



# St Edmund's Catholic Primary School Fortnightly Newsletter

Friday 26 November 2021



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St Edmund's Primary School & Nursery Whitton



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

## Diary – Forthcoming Events

Tues 30 Nov – Reception Cowboy Dancing 2.30pm on school field – Reception parents to enter via the field gate please – this event is now weather dependent.

Fri 3 Dec – Y2 Christmas Around the World 9.15am in school hall

**Mon 6 Dec – PA Meeting 7.30pm in school hall**

Wed 8 Dec – School Christmas Lunch – Christmas Jumper Day

Fri 10 Dec – Reception Nativity Play 9.15am in school hall

Tues 14 Dec – Years 4, 5 & 6 Carol Concert 7pm in church

Wed 15 Dec – Year 1 Christingle 2.30pm in church

Thu 16 Dec – Mufti Day for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Thu 16 Dec – Nursery Morning Session Christmas Sing-a-long 11.15am in Nursery

Thu 16 Dec – Nursery Afternoon Session Christmas Sing-a-long 2.45pm in Nursery

Fri 17 Dec – Mufti Day for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Fri 17 Dec – Last Day of Term – Early Finish 1.30pm

**Tues 4 Jan – INSET Day – School Closed**

**Wed 5 Jan – Children Return to School**

## School Christmas Lunch



We are looking forward to our Christmas lunch in school on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like your child have a Christmas lunch please book via ParentPay.

All pupils are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper on this day with their school uniform instead of their blue school jumper.

## 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.

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.

**Equally, if your child is ill, not with Covid, please keep them at home until fully recovered.**

## SPORTING NEWS

### Girls Football Tournament at NPL

Our girls football team participated in a football tournament at NPL last week. Match report from our reporters Maja and Julia below.

The St Edmund's team players were Caitlin, Leonie, Maja, Julia, Josie, Kimberley, Jess, Eimer, Abbey and Eva. Sadly, we got knocked out in the semi-finals because St Richard Reynolds beat us when they took a free kick. We scored five goals. Everyone did extremely well and we tried our hardest.

### Netball Match



Our netball team played a match this week against Chase Bridge at home. A match report is below from our reporters Lydia and Roisin.

We played well, as did the other team. They won with a final score of 6-2. Harry and Roisin scored a goal

each but everyone played amazingly well and when we fell down we got back up.

## School Photographs are Ready

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the school photographs for Nursery, Reception and Year 6 classes are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card.

If you have already scanned the QR code on the proof and registered you will receive an auto email notification.

If you have not done it yet, you can still view by scanning the QR code on your proof and following the instructions.

If by chance you have not received your proof or it has been lost you can call Vancols Parent Line on 01206 273711.

## Habits of Mind – Thinking Flexibly

This week we started work on our next Habit of Mind - **Thinking Flexibly**. Saoirse has designed this fabulous logo which will be used on display posters, reward stickers and certificates and feature on our website.



Thank you very much to Saoirse and to all the children who put forward a design.

## What does Thinking Flexibly mean?

- Developing the ability to think differently.
- To see an issue from more than one perspective.
- To remain open to new ideas that cause you to change your mind.
- To consider many options for solving a problem.

## When should you use it?

You would need to use this when you have to consider different options to solve a problem or when you need to look at something from a different point of view.

Teachers are looking forward to creating some fun lessons and activities which will incorporate age-appropriate strategies to help the children 'Think Flexibly'. This Habit of Mind also allows us to utilise **Six Thinking Hats** - the proven technique from Edward de Bono. These techniques focus on enhancing the structure of thinking so that group decision making and idea evaluation can be dramatically improved.

Habits of Mind is just one strand our Thinking Curriculum. For more information please visit our 'Thinking Curriculum' pages at [St Edmund's Catholic Primary School and Nursery - Thinking Curriculum \(st-edmunds.richmond.sch.uk\)](http://st-edmunds.catholic.primary.school)

## 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.

Father Nigel 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. He will, if appropriate, complete and stamp the 'Certificate of Catholic Practice' at that time.

The following dates and times are available:

Mon 29 Nov	2.00pm – 4.30pm
Wed 1 Dec	3.30pm – 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

### Rugby Parking

Many thanks once again to all of the Rugby Parking volunteers last week with special thanks to Gerry Crowley for stepping in to orchestrate the day.

For future rugby parking events we will return to allocating each year group with an event.

The next event we will be covering is Big Game 13 on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> December and this has been allocated to **Year 5**. A minimum of 6 volunteers are required and can be split into two teams of three people covering a 2-hour session each. The volunteers are needed from 12 - 4pm and won't need to stay once the game has kicked off. As always, we appreciate your support.

### PA Meeting

It was lovely to see so many old and new faces at our last PA Meeting. The next meeting will take place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in the school hall. We look forward to seeing more and more families join us at these meetings.

### Virtual Balloon Race - Race to the North Pole

In the next few weeks, we will be running a virtual balloon race - Race to the North Pole. You will be able to purchase your balloon/s and enter into the race. The race will run for 7 days, each day you can track your balloon online to see the progress made. The first three to reach the North Pole will receive a small prize. Further details on how to buy a balloon will follow.

## LOCAL EVENTS

### Light Up Whitton

Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2-6pm

Enjoy the festive atmosphere and start your Christmas shopping with over 50 market stalls, Santa's Grotto, mulled wine, music, disco, fairground rides and games. With a prize for the best Christmas Jumper up for grabs!

### Reflection



Sunday will mark the start of Advent. This is a time in which we, as a Christian community should start to prepare our hearts for the coming of our infant Saviour, on Christmas Day.

In this first week of Advent, we can prepare by seeing Christ, who entered our human condition, in the heart of all those we meet.

### **Advent Prayer**

*Father in this season of Advent we prepare our hearts for your coming.*

*You are the vine, we are the branches.  
Come and tend us, prune us, clean us.*

*Discard in us everything that does not bear fruit,  
Nourish in us everything that bears much fruit.*

*As we celebrate your coming as a vulnerable baby.*

*Our hearts await your glorious return as the eternal King.*

*Nurture in us expectant hearts, O Lord.  
Cultivate in us a deep longing for more of you.  
Until that Day when you burst through the heavens,  
And flood our horizons with your glorious splendour. Amen.*

Mrs C Moreland  
Headteacher