



St Edmund's Catholic Primary School Fortnightly Newsletter

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'Together we learn and grow through worship and celebration'

Diary – Forthcoming Events

Sun 15th Sept – PA Family Fun Day
Fri 27th Sept – Reception Parents Literacy & Phonics Workshop 9am in school hall
Wed 2nd Oct – PA New Parents Coffee Morning 9am in St Edmund's Social Club
Fri 4th Oct – Harvest Festival led by Year 5 11am in church
Fri 11th Oct – 4N Class Assembly
Tues 15th Oct – 2G Class Assembly
Friday 18th Oct – 4R Class Assembly
Mon 21st Oct – Parents Evening
Wed 23rd Oct – 2B Class Assembly
Thurs 24th Oct – Parents Evening
Mon 28th Oct – Fri 1st Nov – Half Term Holiday
Thurs 12th Dec – PA Snow White Panto 7pm at Richmond Theatre

Special Mentions

Congratulations to **Arthur & Evie (2B)** who completed the Race At Your Pace 30 mile walking challenge over the summer holidays. Amazing!

Welcome Back

Welcome back to the new academic year. It is so lovely to see so many of our established families as well as welcoming new families to our school community.

All children from Reception through to Y6 looked shiny and new and ready to learn. There is a wonderfully positive feel around the school that is almost tangible – the children are very happy and excited to be back as are we.

Firstly I wanted to say a huge THANK YOU to all families for making sure that children are wearing the correct school uniform, have the right school bag and all equipment is in place and ready to go.

Do check jumpers and cardigans at the weekend though as I have picked up several this week where names have actually dropped off. We managed to find owners by a process of elimination but they will need to be checked after each weekend wash – thank you.

The staff spent some time together before the children arrived back at school.

We have received our annual safeguarding training to make sure that all processes are in place and understood by all staff members.

Some parents may be invited to either update or make an appointment to fill in a Health Care Plan for your child/ren if they have any long term medical needs. If you feel your child should have one please make sure the school aware – thank you.

Training also included looking at the dispositions and attitudes we want to foster in the children and how we are going to roll this program out over the next year. It is promising to be very exciting and fits in perfectly with our school vision that all children at St Edmunds should be:

1. **effective communicators**
2. **active contributors**
3. **aspirational independent learners**
4. **healthy in mind and body**

Finally staff had an opportunity to look at the School Improvement Plan in the light of the new Ofsted schedule. Ofsted will now judge school's using the following criteria.

Quality of Education

- ▶ Intent – school's curriculum design, coverage and appropriateness
- ▶ Implementation – delivery, teaching and assessment
- ▶ Impact – attainment, progress, reading and destinations

Behaviour and Attitudes

- ▶ Attitudes/Behaviour/Exclusions/Attendance/Bullying

Personal Development

- ▶ SMSC/FBV/Healthy Living/Citizenship/Equality & Diversity/Prep for next stage

Leadership and Management

- ▶ Vision & Ethos/staff development/staff workload and well-being/Governance/safeguarding

This is a work in progress and we will keep you updated as we unpick all the requirements and

ensure we are working to ensure the best provision for the children in our care.

Main Improvement Priorities for this year 2019-2020 include:

- Implementation of Dispositions and Attitudes
- Mathematics: to further develop the mastery curriculum
- Writing: to maintain the progress, development and achievement that children make at the end of each phase.
- Science: to work towards the whole school re-accreditation of the Primary Skills Quality Mark.

These are our starting points for this academic year and may grow/change as time goes on.

The LSAs, TAs and SMSAs had some excellent training in managing and supporting behaviour at playtimes and lunchtimes and report that they are already implementing many of the strategies shared by behaviour expert Alison Smart from the Local Authority.

So a busy start to the term.

REMINDER: WE NEED YOU

Any parents with time who would like to volunteer to hear readers or support in school, please come and talk to Mrs Green.

You will need to complete a DBS and then we will happily find little jobs for you in school

Thank You

Again a huge thank you to all the parents and families who gave gifts, thoughts and cards to staff at the end of the last academic year. How incredibly kind of you.

I know I write on behalf of all the staff when I say THANK YOU – we appreciate your generosity but also the time and support you give throughout the year to us as a school and to your children.

You are their biggest supporters and I know having been to the Expectation Meetings you will know how important you are in setting the scene for their academic, social and emotional futures.

Reception Parents Literacy & Phonics Meeting

There will be a Literacy and Phonics meeting for Reception parents on Friday 27th September at 9am in the school hall. We would appreciate if at least one representative from each Reception family could attend. Thank you.

St Edmund's 80th Birthday Project

As part of our 80th birthday celebrations we would like to create a book of memories and photographs. We asked for your thoughts and contributions – all we can say is **WOW** - some of the projects and

interviews we have had to date are simply amazing. We will work through putting them together and will aim to share with you the fruits of everyone's labours.

THANK YOU so very much.

Before and After School Clubs

Please see our full clubs list and permission letters/flyers for clubs on our school communicator under Resources/Clubs. Thank you.

