



# St Edmund's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

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St Edmund's Primary School & Nursery Whitton



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

## KEY DATES

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

## Thank You

A huge thank you again to parents for continuing to wear masks on site. We are aware that there is a spike in cases in Richmond and so must be very careful about keeping our distance – this is clearly difficult at end of day pick-up. Guidance suggests that being outside, masked and no longer than 15 minutes in the company of others, is as safe as we can make it. I am pleased to report that dismissal from site takes just under 15 minutes.

We will be dismissing Year 5 and Year 6 independent walkers at 3.10pm so they are NOT walking in the opposite direction to parents out on the street.

Please maintain all government guidance at the weekends re social distancing, handwashing and wearing masks - we do not want to have to close a year group bubble and I am aware that this is a pattern impacting some of our local schools.

## Harvest Festival



Whitton Food Bank asked us to pass on a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our harvest appeal last week. They were overwhelmed by the generous delivery from our school and are so very grateful. Thank you to everyone involved in this initiative.

## National Poetry Day



We had great fun celebrating National Poetry Day last Friday. As well as enjoying poems in class, each class made a video of children reading out their favourite poems and shared it with the rest of the school.

## Love and Friendship Day



Our Reception children recently celebrated Love and Friendship Day, the Colombian version of Valentine's Day celebrated in September, by making fairy bread and decorating fairy pots together. They had great fun with their friends!

## Children's Login Details

Your child has recently been given login details for Education City, Times Tables Rock Stars, LGfL and Google Classroom. These details have been glued to the inside of their school journals. Please make a note of these login details at home as they will not change next year. Thank you.

## Mini Marathon



The 2020 London Marathon will be running a school based mini marathon event open to all schools (primary and secondary) this year.

As a school we are entering this event and the children in Upper KS2 will be taking part.

All children will receive an official Mini London Marathon Certificate on completion of 2.6 miles between 28 September and 9 October.

The elite races took place on 4 October and there are 45,000 adult runners completing a virtual marathon.

Whilst we are not raising money, we are raising our fitness levels and awareness of the event taking place in many schools across the country.

Everyone has a part to play - some members of the school are on motivational chats and music, some of them are running and some of them are donating to causes close to their hearts.

Go St Edmund's Community! Go!  
#virginminimarathon

## Love Through the Letterbox

Following all the letters written by our pupils during lockdown as part of the #lovethroughtheletterbox campaign, we were delighted to receive a letter back from Brinsworth House. They asked us to pass on huge appreciation to the pupils who wrote to them. They really enjoyed all our letters and reading them really brightened up their days during lockdown.

## Hot School Meals

We are delighted to let you know that we will be able to revert back to serving hot school meals after October half-term. We are hoping the menu will be uploaded on to Feeding Hungry Minds next week to enable you to make menu selections for your child. We will alert you when this happens as our catering company need to know the uptake to ensure correct food orders and staffing levels are in place.

Children requiring special menus should not order online but wait to be contacted by the school office.

## Visits to School

Please ensure your child comes to school with everything they need for their school day to avoid unnecessary parental visits to school during the day.

Please also ensure your child comes to school wearing their school jumper. Due to Covid, we need to ensure there is adequate ventilation throughout the school (windows and doors open). Now the weather is cooler children will need to wear their jumpers in class. On that note, it is imperative that your child's belongings are named so they can be reunited. We have had many cases of unnamed jumpers – biro washes off!

## Nut Free School

Please remember that due to both children and adults in school having severe nut allergies, it is important that no food containing nuts, including coconut and pesto, is included in packed lunch boxes.

Advice on content of lunches for parents can be found on websites like Change4Life and BBC Good Food guides. There are other sites out there that are equally useful and worth a look too.

Could we also ask parent/carers to swap the metal drink bottles because when they fall they get dented and then will not stand up properly again. The children also get very upset when they get damaged.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in keeping us all safe.

## RSE – Relationship and Sex Education.

RSE becomes statutory for all schools this September. We would like to introduce the *Life to the Full* programme. It is based on 'A Model Catholic RSE Curriculum' which was highlighted for its good practice by the Department of Education.

