



# St Edmund's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

 St Edmund's Primary School & Nursery Whitton  
 StEdmunds@TW2



*'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**  
**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Parents Evening**  
**Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Nov – Parents Evening**  
**Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Dec – Flu Immunisation for Reception-Year 6**

### Our Local COVID alert level is now **high**

This means

- you must not socialise with anybody outside of your household or support bubble in any indoor setting, whether at home or in a public place,
- you must not socialise in a group of more than 6 outside, including in a garden or other spaces like beaches or parks.

Please make sure you adhere to these rules particularly over the half term break.

We have been incredibly lucky not to have had to send any 'bubble' home and we want to ensure going into the winter months that we maintain this please.

Should any pupil become unwell over half term and test positive for Covid, please email school on [office@st-edmunds.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-edmunds.richmond.sch.uk) and notify us to enable us to take appropriate action prior to school reopening on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

## Admissions

Currently we cannot conduct school tours, however we have a virtual snapshot of life at St Edmund's on the Reception Admission page on the website – please direct your friends to have a look.

## Contact with Teachers

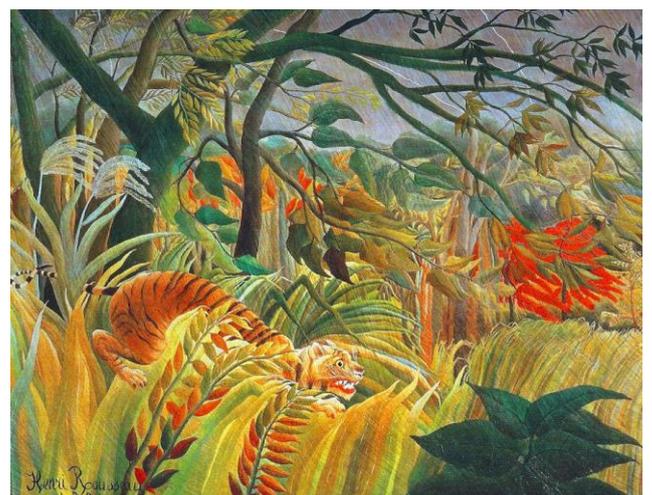
I know we are in the middle of a pandemic and we have new arrangements at pick up time which make it difficult for parents to communicate with teachers at the end of the day.

However, if you have any concerns and would like to speak to your child's teacher, please phone or email into the school office on 020 894 7898 or [office@st-edmunds.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-edmunds.richmond.sch.uk) and we will pass any messages on and arrange for the teacher to email or phone you at a mutually convenient time.

We also look forward to meeting with you virtually on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> or Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November - details to follow after the half term break.

## Year 4 – Collage

Year 4 applied their different collage techniques to recreate a class collage of Henri Rousseau's *Surprised*. Can you spot our quilling and overlapping? We are thrilled with our class piece and can't wait to apply our collage skills to our individual work!



### Stationery

Whilst we are very happy to replace stationery, some of the children have asked if they might be able to replenish their own stock. Now is a good time and we are always grateful. If parents would like to, key items needed include...

- HB pencil x2 and eraser
- Glue stick – Pritt really is the best!
- White board pens x2

### 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)

### Listening with Understanding and Empathy



The children were asked to design a logo for our next 'Habit of Mind' – Listening with Understanding and Empathy.

Here is the winning design – a certificate will be awarded at the next school zoom assembly. Well done!

### 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.

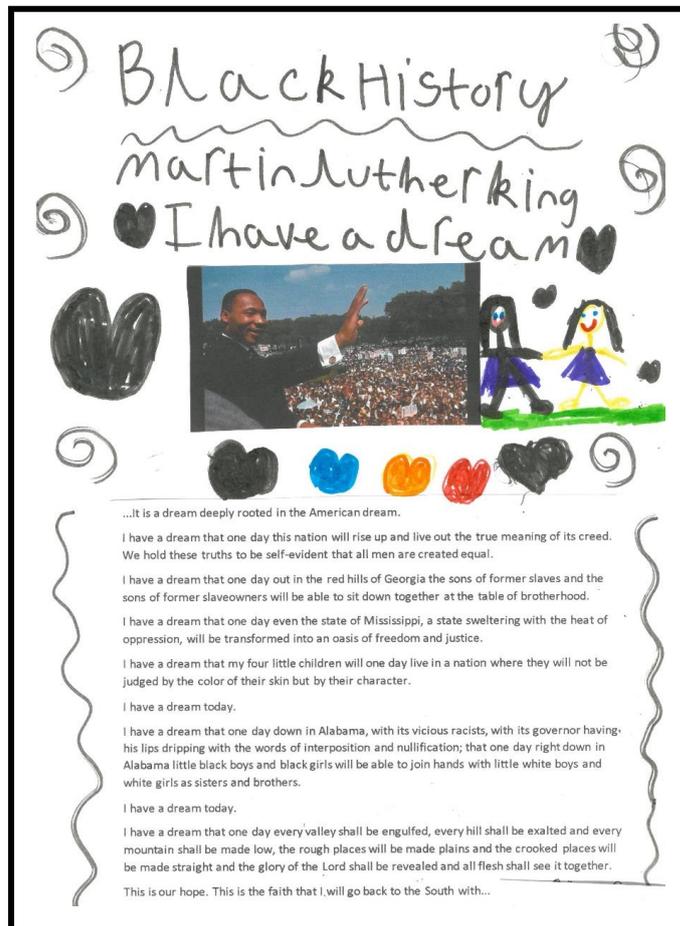
### JOB VACANCY

#### 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 6<sup>th</sup> November.

### Black History Month

October is Black History Month. In school classes have been learning more about different people both past and present who have made contributions to life in Britain and around the world.



