



# St Edmund's Catholic Primary School Fortnightly Newsletter

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019



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

## Diary – Forthcoming Events

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 4-7pm

**Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Individual School Photos for Reception – Year 6 and Class Photos for Nursery, Reception, Year 3 and Year 6**

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – 2B Class Assembly at 9am in school hall

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Oct – Parents Evening 4-7pm

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Nov – Half Term Holiday

**Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Nov - Sibling School Photos**

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Nov – 3G Class Assembly at 9am in school hall**

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Nov – Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection**

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Nov – St Edmund's Feast Day Mass led by Class 6J 9.30am in church**

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – PA Snow White Panto 7pm at Richmond Theatre

## SEN Parents Evening

Miss Meldon, our SENCO, will be available during both parent evenings on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October to speak to parents of children with additional needs. If you would like to book a 20 minute slot with Miss Meldon, please telephone the school office on 0208 894 7898. Many thanks.

## After School Clubs

Please note that some teacher-led after school clubs will not run week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> October due to parents meetings. Therefore the following clubs will NOT be on:

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Choir, Boys Football, Girls Football, Homework Club

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Oct – Science Club

The following clubs will run as normal:

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Zumba, Netball, Cooking Club

## Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated either food or money for the Harvest Festival. It was so kind and generous and the food was very much appreciated by the Whitton Community Centre Food Bank.

The festival led by Year 5 was absolutely wonderful – singing, dancing, prayer and an appreciation for all the good things that we have been given.

## Friday Football

Please note Friday Football club will always go ahead no matter what the weather is like. If the weather is inclement and you would prefer your child not to participate please collect them at 3.15pm from their class line in the playground.

If it is raining the children will go to a classroom and complete some game activities.

## Year 6 Primary Maths Challenge



On Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> October, four of our Year 6 children were chosen to attend the Maths Challenge Day at Hampton Court House School. They focussed on challenges involving fluency, reasoning, problem solving, collaboration and the use of correct mathematical vocabulary. The children worked extremely hard and were rewarded for their efforts as they were second place winners.

## Year 6 Junior Citizenship

This week our Year 6 children participated in the Junior Citizen Scheme. During their visit, the children experienced eight different safety scenarios. The sessions taught the children a variety of life skills which focus on how to keep themselves safe whilst potentially helping others who may be in difficulty or distress. We now know who to call in an emergency!

### Junior Travel Ambassadors

Our four Junior Travel Ambassadors, namely Rebecca, Grace, Tinashe and Mia, enjoyed a training day at Hampton Prep School yesterday learning how to reduce their carbon footprints.

They enjoyed a presentation from JTA's at their host school and had time to think about and consider ways to be more environmentally friendly. They enjoyed designing posters encouraging drivers to stop car engine idling and considered alternative ways to travel to school other than in a car. They discussed the benefits of cycling and walking and are keen to share all they have learnt with their peers so our whole school community can make good eco choices. The children also enjoyed a great lunch and had fun exploring the climbing frame at playtime. All sounds great!

### Year of the Word Competition



The Bishops of England and Wales have asked us to celebrate 'The Year of the Word - A God who Speaks'. This is a year where we aim to engage more with the Bible and what it teaches us about God.

To help the children engage in the 'Year of the Word' we are having a competition focusing on the Old Testament. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are being asked to create a picture of their favourite Old Testament character. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are being asked to create a presentation (either handmade or electronic) on their favourite Old Testament character. All entries must be in school by **Monday 21st October**.

## YOUNG MINDS

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>

### Mental Health Awareness Day

Just as we look after our bodies, we need to look after our minds. Thank you to everyone who wore yellow to raise awareness for mental health. The children carried out different activities to think about how we can look after our minds, support each other and reduce stigma around this very important area.

### School Nursing Service Health Questionnaire

Our School Nursing Service have asked us to send out the link below to all our Reception parents, and parents of children who have recently joined our school, to enable you to complete an online health questionnaire for your child ideally by the end of October. The link is:

<https://surveys.clch.nhs.uk/SHQ-Reception-Richmond>

Results from last year's health questionnaire indicated that children in Richmond Borough have a growing obesity problem. Figures show 21.7% of children in Richmond Borough schools are obese, with 29% of St Edmund's Reception and Year 6 children being overweight (12%) and obese (17%).

As a community we need to get the children moving with lots of trips to the park, swimming and walking.

