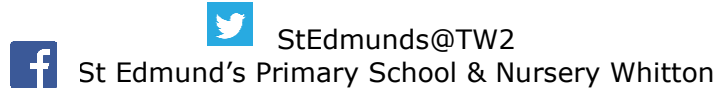




# St Edmund's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021



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

## KEY DATES

**Mon 4 Oct – Flu Immunisation for Reception – Year 6**  
**Fri 8 Oct – Class 4C Assembly 9am in the hall**  
**Fri 8 Oct - Young Minds Mental Health Awareness Day**  
**Mon 18 Oct – Virtual Parents' Evening 4-7pm**  
**Thurs 21 Oct – Virtual Parents' Evening 4-7pm**  
**Fri 22 Oct – INSET Day – School Closed**  
**Mon 25 – Fri 29 Oct – Half-Term**  
**Mon 1 Nov – Children Return to School**  
**Thurs 11 Nov – Class 3G Assembly 9am in the hall**  
**Tues 16 Nov – St Edmund's Feast Day Mass led by Class 6N 9.30am in church**  
**Fri 19 Nov – Class 3J Assembly 9am in the hall**  
**Tues 23 Nov – Online safety talk for parents**

## Special Mention

Lily (Y5) and Alfie (Y1) will be running the Race for Life 3k run on 24<sup>th</sup> October as part of their family team to raise funds for Cancer Research. If you would like to support them please follow the link below. Thank you.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/team-abraham-kent>

# YOUNG MINDS

## #HelloYellow Day

#HelloYellow is a fundraising and awareness day that takes place each year on World Mental Health Day. Schools, offices and individuals across the UK come together to show young people that they are not alone with their mental health by wearing an article or outfit in yellow.

We would like to ask everyone to choose colours from the **Zones of Regulation** (Red, Blue, Green or Yellow) to wear (not just yellow) to highlight the use of Zones in our school as a tool for supporting mental health.

Children can wear any combination of these colours on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October** instead of their uniform.

## Flu Immunisations on Monday

Thank you to all parents and carers who have completed the e-consent Flu Immunisation form. The immunisations are due to take place in school on Monday.

## Virtual Parents' Evenings in October

Due to the success of the virtual/online parents' evenings last academic year, our October parents' evening will also be a 10 minute appointment for you to meet your teacher online. This is now open and available for Nursery to Year 6 parents to book via SchoolCloud. The guide to booking an appointment is being sent out with this newsletter. Please also refer to the Parents' Evening Protocols on our school communicator under Resources/Parents Evenings.

If you encounter any problems, please get in touch with the school office. Thank you.

## 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.

## Harvest Festival



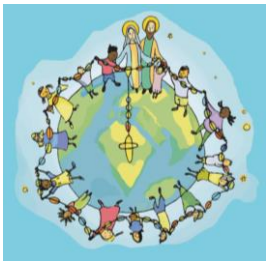
Thank you for your generous donations for Whitton Foodbank this morning. Huge thanks to Barans Removals and Whitton Day Nursery for collecting and transporting the food donations to Whitton

Foodbank. Your organisation and assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

Year 5 presented the most wonderful Harvest Festival reminding us how lucky we are for the things we have and ensured we spent time in consideration for those families in need, the imbalances and injustices that exist within our world.

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.

### 1 Million Children praying the Rosary



"When one million children pray the rosary, the world will change." Saint Padre Pio

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October we will come together as a school community to pray the rosary. We will join children in the UK as well as children from all around the world. Together we will be praying for peace and unity in our world.

It would be lovely if as many of our families as possible could also find time on this day to say the rosary with us.

### Year 6 – Junior Citizenship

Year 6 had a wonderful afternoon at their Junior Citizenship workshop. The children were split into groups and enjoyed lots of different activities with the Fire Brigade, Police, NHS and Transport for London. The children were given different scenarios and looked at how they would deal with them, such as dialling 999 if they witness a fire or a burglary. They learnt how to stay safe as well as being responsible citizens.

## PA NEWS

### School Water Bottles

School water bottles are now back in stock and available to purchase from the school office. They cost £3.50 each. The plastic is recycled. We are also looking at more sustainable types of water bottle for future use. Thank you.

## 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.

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| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> October    | 2-4.30pm |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October | 2-4.30pm |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October | 3-5.30pm |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> 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 0208 894 7898 to make an appointment.

## LOCAL VACANCIES

### Handy Person at Nelson School

Nelson School is looking for a handy person with an interest in gardening to join our team and be around at the end of the school day. You will support the site team and lock up the school at the end of the day. We welcome all applicants. If you would any further information please phone Nelson Primary School on 0208 894 9899.

### LSA/SMSA Vacancy at St Edmund's

Please follow the link below to the vacancy page of our school website for more details. Closing date for applications is 12 noon on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October. [http://stedmundsprimary.ng3.devwebsite.co.uk/page/?title=Staff+Vacancies&pid=35&action=save\\_d](http://stedmundsprimary.ng3.devwebsite.co.uk/page/?title=Staff+Vacancies&pid=35&action=save_d)

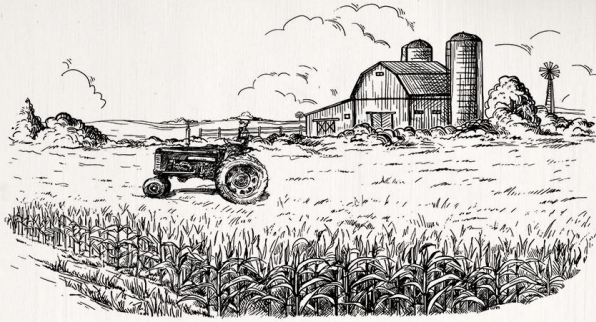
### Literacy Shed

We are very excited to have a new literacy shed! It will be filled with a range of books that the children can borrow on a weekly basis.

We will set up a rota so each year group know which afternoon they will be able to select a book to bring home. The children will be able to choose their books with you, after school, on their way home.

Watch this space for our official launch!

## Reflection



### A Harvest Prayer

I give thanks to you, Lord over all the earth.

I give thanks to you, Saviour, redeemer, forgiver of my sins.

I give thanks to you who made the sun and rain,

I give thanks to you for new growth that rises from fertile land.

I give thanks to you for harvests of grain, for nourishing bread.

I give thanks to you for fruit and vegetables, full of goodness.

I give thanks to you for refreshing milk and eggs freshly laid.

I give thanks to you for the hearty and healthy provision of meat and fish.

I give thanks to you for all your great bounty.

Surely we taste your goodness today with truly thankful hearts.

Amen.

Have a happy harvest.

Mrs C Moreland  
Headteacher