



# St Edmund's Catholic Primary School Fortnightly Newsletter

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019



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

## Diary – Forthcoming Events

**Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Oct – Year 1 Parents Homework Workshop 3.30pm in Class 1P**  
**Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct – PA New Parents Coffee Morning 9am in St Edmund's Social Club**  
**Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Year 1 Parents Homework Workshop 3.30pm in Class 1C**  
**Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Oct – Harvest Festival led by Year 5 11am in church**  
**Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Oct – Flu Immunisations for Reception – Year 6**  
**Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Oct – Mental Health Awareness Day**  
**Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Oct – PA Meeting at 7.45pm in Class 2G**  
**Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Oct – 4N Class Assembly at 9am in school hall**  
**Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Oct – 2G Class Assembly at 9am in school hall**  
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct – 4R Class Assembly at 9am in school hall**  
**Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Oct – Parents Evening**  
**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – 2B Class Assembly at 9am in school hall**  
**Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Oct – Parents Evening**  
**Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Nov – Half Term Holiday**  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – PA Snow White Panto 7pm at Richmond Theatre

## Special Mentions

Congratulations to **Ciara (1P)** who was awarded Dancer of the Week from the O'Connor School of Irish Dance this week. What a beautiful sash and trophy – well done!

## Harvest Festival



St Edmund's is celebrating the Harvest Festival in a slightly different way this year. We still have our wonderful Harvest Service led by Year 5 but our charity work connected to the service has changed. Rather than just bringing in tinned food, we are giving families the choice to bring in food or to donate a £1. The money raised will go to CAFOD, so that our charitable work will reach our brothers and sisters around the world, and the food will be donated to the Whitton Community Food Bank so that we can support our local community. We would like donations of the

following items - this is what the food bank say they are in desperate need of:

- UHT milk (1 litre)
- Long life fruit juice
- Sugar
- Mashed potato (packet)
- Rice
- Tinned fruit/puddings (400gms)
- Tinned meat
- Coffee
- Jam/marmalade
- Breakfast Cereals

Please send donations in on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** or **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October**. Thank you for your support and please do come celebrate with us at the Harvest Festival, **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 11am** in the Church.

## Safeguarding

Please make sure your child's **class teacher** is made aware of who is picking your child up from school and, more importantly, if it changes ensure you write the new arrangement in your child's journal.

At this stage of the term we are unaware of who knows whom so please don't be insulted or upset if a teacher doesn't let you pick up a friend's child until we have checked. Thank you.

## Maths Wizard Challenge – Years 4, 5 & 6

Do you love solving puzzles and challenges? Do you enjoy persevering? Do you love winning prizes? Hampton School are running a weekly online maths competition. Click on the link, solve the puzzles and enter in your answer, name and school to win some amazing prizes.

The *Maths Wizard Challenge* can be found at <https://hamptonschool.org.uk/maths-wizard/>

## Year 1 Homework Workshop

Some parents in Year 1 asked for a little more support regarding homework. We are happy to run two workshop sessions to talk parents through what to do and how they can support their children. It is not compulsory.

The first workshop will be Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October for 1P in the classroom at 3.30pm and the second

workshop will be Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October for 1C also in the classroom at 3.30pm.

A letter has gone home - if you would like to come please return the slip so we can gauge numbers – thank you.

### **Friday Football for Year 1 Pupils**

Parents do not usually attend after school clubs however Mr Fabian is happy to invite parents of Year 1 children **only** to collect their children from their class teachers, walk them to the field and help them to get changed into their football kits and then leave site. Parents can then collect their child at 4.15pm from the side front gate.

However, if your child is confident about going to Friday Football independently please encourage them to do so. Thank you.

### **Reading**

We have noticed that some adults are not hearing their children read every night at home. Adults need to sign their children's journal when completed. Please hear your child read every evening as this is vital to support your children's educational journey. We will speak to individual parents where we see this continues to be the case. Thank you.