There are many, many resources on the internet you could look at over half term including the following:

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/curation/black-history-month>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround#more-stories-2>
- <https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=horrible%20histories%20video%20black%20history%20month&q=n&form=QBVRMH&sp=-1&pq=horrible%20histories%20video%20black%20history%20month&sc=0-44&sk=&cvid=8B197732E4EC4C8788D17A6499D00355>

There are also lots of books in the school virtual library on this theme. On school website go to Curriculum - Home Learning - Virtual Library.

Above and below are examples of some work completed by Year 3 pupils during this month.

### Hot School Meals

We are delighted to let you know that we are reverting back to serving hot school meals after half-term. The menu has now been uploaded on to Feeding Hungry Minds website to enable you to make menu selections for your child.

### 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 tomorrow, 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.

### LOCAL EVENTS

#### Wellbeing Course for Parents

Starting November 2020 and running for 5 months, Collective Arts is offering five, 5-week arts for wellbeing workshops. These online or face-to-face groups are suitable for parents seeking creative ways to enhance their resilience and emotional wellbeing. No artistic skills required. The programme is funded by the UK Government's Coronavirus Community Support Fund. Visit <https://collective-arts.org> for more information.

#### Rejuvenation Workshop for Parents

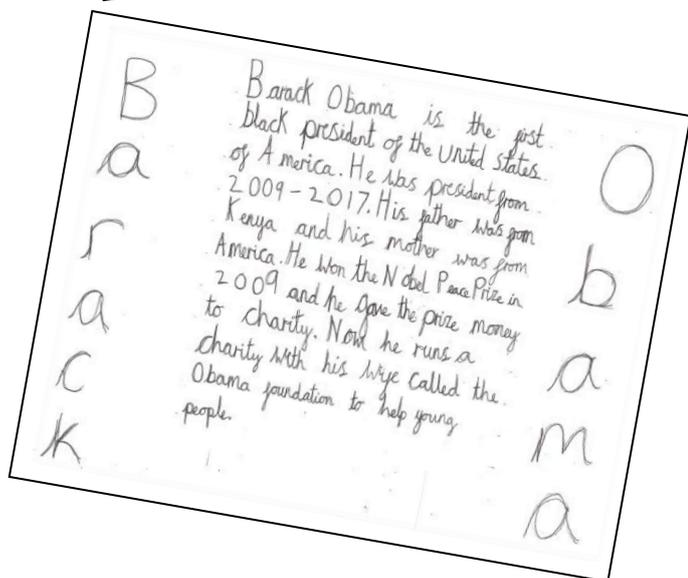
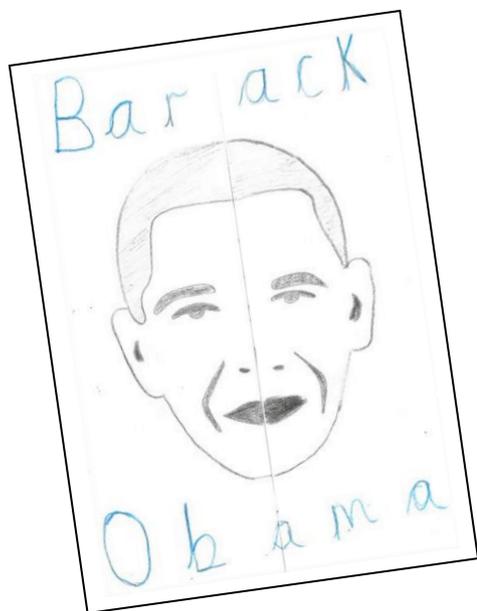
At the Wild Mind Project they understand how overwhelming it can be looking after a child or young person with special educational needs or mental health issues. Their workshops provide a safe and creative environment to build support networks of people just like you, that know how necessary it is to take time to look after yourself.

They offer experienced therapeutic support in helping you to cope through mindfulness, reconnecting with nature and art-based activities. More information can be found [here](#).

#### 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



### Reading Update

If your child is on the reading scheme, they have been sent home with reading books to keep over half term. Please remember to return them after half term. In order for all books to be quarantined, your child will not receive any new books on the first week back to school.

The website has been updated with a few links to free eBooks you can share with your child over half term and beyond. You will find them in the 'Home Learning', under 'Virtual Library.' It is IMPERATIVE that your child continues to practise their reading at home EVERY DAY.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

### Children's Login Details

Your child has recently been given various 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.

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.

### **Westminster Cathedral Choir School**

For boys who love to sing, please follow [this link](#) to access further information about opportunities at Westminster Cathedral Choir School.

## **Reflection**

### **Saint Teresa of Avila (adapted by Meredith Gould, 2010)**

#### **Christ Has No Online Presence but Yours**

Christ has no online presence but yours,  
No blog, no Facebook page but yours,  
Yours are the tweets through which love touches this  
world,  
Yours are the posts through which the Gospel is shared,  
Yours are the updates through which hope is revealed.  
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Thank you for all the positive comments and emails we have received this term. We appreciate that we are operating in a new 'normal' and are very grateful for all your support.

Have a safe and happy half term.

Mrs C Moreland  
Headteacher