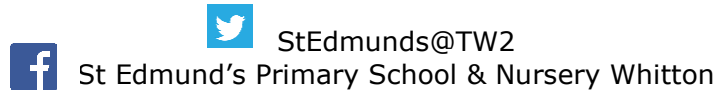




St Edmund's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 17th September 2021



'Together we learn and grow through worship and celebration'

KEY DATES

Fri 24th Sept – Beginning of Term Mass led by Class 6R 9.30am in church
Fri 1st Oct – Harvest Donation Morning 9am
Fri 1st Oct – Harvest Festival led by Year 5 11am in church
Fri 8th Oct – Class 4C Assembly 9am in the hall
Fri 15th Oct – Class 3J Assembly 9am in the hall
Mon 18th Oct – Virtual Parents' Evening
Thurs 21st Oct – Virtual Parents' Evening
Fri 22nd Oct – INSET Day – School Closed
Mon 25th – Fri 29th Oct – Half-Term
Mon 1st Nov – Children Return to School

SPECIAL MENTIONS Gaelic Footballers



The All-Britain Championship takes place every year with over 2000 children from all over Britain playing Gaelic football and hurling over a weekend.

The boys play U7 for the local Gaelic football club - Gael Londain based at London Irish Rugby Club, Sunbury. The boys were absolutely fantastic and did their club and school very proud! They played teams from across London, Watford and Birmingham and won all of their games making them true champions of Britain! We need to look out for them as future stars on the pitch! *An-obair*



Well done to this Year 4 pupil who also took part in the Gaelic All-Britain Championship and enjoyed playing with his team and seeing other pupils from St Edmund's there too.

Cups and Shields Awarded

Congratulations to the children below who were awarded cups at the end of the summer term but, having had to isolate, did not get a mention previously.

Super-Start Trophy

Joshua (1M)

Emilia G (1B)



Well done – we are very proud of you.

The Kids Mile

Well done for completing the sponsored Kids Mile run on Saturday 11th September. The Kids Mile was part of the Richmond Runfest held in Old Deer Park and £160 was raised through sponsorship for the charity Children with Cancer UK. Fantastic news!



Coronavirus Isolation

If a child presents with Covid symptoms whilst in school, we will isolate them and phone for you to collect them immediately. You should book a PCR test. Unlike previously, siblings do not need to be collected at the same time, but if it is easier for parents to collect siblings when collecting their unwell child, we are, of course, happy to support this.

Any member of your family who has tested positive must isolate at home for the full ten days, this includes not accompanying children on to the school premises at drop-off/pick-up time.

The threshold for the school to have to contact Public Health if we have a number of Covid cases is one of the following:

- 5 children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period; or
- 10% of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period.

Your help and support in helping us minimise the number of positive cases will be to everyone's benefit and avoid reverting back to full-class

bubble measures. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

PA NEWS Happy Bags



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Happy Bag collection this week. A total of £76.20 was raised.

Transition Meetings

Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us for your child/ren's transitions meetings. The slide presentations are now uploaded onto the year groups pages on the website.

Whilst it was lovely to be able to share expectations for the year ahead, it was even nicer being able to invite you all back on site, meeting with you all in real life!

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 to St Edmund's and are excited to be part of this wonderful learning journey together.

Friday Football



Please note you do not need to register your child for Friday Football this term, which starts next week (24th September). Year 1 & Year 2 children will be collected from their classrooms and accompanied to the field. Year 3 to Year 6 children need

to go the field at 3.15pm to meet their coaches. Payment (£4) must be in an envelope addressed to Mark Fabian. Failure to pay will result in your child not being able to participate in this club. Any other queries should be directed to Mark Fabian via email: markfabes@live.co.uk. Many thanks.

Harvest Festival – Friday 1st October



As part of our school Harvest Festival we are pleased to be able to facilitate donations to Whitton Food Bank.

If you would like to make a donation the food bank would appreciate **tinned meat, tinned fish, long life milk, long life juices, chocolate, crisps, Toiletries (e.g. deodorant, shower gel, shampoos), household cleaners (e.g. spray, bleach) or toilet paper.**

Please bring your donation to school at **morning drop-off** on 1st October. There will be a Baran's van parked in the church car park with the back open. Please drop your donations on to the van which will then be taken to the food bank.