### **ECO - Richmond Council Climate Change Flag Competition**

Richmond Council are asking primary school pupils aged 5 to 11 to design a climate change flag. The winner will receive a signed David Attenborough book and also have their design printed on to a flag which will be displayed outside the Civic Centre in Twickenham. The deadline for entries is Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October.

For more details, please follow the link below:

[https://richmond-self.achieveservice.com/AchieveForms/?mode=fill&consentMessage=yes&form\\_uri=sandbox-publish://AF-Process-07ff76d4-ecc9-413c-8511-9b356d41e5f2/AF-Stage-c44a825d-2f45-4fbd-b6c5-1bc1db4bb1a4/definition.json&process=1&process\\_uri=sandbox-processes://AF-Process-07ff76d4-ecc9-413c-8511-9b356d41e5f2&process\\_id=AF-Process-07ff76d4-ecc9-413c-8511-9b356d41e5f2](https://richmond-self.achieveservice.com/AchieveForms/?mode=fill&consentMessage=yes&form_uri=sandbox-publish://AF-Process-07ff76d4-ecc9-413c-8511-9b356d41e5f2/AF-Stage-c44a825d-2f45-4fbd-b6c5-1bc1db4bb1a4/definition.json&process=1&process_uri=sandbox-processes://AF-Process-07ff76d4-ecc9-413c-8511-9b356d41e5f2&process_id=AF-Process-07ff76d4-ecc9-413c-8511-9b356d41e5f2)

The entry form can be accessed via the link below and your entry can be uploaded electronically.

[https://www.richmond.gov.uk/media/17661/climate\\_change\\_flag\\_competition\\_entry\\_form.pdf](https://www.richmond.gov.uk/media/17661/climate_change_flag_competition_entry_form.pdf)

### **Flu Immunisation**

Thank you to all parents and carers in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 who have completed and returned the Flu Immunisation Consent forms.

The immunisations are due to take place in school on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October. We will alert you, via the School Communicator, the day before the immunisation to provide you with an opportunity to let us know if your child has been wheezy in the previous three days. Many thanks.

### **European Languages Day**

A huge thank you to all the parents, grandparents and family friends who helped us celebrate European Languages Day in school this week.

Year 1 learnt some key phrases in Polish, Year 2 had two Spanish lessons and learnt to count and say hello and goodbye in Spanish and Year 5 had an Austrian guest who taught the children how to say hello, goodbye and other phrases in French, Italian, German and Spanish. They also played a game in which they had to match the picture with its German word. It was all great fun!

### **Loom Bands & Trading Cards**

Some children have been bringing cards and little toys to school – at certain times during children's reception year they are allowed to bring in items for 'show and tell' but parents are notified by their teachers when the appropriate times are.

Children in other year groups only bring cards/little games to school in the second half of the summer term when highlighted in the school newsletter and notified in assembly.

Children have decided NOT to bring loom bands to school anymore because they do not want to promote the use of plastic.

The logo for Young Minds, featuring the word 'YOUNG' in yellow and 'MINDS' in dark grey, both in a bold, sans-serif font.

Too many young people don't get support for their mental health when they first need it, leaving them and their families in an escalating crisis.

Young Minds are calling for the Government to #ActEarly and introduce a new strategy for young people's mental health that makes early intervention a genuine priority.

If you would like to take action, so that your voice is heard, please follow the link below to sign the petition:

<https://act.youngminds.org.uk/tell-government-actearly-young-peoples-mental-health>

### **Wear Yellow for Mental Health Awareness Day**

Just as we look after our bodies, we need to look after our minds. All children are invited to wear something yellow alongside their uniform to school on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October. We will complete some

lessons to explain how to look after our minds during the course of the day.

### **Black History Month**

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

October is Black History Month, a celebration of the contributions and achievements made specifically by black people throughout

history. Each class will be learning more about this during the next few weeks. During the month of October we are encouraging the children to complete an independent piece of work at home on this theme, for example a poem, research, poster or artwork, some of which will be displayed on the history board in school. One or two pieces will be featured fortnightly in the newsletter for the month of October.

