



St Edmund's Catholic Primary School Fortnightly Newsletter

Friday 15th November 2019



'Together we learn and grow through worship and celebration'



Diary – Forthcoming Events

Mon 18th Nov – Author Visit for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Tues 26th Nov – Year 4 visit to London Museum of Water and Steam

Thurs 28th Nov – Year 3 Advent Assembly 2pm

Fri 29th Nov – Children's Christmas Marketplace – Mufti Day

Fri 29th Nov – PA Winter Wonderland 3.30-6.30pm

Tues 3rd Dec – Nursery & Reception Freshwater Theatre Story Hunt

Wed 4th Dec – School Christmas Lunch

Thurs 5th Dec – Year 2 Christmas Medley 2pm

Tues 10th Dec – Choir singing at Kneller Hall Christmas Concert 7pm St Edmund's Church

Wed 11th Dec – Year 1 Christingle 2pm

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Thurs 12th Dec – Reception Nativity 2pm for Class RM parents

Thurs 12th Dec – PA Snow White Panto 7pm at Richmond Theatre

Fri 13th Dec – Reception Nativity 10am for Class RH parents

Tues 17th Dec – Years 4, 5 & 6 Carol Concert 7pm

Thurs 19th Dec – Nursery AM Sing-a-long 11am

Thurs 19th Dec – Nursery PM Sing-a-long 2.30pm

Fri 20th Dec – End of Term – Early Finish 1.30pm

Tues 7th Jan – Children Return to School

Special Mentions

Congratulations to **Mia (Y3)** who recently achieved her 20m swimming award for both front crawl and backstroke. Very well done!

SPORTING NEWS

Festival of Tag Rugby

Last Wednesday, a team of Year 5 pupils attended a Festival of Tag Rugby organised by Harlequins Rugby Team.



The team were given the opportunity to play against other school teams in a relatively non-competitive manner to gain experience and to



foster a love of rugby. Everyone involved enjoyed the experience and learnt a great deal. By the end of the day all pupils had improved considerably and had a far greater understanding of the game.

Our pupils had their photograph taken with some of the Harlequins Rugby Team who had only recently returned from representing their countries at the Rugby World Cup in Japan.

Thanks once again to Mr Lingeman and Mr Lee, who both gave up their time to coach the team.

Year 5 & 6 Girls Football Tournament



Our Year 5 and Year 6 girls football team had a brilliant day at the Richmond Borough Girls Football Tournament at NPL yesterday. Our team got all the way to the semi-final of the cup, losing 1-0 to a strong Sheen Mount outfit. The girls were excellent and fought their way into the top four teams out of the 36 schools in the tournament. Amazing effort!

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all parents who kindly filled out the annual questionnaire at parents evening. Results are attached. Parents wishing for more information re their child's progress should make appointments with their child's class teacher agreeing regular time intervals.

Safeguarding

Some children are being dropped off outside school in the mornings without an adult to look after them. Please make arrangements for your child's safety. Parents, if you see children, please pop into school so we can speak to their adults personally. Thank you.

Anti-Bullying Week

This week the children have been learning about how to be the change that will promote good friendships. We have been sharing ideas, thoughts and feelings. We discussed bullying and that we want to be a fully anti-bullying school. We considered what a bully looks like and, how often, they are the very children who need our help.

Homework Apps

Thank you to **Vincent (Y4)** for kindly sharing information about the Apps his family use to help them with their spellings and maths homeworks. *Squeebles* is very good to help with spellings as you can create tests with your own weekly spellings, record your voice saying them and then, when you complete the tests, you can collect points to use in the game. To help with Maths, Vincent also recommends *Maths Race* and *Add/Subtract*.

The image shows a screenshot of an app store interface. At the top, there is an app titled 'Squeebles Complete...' in the 'Education' category, with a 'VIEW' button and a rating of 8 stars. Below this, a section titled 'Apps in This Bundle' displays three app icons: 'Times Tables', 'Spelling', and 'Tell the Time', with a '+6' button to the right. At the bottom, another app 'Squeebles Spelling T...' is shown with an 'OPEN' button and a rating of 32 stars.

Winter PE Kit

During these colder months, please could we ask you to ensure your child has blue or black jogging bottoms in their PE bags to wear for outdoor PE. Please note your child should also have trainers for outdoor PE and plimsolls for indoor PE.

If your daughter wears tights to school, please ensure, for hygiene reasons, she has spare white socks in her PE bag to change into for PE. Please note the school cannot provide socks for PE.

School Meals

Please note there has been a small price increase to school meals with effect from Monday 4th November. This is the first increase since 2015, with a meal, which previously cost £2.25, now costing £2.30. Thank you.

