



# St Edmund's Catholic Primary School Fortnightly Newsletter

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019



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

## Diary – Forthcoming Events

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Nov – PA Winter Wonderland 3.30-6.30pm  
Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Nursery & Reception Freshwater  
Theatre Story Hunt

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Year 6 Visit to Twickenham  
Stadium & Museum**

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Dec – School Christmas Lunch –  
Mufti Day**

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 6 Parents SATs and  
Online Information Meeting 7pm in school  
hall**

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 2 Christmas Medley  
2pm in school hall**

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

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 1 Christingle 2pm in  
school hall**

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Christmas Concert 7pm St Edmund's Church

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Reception Nativity 2pm for  
Class RM parents in school hall**

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

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Reception Nativity 10am for  
Class RH parents in school hall**

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec – Years 4, 5 & 6 Carol Concert  
7pm in church**

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Nursery AM Sing-a-long 11am

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Nursery PM Sing-a-long 2.30pm

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – End of Term – Early Finish 1.30pm

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Jan – Children Return to School

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Jan – Year 2 Dance Performance  
2.15pm in school hall**

## Year 3 Advent Assembly

Thank you to Year 3 for starting our Christmas celebrations off with a beautiful assembly all about Advent and how to prepare fully for Christmas. It was very reflective and has set the scene for the next four weeks.

A special well done to all the parents and grandparents who joined in with the singing and signing - like you children, you were brilliant!

## SPORTING NEWS



### Tag Rugby

Our tag rugby team played in a triangular fixture against Heathfield and Hampton. In our first match, we found it

difficult to break through against the Heathfield defence and we lost 1-5. Against Hampton, we

played much better and narrowly lost by one try – the final score being Hampton 4 – St Edmund's 3. Thanks to Mr Lee for helping to coach and referee.

## Netball Match

Last week two netball teams from St Edmund's played against Chase Bridge. This was our first match of the season and we desperately wanted to do well. Although at first (perhaps due to nerves) we made lots of footwork errors, both the A and B teams managed to improve on their level of skill as the games progressed. By the final whistle the A team had managed to win 9-1, whilst the B team won 4-2. Amazing, let's keep up the good work.

## Girls Football



Our girl's football team were out on the turf again this week against old rivals Chase Bridge. The girls took control of the game early on and created chance after chance, eventually going on to win the game 7-1. Some wonderful football played by both teams and some excellent sportsmanship made it a successful evening the girls thoroughly enjoyed.

## Boys Football

An excellent performance by the boys in a difficult match against Chase Bridge. They played very well and created lots of chances and deservedly ran out 2-1 winners. Well done all.

### Swimming Trial Reminder

Please remember if your child is taking part in the swimming trials next Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, they will need to bring in their costume, a towel, swimming goggles and a hat. Thank you.

### 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.

### National Geographic



The children of Year 5 have been very fortunate to receive a year's subscription to the Children's National Geographic magazine. We would like to thank Mrs Margaret Baran for her very kind gesture, it is much appreciated by the children and the school. We have already been learning lots of interesting facts about hamsters!

A subscription to National Geographic Kids, The Week Junior or First News would make an excellent Christmas present for your child.

### School Raffle Tickets

A book of school raffle tickets will come home with your child today. If you need any additional tickets please call to the school office. The raffle will be drawn at 3pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

### Christmas Charity



This year our school Christmas charity is HCPT. There will be retiring collections at all our Christmas assemblies and performances. We were very lucky last year in that we raised enough money to send a child to Lourdes. Thank you for your generosity.

### Advent Giving Calendar



Over the next few days, the children will be bringing home an Advent Giving Calendar with lots of ideas of what to donate to local foodbank over the Christmas season. As the number of people who use foodbanks in our local areas increases, we,

as a Christian community, must endeavour to follow the teachings of Christ, and help those who need help. The calendar has a long list of items that need to be donated but you do not need to donate everything on there, just whatever your family can spare. There is also a website that lets you locate local foodbanks run by Caritas Westminster but you may donate to any foodbank you wish. If we all make an effort to donate something this festive season, think of the amount of joy we can spread this Christmas.

When your family have decided what they are going to donate, please take a picture of your family with the donations and email to [info@st-edmunds.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-edmunds.richmond.sch.uk). We can then put these photos on our "Making a Difference" wall.