### 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.

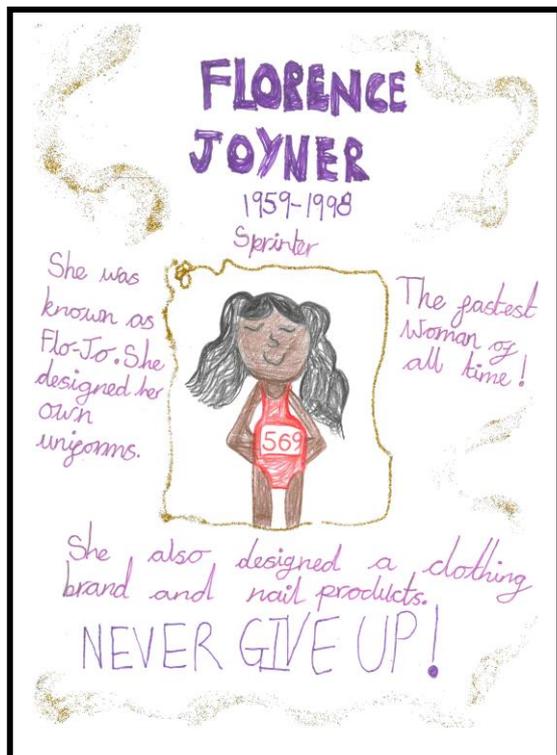
### Plastic Bottle Top Collection



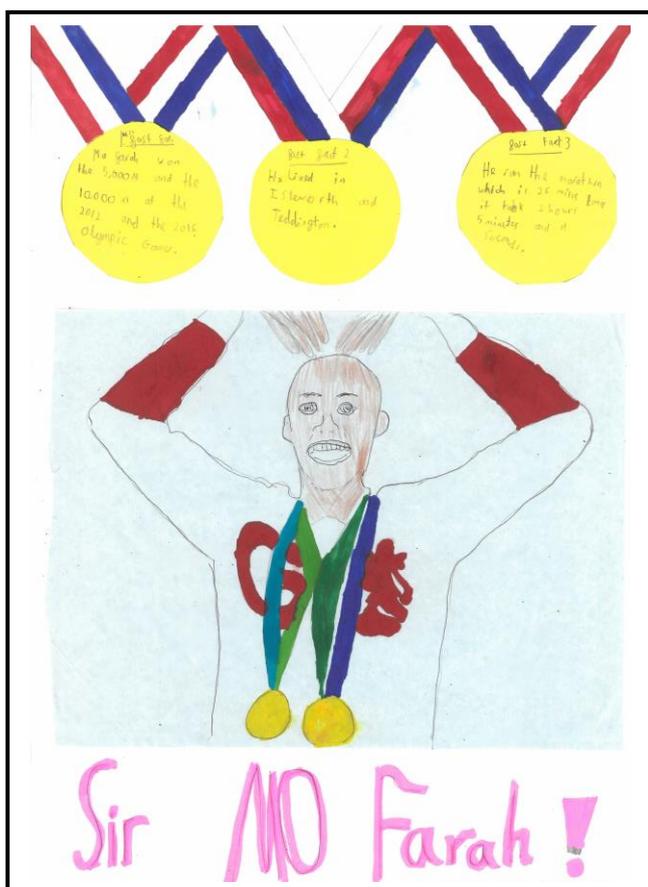
For those families new to our community, as a school we help support a disabled child in Poland by collecting plastic bottle tops and caps from milk cartons, olive oil bottles, water bottles, detergent bottles, etc. The tops/caps are exchanged through a charity for vouchers which are then be used by the child's family to access medical equipment and help

fund adaptations needed to enhance his quality of life. There is a collection box in the school foyer for you to place your donations in. This is an ongoing arrangement so please keep collecting and donating. Many thanks in advance for your support.

## Black History Month



We have some amazing artwork to display at school. Above and below are two examples by Lily and Frankie. Very well done!



## Charity Event in Support of St Edmund's

A huge thank you to Nicholas Moran, dad of Jacob in Class 2G and Joshua in Class RM, who has completed the Ealing half marathon and raised £1,363 for our school. Due to match funding, his company will double the amount raised to a whopping £2,726 – amazing! Many thanks.

## Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child



If you would like to pack a shoebox Christmas gift for a child in another part of the world please collect a leaflet from our school foyer for further details of what to include. Our collection date is Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, so please

drop your shoebox gift in to the school foyer the week before this date. For more information please follow the link: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

## 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.

## Afternoon Pick Up

Thank you to all those parents who use the correct entrance into the school at afternoon pick up. Grandparents have permission to use the back gate but please be on time to avoid getting caught in the crowd.

Please remember we have a **no dog policy** on the school site and playground. Thank you.

## LOCAL EVENTS

### Theresa O'Donoghue School of Irish Dance

Irish dancing classes take place on Wednesdays between 3.15-4.15pm in the St Edmund's church hall. All ages and abilities welcome. Please call Theresa on 07989 600867 for further information. Thank you.

## LOCAL VACANCIES



**RECRUITING NOW**

**Volunteer. Because childhood can't wait.**

If you have **parenting experience**, a few hours spare each week and want to make a difference to a local family, join our network of trained volunteers, helping families with young children through challenging times. **Free volunteer course** runs in **Whitton** on Tuesdays 9.30am-2.30pm from 21 January to 3 March 2020 (not 18 Feb).

To find out more, contact  
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[info@homestart-rkh.org.uk](mailto:info@homestart-rkh.org.uk)  
020 8487 8500  
[homestart-rkh.org.uk](http://homestart-rkh.org.uk)

**HOME START**  
Richmond, Kingston and Hounslow  
Charity No: 1108975



## Reflection



The month of October, the month of the Rosary, is a wonderful opportunity to focus on different prayers to our Heavenly mother. Our school

community stops every Friday to recite the Angelus prayer. This beautiful prayers reminds us of the Annunciation and Mary's role in our Salvation. Maybe October could be the month when we start to say this special prayer in our home?

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.  
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

*Hail Mary*

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

*Hail Mary*

V. And the Word was made Flesh.  
R. And dwelt among us.

*Hail Mary*

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.  
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

## Prayer of the Week



Dear God,  
Thank you for my family because they help me with my homework. Loving Father, thank you for food and water because it helps me to survive. Holy God, please can you help me with my tests. Amen.

By **Cara (2B)**

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