



# St Edmund's Catholic Primary School Fortnightly Newsletter

Friday 14 January 2022



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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

**Mon 24 Jan – Beginning of Term Mass led by Year 4 9.15am via church webcam**

**Fri 4 Feb – 3J Class Assembly via Google Classroom**

**Mon 14 – Fri 18 Feb – Half Term**

- A school reader which is read by you to your child and they can pick out the text they already know – a really nice opportunity to share reading together
- A book from the Reading Shed (if they would like pick one on their way home)



Welcome back to the Spring term – even though some of the days have been a little cold the warmth in school is tangible.

The children all described lovely Christmas celebrations with their families and mostly seem happy to be back at school – one or two children would have liked a little more time playing at home with their newly acquired gifts!

**Thank you** to all the families for the gifts, cards, thoughts and prayers given to staff - how very kind of you all and truly appreciated.

**As a side note, please do return these books when read so other children can enjoy them too – thank you.**

Mrs Brown has been updating staff and training them in the use of the revised Read, Write Inc programme and we are excited about the new elements that have been added to the scheme.

A huge thank you to Mrs Brown for making the training so enjoyable and interactive, staff can't wait to share it with the children.

## Annual Questionnaire

As we move back to a more 'normal' provision, we would love to hear your views of the school. I would like to invite you to complete our annual questionnaire.

This questionnaire is an opportunity for us to celebrate strengths but also to look at areas where we can improve.

We always follow up on concerns and really appreciate your feedback – thank you. Please follow this link for the questionnaire:  
<https://forms.gle/LErFqHS4sZFTpJjP9>

## PARISH NEWS

### First Holy Communion Message from Fr. Nigel

Applications opened on Monday 10 January for our First Holy Communion programme for children in Year 3 and above. To apply, please can parents/carers email Louise ([louisewalton@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:louisewalton@rcdow.org.uk)), with their child(ren)'s name(s) and date(s) of birth. She will then send them an application form which will need to be returned by Monday 31 January. We expect the First Holy Communion Masses to take place on Saturday 21 May 2022.



We are delighted to let families in the Infants know that the new 'Read, Write, Inc book bag' texts have arrived. They are designed to complement the phonics programme being used at school and when the assessments for all children in the infants have been completed you will start to see them come home with your child/ren.

Your children will have access to

- An e-book (replica of the guided reading text being read in school)
- A 'book-bag' text which is a de-codable story book at the same level as the text being read in school

## School Improvement Updates

Summary of Action Points from Whole School Development Plan	
<b>The Quality of Education</b>	Implement recommendations from the DfE Reading Framework (July 2021).
We have reviewed the teaching of reading at St Edmund's and are currently implementing the revised Read Write Inc programme. We will review its impact over the coming terms but past pupil progress indicates it is very successful.	
<b>Behaviour and Attitudes</b>	Promote positive behaviour strategies through the implementation of the revised PHSE & well-being strategy.
The PSHE has been mapped alongside the RE Scheme of Work and children are working well. The Well-being Team are scheduled to survey the children next half term.	
<b>Personal Development</b>	Continue to support mental health and well-being of pupils.
Targeted interventions as well as whole class PSHE lessons and the use of the Zones of Regulation are supporting children well. If you have any worries about your children PLEASE let us know so we can target support appropriately. Thank you 😊	
<b>Personal Development</b>	Re-establish pupil groups and after school clubs following the pandemic
The majority are now successfully operational. If you would like your child to join a club, please see the list available and get in touch with the school office.	
<b>Leadership &amp; Management</b>	To ensure a programme of 'Quality First Teaching' to benefit all children and to help them 'know more' and 'remember more'.
All staff have received initial training on Rosenshine's Principles of Instruction which supports a 'Quality First Teaching' approach – this is an ongoing programme of CPD that will be delivered over this academic year and beyond. Parents interested may like to read the original paper (2012) <a href="https://www.teachertoolkit.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Principles-of-Insruction-Rosenshine.pdf">https://www.teachertoolkit.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Principles-of-Insruction-Rosenshine.pdf</a>	
We will run workshops in the summer term to explain a little more about how these principles work in practice.	
<b>EYFS</b>	Implement changes to EYFS curriculum
Staff have implemented the new baseline assessment arrangements and continue to adapt the curriculum based on the recommendations and needs of the children. Staff are establishing newsletters to engage with parents to share what the children are learning.	

### Lost Property

We now have a lost property station in a blue bin by the Medical Room. Please ensure all your child's belongings are clearly marked with their name so lost items can be returned. It is shocking the number of nameless coats!

Please also note that boots are not suitable footwear for school. In the colder weather, if you want your child to wear boots whilst walking to and

from school, please ensure they have school shoes to change into for the school day. Thank you.

### School Dinners

Please can we ask that you and your child select the menu options for their school lunches together to ensure the children look forward to and enjoy their meals. Thank you.

### WIDER OPPORTUNITIES MUSIC



Richmond Music Trust run a wider opportunity programme for children in Year 3. We are fortunate to part of this project. During this

term the Year 3 children will have the chance to develop their voice control, singing and pronunciation.

Next term, the children will have the opportunity to start to learn the violin. After the initial term, if any child (with their parent) decides that they would like to continue with the tuition then they can do so privately BUT lessons can be set up within the school day.

The PA will be helping us with a crowdfunding page to raise money to buy the violins prior to the summer term – watch this space!



### P.E. Gym

We have also secured the teaching skills of a Gymnast who is working alongside children in Years 3 and 4 this half-term to help enhance their basic skills and use of high apparatus. Next term she will be supporting Year 6 and Year 1 and subsequent year groups in the following terms.

Dance in the curriculum and Professional Development for the staff will take the form of team-taught dance lessons initially for Years 6, 1, 3 and 4. We are very excited for both children and staff to be expanding their skill set.

### **Church Car Park**

Please note that the car park at school belongs to the church and Fr. Nigel has very kindly granted school staff exclusive use of the car park.

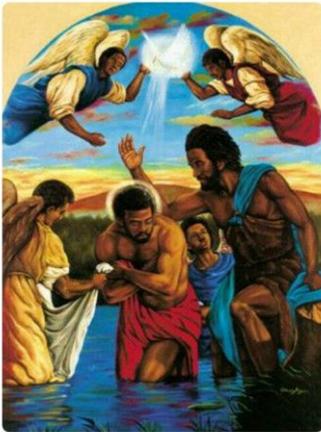
The car park is not for parental use. For the safety of our whole school community, please ensure you use the car park by the library, behind Lidl and walk up to school to collect your child. Car parking passes for the Lidl car park are available from the school office. Thank you for your cooperation in this.

### **PA NEWS Happy Bags**



A huge thanks to everyone who contributed to our Happy Bag collection. A total of £83 was raised.

### **Reflection**



Last Sunday, we celebrated the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. At his Baptism, Jesus began his mission here on Earth so this feast is the perfect opportunity for us to reflect on what God's personal mission is for us. We pray that our school community will always be a

place where all members can work towards God's mission for them.

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