Please note for any families in need, St Edmund's now issue vouchers for a local foodbank. If anyone needs to have a private conversation with Mrs Moreland, please make an appointment to see her.

### Year 2 Dance Performance

Year 2 have been learning a dance routine which they are looking forward to performing for their parents on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 2.15pm in the school hall.

### Habits of Mind

This year we are introducing the children to the 'Habits of Mind', created by Arthur L. Costa and Bena Kallick. These are identified as a set of problem solving, life related skills that are important for effective learning.



Following on from the children learning about **Persistence**, this half term the children are being introduced to the 'Habit of Mind' – **Striving for Accuracy**. Well done

to Giame in Year 6 who has designed the logo which will appear on supporting materials. Thank you to all the children for coming up with very inventive logos.

The children will be given opportunities to explore **Striving for Accuracy**, not only in Maths and English, but in every area of the curriculum including Music, Art, Dance and Sport.

### **School Christmas Lunch**

We are looking forward to our school Christmas lunch next Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December. Children are allowed to wear their own clothes to school on this day – a Christmas jumper would be great otherwise something red or green would suffice. Please don't buy any new clothes – the children can wear clothes they already have!

### **Breakfast Club Update**

With effect from 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **E-Safety**

E-safety plays an important role in the lives of children today and we need to ensure that the children make the right decisions at the right times. As technology continues to change, it is important to ensure that parents and carers have the correct advice available to them to advise their children. We have now added the seven copies of 'Digital Parenting' onto our website as PDF files for you to access and read. There are a number of helpful hints and articles on how to keep your children safe online. You access these documents the school website through the 'Safeguarding' tab and then following the 'Online Safety' tab. This is particularly important with Christmas on the way and potential gifts.

### **No Idling Campaign**



To support Richmond Borough 'No Idling' campaign, please sign the pledge using the link below. St Edmund's School have signed up – it is very important that cars do not 'idle' outside the school. Parents should use the pass for the

Library/Lidl car park and walk to drop off/collect children from school.

[https://www.richmond.gov.uk/idle\\_free](https://www.richmond.gov.uk/idle_free)

### **Year 4 Museum of Water & Steam Visit**



The London Museum of Water & Steam is recognised as the most significant surviving site of water pumping development both in the UK and internationally. The Year 4 children started with a tour and a workshop then had the opportunity to try the outdoor Splash Zone and scale the gigantic Victorian water pump. It was great fun!

### **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 16<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you in advance.

### **PA NEWS**

#### **Richmond Panto Tickets**

If you haven't done so already, please collect your tickets for Snow White at Richmond Theatre from the school office as soon as possible.

### **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<sup>th</sup> December 3.00pm – 6.30pm  
 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 3.00pm – 6.30pm  
 Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.**

## Reflection

### First Sunday of Advent



Sunday will mark the start of Advent. This is a time in which we, as a Christian community should start to prepare our hearts for the coming of our infant Saviour, on Christmas Day.

In this first week of Advent, we can prepare by seeing Christ, who entered our human condition, in the heart of all those we meet.

### Advent Prayer

*Father in this season of Advent we prepare our hearts for your coming.*

*You are the vine, we are the branches.*

*Come and tend us, prune us, clean us.*

*Discard in us everything that does not bear fruit,*

*Nourish in us everything that bears much fruit.*

*As we celebrate your coming as a vulnerable baby*

*Our hearts await your glorious return as the eternal King.*

*Nurture in us expectant hearts, O Lord.*

*Cultivate in us a deep longing for more of you.*

*Until that Day when you burst through the heavens,*

*And flood our horizons with your glorious splendour. Amen.*

## Prayer of the Week



Almighty God,  
 We are grateful for your guidance through your scripture and showing me how to follow in the footsteps of your son, Jesus Christ.

Mrs C Moreland  
 Headteacher

Please open our hearts and minds through sending us the gift of the Holy Spirit. Please keep us from making the wrong choices and be with us when we are struggling.

You give us advice in the Bible of how to live, such as 'Do to others as you would have them do to you' (Luke 6:31).

This year, the Year of the Word, help us read and understand the Bible so we can be influenced by your scriptures and messages. Amen.

**By Year 5 Prayer Group**