



"Together we learn and grow through worship and celebration"

Governor Newsletter – December 2023

Dear School Community,

Our first academic term of the school year has flown by and finished with some wonderful Christmas celebrations which we as Governors had the pleasure to attend. It is a joy to see the children participate in and enjoy these events and we are extremely thankful to the teachers and support staff who work so hard to make sure Christmas at St. Edmund's is a very special time for all our children.



The Governors have held several meetings this term to discuss the 'Catholic Life' of our school, our curriculum and our school budget. In September we reviewed the school's priorities and we will monitor progress on these throughout the academic year, some of this year's priorities are listed below:

- Re-ignite *Writing* with a focus on developing interest, understanding and love for poetry.
- To develop *Catholic Social Teaching* (Rooted in Love) so children understand how we are all called to take responsibility for our fellow human beings - supporting human dignity and the common good.
- Focus on *Equality* to ensure the curriculum is reflective of school population and children can see and hear themselves in our school.
- Further develop *Early Years maths mastery* project.

It is important that everyone supports our school leadership and staff to progress these priorities to make sure we have a successful year for our school and children.



We were delighted to welcome Fr. Jonathan to our governing body in September and we look forward to working together to ensure the Catholic Life of St. Edmund's remains at the heart of all we do.

This year we are celebrating our 85th birthday! To date this has included our feast day and live nativity. We are excited to celebrate this milestone and hope you can participate in the events planned to mark this special occasion.

Wishing our teachers, support staff, children, parents and carers, Parents Association, and all our parish community a very Happy and Holy Christmas,

God Bless,

The St. Edmund's Governing Body

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