### **Breakfast Club Places**

We currently have several 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 this Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> 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](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/nicholas-moran-1?utm_term=GMNnpjQkM)

### **Lost Property**

Our lost property basket has now moved to near the school foyer. If your child has lost an item of uniform please come to the school office and look through the basket. Lost property items will be outside the gate on Friday afternoons and any items not collected will be recycled. Please ensure all your child's uniform is labelled with their name. Thank you.

### **PA NEWS**

#### **Family Fun Day**

What an amazing afternoon everyone had at the Family Fun Day - the weather was absolutely stunning which meant more families ventured out to join us and what a wonderful time they had!

Scanning the field you could see the faces of the children and their families who were absolutely delighted by the range of activities and stalls on offer for them to enjoy. It was one of the best and

most enjoyable fun days we have ever had - the cake competition was actually the best ever - it was incredibly difficult to judge!

Winner for the junior section was Liam in Year 2 with Sophie Year 5 and Ellie Year 1 as runner ups!

Winner for the senior section was Aoife K and Ciara McK-W as runner up.

Huge thanks to everyone who supported the day whether in the lead up with the organisation, the gathering of prizes, sponsorship or on the actual day itself; setting up, running stalls, volunteering, baking amazing cakes, serving up delicious BBQ and ice cold drinks.

A huge thank you and congratulations to Marie (Smurf) for leading children in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 in their dance routines which included mini beasts, explorers and the Titanic - all performances were amazing.

We had live music from 'Children of the Revolution' (including past pupil Max on guitar) and John Mulrooney keeping everyone going throughout the afternoon - both were amazing and made sure that the atmosphere was like that of a festival.

An extra special thank you to Suzanne Grundy (and family), Catherine Tappin, Natalie Jolliffe and the extended Family Fun Day team. Days like this wouldn't happen without their hard work, commitment and determination - thank you!

Thank you to Aimee as Chair of the PA and the whole committee for all their hard work and effort - it truly was a wonderful day and enjoyed by so many of our families.



Mrs Moreland and Mrs Green's personal favourite was getting their glitter on - they felt a good 30 years younger!

As a result of all the huge support given by everyone, the PA has raised an absolutely staggering amount of money, in fact our highest total raised at a Fun Day to date - £7,445! All of

this money will go towards the continued maintenance of ICT at the school, enabling our children to get the most out of the equipment in school and to better help with their learning experience.

Roll on next year....

### Match Funding

There is still chance for us to increase the amount raised at Family Fun Day if you work for an employer that has a Matched Funding Scheme. A letter explaining details of this is on the school communicator, if you do not have access to this and would like more information please contact Aimee on [stedmundspa@gmail.com](mailto:stedmundspa@gmail.com). Thank you.

### New Parents Coffee Morning

We are organising a coffee morning for all new parents and carers of children at St Edmund's. This is a fantastic opportunity to come and meet one another and members of the PA. This will take place at 9am on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October in the Social Club. We look forward to meeting many of you there.

### PA Meeting

The next PA meeting will take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7.45pm in Class 2G. This meeting is open to all parents and carers not just class reps. If you'd like to find out what we're up to and get involved please do join us.

### 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 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	2.30-5pm (Fully booked)
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3-7pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2.30-5pm
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3-7pm

### All Saints' Party

**ALL SAINTS' PARTY!!!** 

Register at: [chiaraaletti@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:chiaraaletti@rcdow.org.uk)

Sunday, October 20th 2019

2-4PM

AGE RANGE: 5-11

PARISH HALL, St Edmund's Church

**Do you know that you are called to be a saint?** Come and join us to celebrate all together the beauty of Holiness: **come dressed as your favourite saint, angel or biblical figure!**



And if you struggle with what to wear, bring some fabric pieces with you and we will help you to make your perfect costume!

