



# St Edmund's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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

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

Tues 16 Nov – St Edmund's Feast Day Mass  
led by Class 6N **2pm** in church

**Tues 16 Nov - PA Meeting ALL WELCOME  
7.30pm in school hall**

Tues 23 Nov – Online Safety Talk for parents  
7pm virtually – link will be sent

**Thurs 25 Nov\*–Online Safety Talk for  
parents 9am School Hall - face to face**

**\*Please note change of date for the parents  
face to face meeting.**

**Save the date: Reception:30.11.21 details to  
follow – just before pick up**

## Coronavirus Isolation

If a child presents with Covid symptoms whilst in school, we will isolate them and phone 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 them then we are 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 school premises at drop-off/pick-up time.

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.

## Year 4 – The Roman Empire



Year 4 have been learning about The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. We learnt about Roman legionaries shields and made our own. We then pretended to be Roman legionaries and were given instructions to follow in Latin!

## SPORTING NEWS Tag Rugby Tournament



Just before October half term, St. Edmund's rugby team had their first tournament in over 18 months. A day filled with some fantastic rugby from all resulted in heartache when we were knocked out of the quarter finals of the plate. Onwards and upwards.

## Girls Football Match

On Wednesday, our girls football team had thrilling victory in a home match played against Heathfield. Match report below from two of our players.



The final score was 5:0 to us. The goals were scored by our talented strikers. Our goalkeeper was amazing, the defenders were incredible and so were the wings. Everyone did extremely well. Heathfield did very well but unfortunately for them they went home with no goals. Thanks to Mr Fabian, Miss Morris and Mrs Mulrooney for all their support. We WON!

## ZooLab Visit



On Wednesday our Nursery, Reception and Year 1 classes enjoyed a ZooLab workshop, which provided the children with a rich variety of activities and learning experiences under the supervision and guidance of their expert ZooLab presenter. The children learned about how to care for different animals and recreate the conditions they need to inhabit in order to thrive. As well as practicalities such as food, shelter and exercise, the children were reminded of the emotional aspect involved in caring for other living things that need our love and respect if they are to thrive.

## Immersive Audio Experiences

This week our school took part in an amazing "Immersive Experience". Through the medium of modern technology Year 6 were transported to a Viking raid on a monastery. It was all very exciting as you can see from the photo below!



Feedback has been incredibly positive and we hope the children have shared their thoughts and feelings about their experience with you. Make sure you take the time to ask them to tell you all about it. Experiences ranged from...

- R – Traditional Story Tales – The Gingerbread Man
- Y1 – Seasons
- Y2 – Florence Nightingale
- Y3 – Environmental Experience – Climate Change
- Y4 – Anti-Bullying
- Y5 – Space - Trip to Mars
- Y6 – Viking Raid on a Monastery

## After School Child Care Survey

The school is investigating the needs and requirements of parents regarding after school child care.

One company has provided the school with a survey to ascertain current and possible future demand. The school is not necessarily going to use this company but will get the results from the survey to help inform the school of parents' needs.

Please can you complete the survey using the link below if you are interested in after school child care by 10am on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/StEdmundsTW2>

## Remembrance Day



Thank you to the children in 3G for sharing their beautiful assembly with all classes throughout the school. The children also shared it with their parents on Thursday morning.

It was truly beautiful and very moving and helped the whole school reflect on the sacrifices made by so many to ensure freedom.

The children used the occasion to reflect on losses experienced in other conflicts around the world and took the opportunity to pray for peace.

The whole school came together for the minutes silence and acted as a unit in thought and prayer.

## First Holy Communion



We pray for all the children in Year 4 who are receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend at St Edmund's Church.

It has been a long journey but one which the children are excited to be sharing with their families and friends.

How wonderful that they will come to know Jesus through this Sacramental celebration.

Thank you to the wonderful Catechists who have given up their time to share and pass on their love and understanding of the Eucharist and a big thank you to Fr. Nigel for making sure this day has been realised.

## PARISH NEWS

### Message from Fr. Nigel

When you apply for admission to St Edmund's School Reception Year 2022/23 you will be asked to provide a 'Certificate of Catholic Practice' which has to be signed by the Priest at the Catholic Church in which you usually worship if either you or your partner is a practising Catholic.

I will be available for the parent(s)/carer(s) of each applicant who worships at St Edmund's during the course of the next few weeks. I will, if appropriate, complete and stamp the 'Certificate of Catholic Practice' at that time.

I have set aside the following dates and times for these appointments:

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| Mon 29 Nov  | 2.00pm – 4.30pm |
| Wed 1 Dec   | 2.30pm – 5.00pm |
| Tues 7 Dec  | 3.00pm – 6.00pm |
| Thurs 9 Dec | 2.00pm – 4.30pm |

To book your appointment, please phone the school office on 020 8894 7898.

### PA News

The St Edmund's PA 1,000 Club October draw was conducted in school on 21st October. The lucky winners were:

1st Prize - £1,000 - M & P Raccani

5 runners up prizes - £60

Jennifer Mains  
Abby Keywood  
Christina Cox  
Anita Taaffe  
Natalie Jolliffe

Congratulations to all the winners! Thank you to all members for your continued support, it is greatly appreciated. New members are always very welcome to join. Please contact Kelly Smith for further details on [kelly@jim-smith.net](mailto:kelly@jim-smith.net) or 07713 175641.

### PA Meeting

We are set to hold our first PA meeting since the start of lockdown next Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. The meeting will be held in the school hall to allow us to socially distance.

Fundraising has always been an important part of the work we do but also the PA is about bringing the school community together. We would like to

remind you that this meeting is open to all parents and carers at St Edmund's not just the class reps.

Please join us and share your ideas on how we can start to rebuild and raise much needed funds to support all children within the school.

### Rugby Parking

Many thanks to Marc Foord and all the volunteers who ran the rugby park last weekend. Rugby Parking raises £1,000 per event and goes a long way to providing resources and IT for the school. Historically we have assigned a year group to each event which we will return to for the Big Game in December and the Six Nations in the New Year.

If anyone is available to support at the next two events on 20<sup>th</sup> November and 27<sup>th</sup> November please email [marc.foord@oneadvanced.com](mailto:marc.foord@oneadvanced.com)

### LOOK OUT FOR...

#### Christmas leaflet coming your way!

This will include all the assemblies, plays and service dates as well as Christmas lunch and any other special days for the children.

We ask for this year, that only one adult per child attends any performances. This is to ensure we limit, where possible, the spread of coronavirus particularly in the run up to the holiday season. Thank you for your understanding.

### Reflection

#### A Prayer of Remembrance

God of Consolation,

Every time we mark an anniversary that recalls a time of war or act of violence, we struggle to make sense of our world.

As time moves on, remind us of the call to remain open-hearted.

May our memory not harden into fear and anger, but pulse with compassion and generosity.

Give us the collective voice to speak for healing and forgiveness, and bring us the peace we long for.

With hope in your steadfast love, we pray.

Amen.



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Mrs C Moreland  
Headteacher