On Wednesday 4th December, the children will enjoy their Christmas Lunch. If your child does not usually have a hot school meal and would like one, please log onto <https://parents.feedinghungryminds.co.uk/> to register, order and pay for a meal. All orders must be received by Friday 22nd November to enable the kitchen staff to order the food. Obviously, if your child prefers to have a packed lunch that is fine as they will still be able to enjoy the festive atmosphere in the hall.

Breakfast Club Update

With effect from 7th January 2020, we are delighted to inform you that our school Breakfast Club will be open from 7.45am each morning. The school has also taken this opportunity to review the price of Breakfast Club and the cost per day, from 7th January 2020, will increase to £3.50 per session.

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.

Year 1 ZooLab Workshop



Year 1 pupils enjoyed a visit from ZooLab last week. They learned about different groups of animals and were able to hold and look at snails, cockroaches, snakes, tarantulas, frogs and gerbils. What fun!

Year 6 Visit to Parliament



On Thursday, Year 6 travelled by train to the Houses of Parliament. During the day we had a tour around Westminster Palace and got to explore and learn about the House of Commons and House of Lords. We learned that the main colour of the House of Lords is red and the House of Commons is green. We saw the Queen's Throne in Parliament. If you are interested to find out more you can go and sit in the Public Gallery. Both classes participated in a workshop and one of the highlights of the day was seeing Erin's Mum on duty keeping everyone safe.

Thank you Miss Juniper for organising such an engaging, interesting visit.

By **Zoë & Imogen**

Author Visit for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

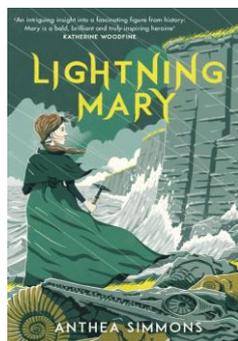
Next Monday 18th November, we will be visited by popular children's author Anthea Simmons. Books will be available to buy and Anthea will be signing and dedicating copies. Books are provided by Richmond bookshop The Alligator's Mouth.



About Anthea Simmons

Anthea Simmons lives in Devon with her polydactyl cat, Caramac. After a successful career in the city and a spell of teaching, she finally knuckled down to write at the insistence of her son, Henry. She is the author of several books for the very young, and ***Lightning Mary*** is her first novel for junior readers.

Book available to buy
***Lightning Mary* £6.99 paperback**



Ordinary is what most people are and I am not. I am not ordinary at all. I am a scientist.

One stormy night, a group of villagers are struck by lightning. The only survivor is a baby – Mary Anning. From that moment on, a spark is lit within her.

Growing up poor but proud on the windswept Dorset coast, Mary follows after her father, hunting for fossils uncovered by waves and landslips: ancient creatures, turned to stone. Ignoring other people's taunts, Mary faces danger to bring back valuable treasures to help feed her family. But tragedy and despair is never far away. Mary must depend upon her unique courage and knowledge to fulfil her dream of becoming a scientist in a time when girls have no opportunities for such ambitions. What will happen when she makes her greatest discovery of all ...?

With a factual section about Mary Anning, her life, and the discoveries she made.

If you would like your child to purchase a book on Monday please send the correct money in a named envelope. Thank you.

Elysiom Visitors



Elysiom is a registered charitable organisation based in Chennai, South India. It was founded in 1995 and caters to most critical needs of the children, youth and women in disadvantaged communities in South India, empowering them to make their own dreams and ambitions come true.

We were very fortunate to have visitors representing Elysiom visit to our school on Wednesday. We enjoyed welcoming them and showing them around.

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 as soon as possible. The link is:

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

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child



Thank you so much to the families who brought in a shoebox Christmas gift for a child in another part of the world. The boxes were very gratefully received at St Mary's church in Bedford earlier this week.

Help the Homeless

Hermione (Y6) and Dexter (Y3) would like donations of warm adult clothing and blankets to deliver to vulnerable people in our community. They would appreciate if any donations could be left in the school foyer for collection week commencing 16th December. Thank you in advance.

Children's Christmas Marketplace

On Friday 29th November we shall be holding our Children's Christmas Market. We would like to request that on Thursday, 28th November, children in Nursery, Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3 bring a donation of 'individually wrapped' cakes to school so that every child can choose a cake at the marketplace event. On Friday 29th November, the children can wear their own clothes to school – a Christmas jumper would be fun but not essential. We ask for a minimum donation of £5 per child to attend the Marketplace where children will receive a gift, a tattoo, face painting, a lucky dip gift, a colouring/quiz booklet and a cake. Some of this donation will be given to the CAFOD Goat Fund and the balance to the School Building Fund to assist with further building projects. The Goat Fund is in place of children sending Christmas cards to each other, and each class chooses a gift for the benefit of children overseas.