The letter detailing the structure and content of the programme is on the school communicator under Resources/Newsletters. It is out for a four-week consultation, ending Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, to get any parental views before we officially introduce it but it is excellent and we feel that as a parent body you will feel very comfortable and confident in its use.

## Breakfast Club

Our school Breakfast Club has spaces available should you wish your child to attend. The club opens at 7.45am every weekday and costs £3.50 per session. If you would like your child to attend please email into the school office on: [office@st-edmunds.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-edmunds.richmond.sch.uk)

## PARISH NEWS

### Year 6 Secondary Transfer Meetings with Fr. Nigel

Fr. Nigel has set aside an additional date of Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October, between 2.30-5.30pm 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 5 minutes per child and there will not be sufficient time to fill in the forms at the meeting. Please note only one parent needs to attend the appointment and they should wear a mask.

Please call the school office on 020 894 7898 to make an appointment.

## JOB VACANCY

### SMSA at St Edmund's

Please follow [this link](#) for more details. The post is for 1¼ hours each day, Monday-Friday from 11.50am to 1.05pm and the closing date for applications is 12 noon on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

## LOCAL EVENTS

### Share your views about Community Safety?

Do you have something to say about Community Safety in your local area? You are invited to join the Council and Police in Community Conversation, share your ideas on local priorities in a series of virtual community engagement events.

The Council is hosting a series of dedicated discussions on Community Safety. Those who wish to attend their local event can pre-register. Once registered you will be sent a personal link and will be able to log in and hear from your local Police representatives and local ward councillors live.

The local event for Whitton & Heathfield is on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm and you can follow [this link](#) to get more information and to register.

### Richmond's Community Heroes Awards 2020



Nominations are now open and we need your help! The deadline is 10pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

- Nominations can be made for work directly in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as other work not directly linked to the pandemic.
- All work must have been carried out in a voluntary capacity.
- Details of categories can be found via the link below.
- Shortlisted nominees will be announced on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

- An awards event will happen later this year. This may be virtual depending on social distancing guidelines.

[Click here for more details.](#)

## Cycling Proficiency

**Would you like your child to cycle to school?**

Sign them up for a **Half-Term 4-day safe-cycling course**

Our friendly team of cycling instructors at **pedalup** will teach your child how to cycle safely, using quiet roads near Old Deer Park, Richmond

You can book places individually or book-out a course for a group of up to 6 friends. We can be flexible on location if you book out the whole course.

📅 We are running two courses a day **10am-12pm** and **1pm-3pm** on the following weeks:  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020

👤 Cost **£120 per child** (4-day course – 2 hrs each day)  
**Places limited, book now to avoid disappointment**

**WEEKEND COURSES** – Please contact us for details

<b>Cyclists will need...</b>	<b>The Pedal Up Instructors are...</b>
✓ a roadworthy bike	✓ fully qualified and accredited
✓ to be able to cycle with control	✓ hold enhanced DBS certificates
✓ a bike helmet	✓ fully insured
✓ a hi-viz jacket or brightly coloured top	✓ first-aid qualified

📞 **Contact us to book or for further info**  
email [hello@pedalup.co.uk](mailto:hello@pedalup.co.uk)  
phone **07988 160 114**  
web [pedalup.co.uk](http://pedalup.co.uk)  
@pedalup1   

**We also offer 1-to-1 lessons for all ages tailored to your individual needs**



At St Edmund's we only encourage children in Year 6 to cycle to school unless they have their proficiency or a letter from their parent giving permission. It is the parents' responsibility to get children to and from school and we do not accept liability if children are not fully prepared by their parents to be safe on their bicycles.

## Reflection



This month, we will be celebrating the Rosary as October is the special time dedicated to this wonderful set of prayers.

Throughout October, the children will have the opportunity to say the Rosary in their class. This will be an opportunity for us to reflect on the different mysteries of the Rosary and to ask our Blessed

Mother to help us with our special intentions. We would encourage you to pray the Rosary at home with your children throughout this special month. If the children have rosary beads at home, please do encourage them to use them. Instructions on how to say the rosary are available on our website.

*Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.*

Mrs C Moreland  
Headteacher