Please note we can only accept donations straight into the van at morning drop-off. We cannot accept donations into school at any other time. Thank you so much.

Please remember that if any family finds themselves needing to use the food bank, we have vouchers here at school. Please call the office and we can organise this.

School Improvement 2021-22

This year as part of our school improvement we are focussing on...

Quality of Education

- Staff to focus on 'Quality First Teaching' developing strategies to support children's learning
- Reading based on new government framework July 2021

Behaviour and Attitudes

- Focus on pupil well-being and behaviour following pandemic

Personal Development

- Continue Thinking School journey towards accreditation
- Re-establish pupil groups and links with parents

Quality of Education in EYFS

- Introduction of the new EYFS Curriculum and baseline assessments

Areas for improvement come from external guidance as well as internal needs highlighted by children, parents, data, and/or staff development.

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.

PARISH NEWS

Year 6 Secondary Transfer Meetings with Fr. Nigel

Fr. Nigel has set aside some dates for parents/guardians to meet with him in order to have their children's forms signed for their child's secondary school applications.

Monday 4 th October	2-4.30pm
Wednesday 6 th October	2-4.30pm
Thursday 14 th October	3-5.30pm
Tuesday 19 th October	2-4.30pm

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 10 minutes per child and there will not be sufficient time to fill in the forms at the meeting.

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

WE NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE

We would love as many parents, grandparents as possible, who are able, to come and help us hear the children read.

You will need to complete a DBS form and let us know your availability. We will then match you up to a class to help support and develop a lasting love of reading in the children.

Pop into the office or see Mrs Moreland / Mrs Green on the gate to get organised. 😊 Thank you.

Donation Request

If any family has any of the following items at home that they no longer need or use we could put them to good use in school. Many thanks in advance.

Brio type train set

Dinosaur bean bag chair

Child stroller or tall doll stroller
(Needs to be a minimum of 80 cm tall)



LOCAL EVENTS

Yoga for Carers
October – December
2021

Richmond Carers Centre are excited to announce they are running 10 weekly sessions of yoga

for carers. The sessions will include breathing relaxation as well as yoga poses. The sessions are being facilitated by Sarah Jane Minter, a local yoga teacher, who has run sessions for Richmond Carers Centre before.



Don't worry if you've never done yoga before, the sessions are **suitable for complete beginners** and will introduce you to the relaxing and invigorating benefits of yoga!

Sessions will run at Richmond Yacht Club, Eel Pie Island, Twickenham on Wednesdays, 10.30-11.45am from 13th October to 15th December 2021. Places are limited.

For more information, or to book a place, please call 020 8867 2380 or email support@richmondcarers.org

Strawberry Hill House Flower Festival

There will be a flower festival at Strawberry Hill House between 8th and 10th October. There are some workshops this year and two are suitable for children to participate in, namely basket making and flower printing. Please follow attached link for more information:

<https://www.strawberryhillhouse.org.uk/whats-on/>

Reflection



In September, we often think about the wonderful natural sights we might have seen on our summer journeys and reflect on the beauty of Creation. Christians all over the world celebrate the Season of Creation, from the Day of Creation on 1

September till 4 October, Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. During September, the focus for The Year of the Word is Scripture and the Environment as it is also Creationtide season and in preparation for COP26. This season of Creation is a wonderful time to reflect on the beautiful gift our world is and how we can act to protect it.

*Creator God, Thank you for your abundance,
diversity and beauty of creation,
given to us to reveal your love and to invite us to
become your images on this earth,
creatures who reflect your care and compassion
for all created things.*

*Give us the wisdom to understand that the goods
of the earth are to be shared by all.*

*Give us the courage to examine our own lifestyles
and habits, to see that to have more than we
need is to deprive our sisters and brothers of a
dignified life.*

A Prayer by Raymond Friel

What a great start to the new term -
well done everybody.

Mrs C Moreland
Headteacher