Breakfast Club Places

We currently have places available in our school Breakfast Club. If you are interested, please call into the school office for more details. Thank you.

Afternoon Nursery Places Available

We currently have several spaces still available in our Afternoon Nursery. If you are interested, please call into the school office for more information.

Charity Event in Support of St Edmund's

Nicholas Moran, dad of Jacob in Class 2G and Joshua in Class RM, will be running the Ealing half marathon on Sunday, 29th September. He is hoping to raise £1,000 for St Edmund's and has almost reached his target. If you would like to support him please follow the link below:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/nicholas-moran-1?utm_term=GMNnpjQkM

Charitable Donation

We have received a receipt and thank you letter from the Catholic Children's Society 2019 Lenten Appeal which amounted to £372.73. Thank you for your generosity.



PA NEWS PA 1000 Club

The St Edmund's PA 1000 club July 2019 draw was held at school on 18th July. The lucky winners were:

1st Prize - £1,000
Johanna Byrane

5 Runner Up Prizes - £60
Adewale Onabanjo & Kathryn James
Mark Earnshaw
Claire Sedman
Paul Shatwell
Aine & Stefan Baran

Congratulations to all the winners! We currently have 126 members which allows us to pay out a top prize £1,000.

Thank you to all members for your continued support, if you wish to join the 1,000 Club please

contact Kelly for further details email: kelly@jim-smith.net

Family Fun Day Sunday 15th September 12-5pm

St. Edmund's PA invite you to our

FAMILY FUN DAY

Join us for BBQ, Stone Baked Pizza, Bar, Candy Floss & Slushies, Inflatables, Tug of War, Football, Face Painting, Live Music Stage, Amazing Stalls, Raffle & lots more...



What better way to enjoy the last of the summer weather and what is forecast to be a warm 24 degrees than joining us at our annual Family Fun Day.

We have a packed day for you and all the family to enjoy, including;

- Great rides and games
- Fun stalls for children (and adults) to spend a bit of their pocket money
- The Great St Edmund's Bake Off
- Fully stocked bar and BBQ
- Live entertainment with performances from Dansicality and live music from Children of the Revolution and John Mulrooney
- Tug of War
- Tombola
- Indian Head Massage – appointments between 12noon-5pm. 15 minute booking including consultation and after care. Price is £10 pre-booked or £12 on the day.
- Fresh pizzas, Ice Cream and Candy Floss stalls
- Amazing raffle prizes; Ray Ban sunglasses, David Lloyd Family Passes, Tickets to a Brentford FC home match and many more.

Once again this year all of the money raised at the Fun Day will go towards to continued enhancement

of the ICT within the school which is having a huge impact and benefiting all children.

We can't wait to see you all on Sunday.

Match Funding

A letter has been sent out via the school communicator with details of how you might be able to support our fund raising efforts further if your company has a matched funding initiative.

Following an already very successful Auction Night, thanks to the support of a parent who inquired about matched funding we were able to top up the money raised on the night by £3,500.

Please contact Aimee stedmundspa@gmail.com if you need any further information.

PARISH NEWS

Year 6 Secondary Transfer Meetings with Fr. Nigel

Fr. Nigel has set aside some dates for parents/guardians to meet with him in order to have their children's forms signed for their child's secondary school applications.

Fr. Nigel has asked that you fill in all the necessary information on the forms prior to your meeting with him as he has allocated 10 minutes per child and there will not be sufficient time to fill in the forms at the meeting.

Please call the school office on 020 894 7898 to make an appointment.

Thursday 3 rd October	2.30-5pm
Monday 7 th October	3-7pm
Thursday 10 th October	2.30-5pm
Monday 14 th October	3-7pm

Fr Nigel gave the children a beautiful homework at our beginning of term Mass – to find out the meaning of their names – I will ask on Monday for anyone who might be able to tell me at assembly.

Welcoming at 9.30am Mass

With the beginning of the new school year we are hoping to recruit some new families to take part in the rota for welcoming and greeting at the 9.30am Family Mass. This is a very good way for our younger members to feel involved and part of our community. We are also looking for a volunteer to organise the rota from October. If you can help in any way please speak to Fr. Nigel or Chiara. Thank you.

NURSERY NEWS

Well done to all the children who came for a play session before we start officially on Monday. Parents please note that part of our on-line safety policy highlights that we DO NOT share any photographs on-line or on any social media sites.

Thank you – Please do take time to read through our policies on the website.

Reflection



We celebrated the feasts of the Birthday on the Blessed Virgin Mary and The Most Holy Name of Mary this week. Mary was born to St. Anne and St. Joachim after an angel visited them to deliver the news that their child would play an important role in the salvation of the world. This feast is a

wonderful time to ask Our Lady to be with our school community throughout this new academic year. It is also a joyous time as we remember the wonderful love that Mary has for us, her children. We ask Mary to make our prayers her own as she takes them to her son, Jesus.

Memorare Prayer

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

*Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.
Amen.*

Mrs C Moreland
Headteacher