**IMPORTANT: children under 5 years old must be accompanied by a parent/carer.**

Food & refreshments: you are very welcome to bring something to share all together!

Thank you!!!

### LOCAL VACANCIES

#### Clerk to the Governors at Bishop Perrin

The Governing Body is looking to appoint a highly organised and self-motivated Clerk to the Governors.

**Grade NJC SO1 Spine Point 23 (£15.86 an hour) part time**

**Start Date:** September 2019

**Contract:** Term time and Permanent

The Governors of Bishop Perrin C of E Primary School wish to appoint a highly organised and self-motivated Clerk to join this outstanding school. The Clerk is accountable to the Governing Board, working effectively with the Chair of Governors, Headteacher and other Governors.

The Clerk to the Governors will ensure the smooth running of the Governing Body: preparing agendas and meeting papers; taking and distributing minutes; giving administrative support, keeping records and up to date information on policies and date of reviews; and providing procedural and legislative advice to the Governing Body. They must have excellent organisational, communication and ICT skills.

This is a part time role, covering six full Governing Body meetings across the academic year plus additional meetings which will be targeted around specific governance issues. There could also be some additional ad-hoc meetings called on a needs-basis. Meetings are held in term time, with Full Governing Body meetings held in the evenings. Other meetings will be a mixture of both school

hours and evening hours. The Clerk is also expected to attend all relevant training events.

The Clerk is paid through payroll for hours worked on a monthly or termly basis – claims are made via timesheets. Hours payable include the whole meeting process (emails, calls and agenda preparation; writing up and distributing minutes) and training events. Estimated hours for the current academic year total approximately 150.

**Closing date for applications: 12 noon, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

**Interviews: To be held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019**

Bishop Perrin School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Appointments will be subject to pre-employment checks including references, medical clearance and an enhanced DBS disclosure.

### **Back Gate**

Please do not use the back gate for end of day pick up unless you are a grandparent or have accessibility issues. With the new playground surface, buggies can walk with everyone else.

Mr Young and Mrs Moreland will be sending you back to use the correct path. Don't be cross with them if you are breaking the rules!

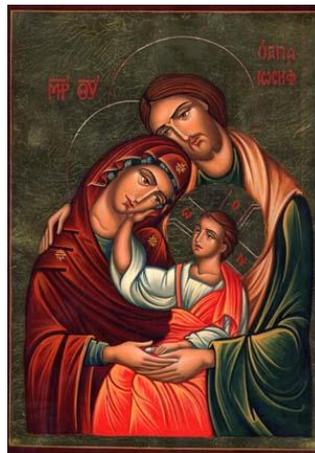
### **Prayer of the Week**



Dear Lord,  
Thank you for all the fruit and vegetables that you have given us. Please help us to pray for all those who don't have the lovely, juicy fruit and vegetables we have. We give thanks to God for our farmers, and the animals. Amen.

By **Caitlin (3G)**

### **Reflection**



This month, we celebrated Home Mission Sunday. This is a day where we are invited to pray for the mission of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. We can also take time to reflect on the faith in our own home. We all need to make sure that we have made room for God in our homes and not let the busy routine of

modern life push Him to the margins. Every classroom in St Edmund's contains a prayer focus which is used daily by the children. We encourage all our families to have a prayer focus in their home to help the children understand the centrality of faith in our family lives.

### *A Family Prayer*

*Home is where the heart is,  
We've often heard recited—  
So we come to this family altar  
To keep our hearts united.*

*We cast our cares upon You,  
We bid You, take the lead—  
As You fill us with Your presence  
To more than meet our needs.*

*Now, may we serve each other,  
As we love and obey You, Lord—  
Help us grow in wisdom  
To hear and do Your Word.*

*Lord, You're where our heart is,  
Our treasure beyond compare—  
Holding this family together  
And answering our earnest prayer. Amen.*

Mrs C Moreland  
Headteacher