflection



Today, we celebrated the Feast of St David. On this day, we remember his untiring devotion to spreading the Word of God. We ask St David to guide our school to always be a place where the Word of God is heard and celebrated.

Almighty God

*we remember Saint David, your servant.
We give thanks for his passion for the Gospel
which helped to spread Christianity.
We give thanks for his purity and simplicity of life
which enabled his pursuit of Christian perfection.
We give thanks for his gentleness, but clear
spiritual leadership.
Grant that we may learn from him
and respond to the words that are thought to be
his last:
'Be steadfast, and do the little things';
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

Mrs C Moreland
Headteacher