



St Edmund's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 11th September 2020



'Together we learn and grow through worship and celebration'

KEY DATES

Wed 16th Sept – Y6 Secondary Transfer Zoom meeting: 7pm. Details of log in will be sent to Y6 parents on Monday.

Fri 23rd Oct – INSET Day – School Closed
Mon 26th – Fri 30th Oct – Half-Term
Mon 2nd Nov – Children Return to School
Tues 1st Dec – Flu Immunisation for Reception-Year 6

Entry and Exit to School

Thank you to all the parents for bearing with us whilst we have been trialing the most effective and safest way to enter and leave site. We had to test it with you to see what the issues were and believe we now have it right – thank you.

Morning entry works well and we would like to invite Years 1, 2 and 3 to join us at a slightly earlier time – thank you.

ENTRY TIMES (N= Nursery, R = Reception)

FRONT GATE: N, R, Y1, Y6

N: 8.45am

Y6: 8.45am

Y1: 8.50am

R: 8.55am

BACK GATE: Y2, 3, 4, 5

Y5: 8.45am

Y4: 8.45am

Y3: 8.55am

Y2: 8.55am

Siblings need to arrive at the earlier time slot so if a child is in Year 6 and has a sibling in Year 2 – they will both arrive at 8.45am.

EXIT TIMES

FRONT Gate: One-way system following the green arrows. Please DO NOT use the back gate, you will be turned away - thank you. Pick up as per route sent home. The gate will NOT be opened until 3.00pm. **Please note new pick up times.**

3.00pm – R, 5, 3, 2

3.10pm – Y1, 6, 4

Particular thanks to Year 2 parents who have followed the one-way system.

Remember to maintain social distancing at all times particularly as you move off site – keep going, do not stop to chat in the church car park.

We encourage and would love all parents to wear face masks/coverings when picking up.

THANK YOU and especially for all the positive comments we have received this past week.

Nursery and Reception

A big welcome and well done to the Nursery and Reception children who have been coming into school in small groups starting the first steps of their educational journey.

We are all incredibly proud of them and their parents – only one or two tears and they weren't from the children!

We welcome you and are excited to be part of this journey together.

Transition Meetings

As you know these meetings will not be taking place in real time this term. We are however going to put the slides on the website and school communicator for you.

Website link is:

<https://www.st-edmunds.richmond.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+Group+Information&pid=102>

(click on your child's year group to the left of the page to view the presentation). The presentation will be at the top of the contents list with supporting documentation underneath. Documentation will be in year group folders on the school communicator.

They will go live on Monday afternoon so you can read them alongside any work being sent home.

If you have any questions about any slides please email the office and the teachers will endeavour to get back to you asap.

Reading Books Reminder

Reading scheme books will be sent home on Tuesday to be brought back on Friday.

We will then collect them so they can quarantine for 72 hours before the next set go out. If your child does not bring their books back on a Friday

they will have to wait a whole other week for the next set.

Children should bring them to school daily (kept in their bags) to enable us to hear them read.

Good practice is to wash hands before and after when touching any books even those from home – thank you.

SCHOOL LUNCHES Sausage Thursday!

Please note ISS, our school lunch provider, are continuing with packed lunches going forward. However, they will be serving sausages (vegetarian and non-vegetarian) on Thursdays. Please select meat or vegetarian option.

School Meal Funding

The government take the number of meals the school serves to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on **Thursday 1st October**. This figure is used to calculate the amount of funding the school will receive for the following financial year for the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) grant on this date. We would like to strongly encourage as many Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children as possible to log on and order a school lunch on **Thursday 1st October** as the low numbers currently having a school lunch will adversely affect the schools funding for the next financial year. We need you to do this for us and appreciate your support on this day. We will send out a reminder alert nearer the time.

Birthdays

Please note that due to the current circumstances we kindly ask you not to send any items, such as sweets, cakes or books, into school to celebrate your child's birthday. However, they could wear a birthday badge on the day if they would like to.

Flu Immunisation

Thank you to all parents and carers who have completed and returned the Flu Immunisation Consent forms. Please could outstanding forms be returned next week. The immunisations are due to take place in school on Tuesday, 1st December. We will alert you, via the School Communicator, on Monday 30th November and on the morning of 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.

Bottle Tops Collection

Please note that we are no longer collecting bottle tops in school. Thank you so much to all of you who have donated tops in the past – they have been very much appreciated by the family who have benefitted from them.

Help Wanted

If any parent/grandparent who can cut in a straight line and has time, we need felt material to be cut into squares.

We have a very big box which will likely take several weeks to get through but we are trying to think of Christmas activities for the children at this early stage!!!

It could be a team effort albeit socially distanced in your own homes. If you can help, please contact the office and we will get you set up.

REFLECTION

A Prayer for Going Back to School

*God our heavenly teacher,
thank you for the gift of learning,
that enable us to grow in wisdom and stature,
in relationship with you and others.
We pray for school life as it resumes again,
after months of lockdown and the long summer
break.
Be with teachers and classroom assistants,
as they help pupils settle again into learning.
Be with parents, grandparents and carers,
as they gently help loved ones readjust to the
return of school.
Be with children and young people,
as they renew relationships with staff and peers,
embrace new rhythms and routines in familiar
places,
pick up the threads of the curriculum again –
remembering what they have learned before,
and quickly making sense of new knowledge
coming their way.
Help whole school families grow in these days –
physically in their new environments for learning,
mentally as new thinking is required,
emotionally as strains and stresses have to be
negotiated,
socially in community with one another,
spiritually as they recognise God at work among
them.
Lord Jesus,
whose teaching amazed and astounded,
with its stamp of authority,
and left its lasting mark on many lives,
hear these our prayers for our schools this new
term. Amen.*

Thank you for a wonderful first week and a half – onwards and upwards.

Mrs C Moreland
Headteacher