PA NEWS

Winter Wonderland

Friday 29th November 3.30-6.30pm

St Edmund's PA invites you to our

WINTER WONDERLAND

Please join us on Friday 29th November to help kick off our Christmas Celebrations.

We have a fun afternoon of ice skating, Christmas movies, Christmas themed stalls including arts and crafts for the children, Christmas Carols performed by the fabulous school choir, hot food and drink including mulled wine, hot dogs, mince pies and special guest appearances.

The event will take place straight after school from 3:15 - 6:30pm

If you'd like to pre-book your skating session you can do this via ticket tailor (see link sent via communicator).

Richmond Panto Tickets

Thank you to everyone who booked their tickets for Snow White at Richmond Theatre. Tickets will be available for collection from the school office shortly.

Cauliflower Christmas Design Project

The Cauliflower Cards school collection deadline has now passed and all artwork received as part of the school collection has been returned to Cauliflower Cards for processing. Many thanks to the children for their cracking Christmas creations, and to those who placed orders, the final amount raised is not yet finalised but looks to be over £600!

Deliveries will be returned to the school between 3rd and 10th December, the exact date will be confirmed closer to the time. Please note mugs will be delivered SEPARATELY from cards, wrapping paper etc.

If you didn't get around to doing the artwork and would still like to take part a late order will need to be placed via <https://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk> and the artwork form sent directly back to Cauliflower Cards at the address below by 28th November at the latest. This will cost an additional £3.50-£6.50 per order. Please see the Cauliflower Cards website for info.

Late Artwork Department
Cauliflower Group LTD
Unit 52 Woolmer Way
Bordon
Hampshire
GU35 9QF

Additionally, if when orders are returned you would like to place further orders this can be done via the Cauliflower Cards website.

PARISH NEWS

A Message from Fr. Nigel

When you apply for admission to St Edmund's School Reception Year 2020/21 you will be asked to provide a 'Certificate of Catholic Practice' which has to be signed by the Priest at the Catholic Church in which you usually worship if either you or your partner is a practising Catholic.

I will be available for the parent(s)/carer(s) of each applicant who worships at St Edmund's during the course of the next few weeks. I will, if appropriate, complete and stamp the 'Certificate of Catholic Practice' at that time.

I have set aside the following dates and times for these appointments:

Thursday 5 th December	3.00pm – 6.30pm
Monday 9 th December	3.00pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 12 th December	2.30pm – 6.00pm

To book your appointment, please phone the school office on 020 8894 7898.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2019

2-4PM

AGE RANGE: 7-11

PARISH HALL, ST EDMUND'S CHURCH

PLEASE REGISTER: chiaraaletti@rcdow.org.uk

ACTIVITIES: CHRISTMAS CRAFTS INCLUDING CARD & TREE ORNAMENT MAKING.

IMPORTANT: CHILDREN UNDER 7 YEARS OLD MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT/CARER.

LOCAL EVENTS



SECOND HAND BIKE MARKET

HEATHFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL
ON THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2019

8am-9am

BUY A BIKE

Go to our website to complete the 'MARKET ORDER FORM' and we'll bring something for you to try out and maybe buy. We accept cash or card.

SELL A BIKE

Bring your unwanted bikes and we'll service and sell on your behalf at one of our many London bike markets. Check our website for details.

THIS EVENT IS RUN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LONDON BOROUGH OF RICHMOND UPON THAMES

VISIT PEDDLEMYWHEELS.COM FOR MORE INFO
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For more information about Peddle My Wheels please follow the link below:

<https://www.peddlemywheels.com/school-markets/390/2019-12-12/heathfield-junior-school-bike-market>

Whitton Wanderers



Whitton Wanderers would like to invite girls aged 8 and under (up to Year 3) to come and give football a go. Training sessions are on Saturday mornings at The Heathland School at 10am. Please feel free to pop down if you are interested. If you

would like more information about our club and contacts please go to:

<https://www.whittonwanderersyouthfc.co.uk/contact>

LOCAL VACANCIES

Heathfield Nursery and Infant School are recruiting for an SEN Teaching Assistant required for January 2020. Further details can be found on the eteach website through the following link:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/sen-teaching-assistant-1075190>

Prayer of the Week



Dear God,
Thank for our all our friends at St Edmund's. Please help us to be good friends, to help each other up when we fall and to ask children to play if they are lonely. Amen.

By **Evie & Lucas (Y2)**

Reflection



On Monday, our school community remembered all those who sacrificed their lives for this country by having a minute silence on the playground. Year 3 and 4 also had the privilege of representing our school at the Kneller Hall Remembrance Service.

We ask God to place His peace into all hearts, so that wars become a thing of the past.

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.*

*If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

Mrs C Moreland
Headteacher