



# St Edmund's Catholic Primary School Fortnightly Newsletter

Friday 26 April 2024



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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

Fri 26 Apr – PA School Discos in school hall

3.15-4.15pm Reception & Year 1

6-7.15pm Years 2 & 3

7.30-9pm Years 4 & 5

Mon 29 & Tues 30 Apr – Year 5 School Journey to Sayers Croft

**Thurs 2 May – Year 6 Parents Skern Lodge**

**Information Meeting 9am in school hall**

**Thurs 2 May – Class RR Assembly at 2.30pm in school hall**

Fri 3 May – RE Inset Day – School Closed

Mon 6 May – Bank Holiday – School Closed

Tues 7 May – School Sibling Photo Day

**Thurs 16 May – PA Happy Bag Collection 9am**

**Thurs 16 May – Reception Trip to Bocketts Farm**

**Mon 20 – Fri 24 May – Year 6 School Journey to Skern Lodge**

**Thurs 23 May – Class RH Assembly at 9am in school hall**

**Mon 27 – Fri 31 May – Half Term Holiday**

**Mon 3 June – INSET Day – School Closed**

The children participated in creating Stone Age art, making fire, covering a hut frame for shelter and practising spear throwing. It was great fun!



## Attendance

Congratulations to **Year 6** for achieving the best attendance in the school for the past fortnight with 98.60%. Amazing!

## Year 3 – Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum



Year 3 children visited Chiltern Open Air Museum this week and had a great day exploring and engaging in aspects of Stone Age life.

## Easter Hunt Winner



Congratulations to the Easter Hunt winner above who participated in the Easter Hunt organised and run by Nelson Primary School PTA. Very well done!

## Tesco Stronger Starts Scheme



We are delighted to let you know that our school has been successful in applying for a grant with the Tesco Stronger Starts Scheme.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> week of April until the end of June, you can get blue tokens in the smaller, local Tesco **Express** stores such as in Whitton High Street, St

Margaret's, Twickenham London Road and King Street branches, Barnes, Hampton Hill and Kew Gardens.

Please make sure you ask for a blue counter when you do any shopping in these stores and pop it into our container. If we get the most votes we will be awarded a grant of £1,500 which will be awarded to our School Buddies and Anti Bullying Ambassadors to purchase resources for playtime. Please ask your friends and families to support us! Thank you.

## Up to Date Medical Details

Please can we ask you to keep the school fully updated about any changes to your child's health or any further developments in your child's existing medical conditions. This will ensure our records are up to date and enable us to provide the best care for your child.

## SPORTING NEWS

### Girls Football Match

Yesterday afternoon, St Edmund's took on Heathfield in a quarter final away game. The team fought well and the first half ended on a level score. St Edmund's went on to win the game 4-1 with dominant displays in the second half. Great team effort!

## PA NEWS

### Quiz Night

Thank you to everyone who supported the quiz last Saturday – we raised a fantastic £912.

## Happy School Bag Collection



The Happy Bag van will be collecting from our school on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May at 9am. A Happy School Bag will come home with your child next week, with details of the items that can be donated. Please bring all

your Happy Bags to school on the morning of 16<sup>th</sup> May and drop them off at the changing rooms and help us have an amazing collection. Many thanks, in advance, for your support.

We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate the Happy Bag collections. If you have a spare few hours every month or so, please contact Natalie for more details - [natalieholm84@gmail.com](mailto:natalieholm84@gmail.com)

## 85<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration Summer Fair

Our summer fair plans are well underway and it is shaping up to be a great event. Please watch out for posters and details on how to book the circus next week.

## Rugby Parking

Thank you to everyone who helped with parking last Saturday – we raised over £1,200. Below are details of the allocated year groups for the remaining games. Ideally, it would be great to have a couple more volunteers for tomorrow. If anyone is free and able to help, please follow the link below. Thank you.

27 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Year 3
8 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Year 4
22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2024	Year 5

<https://volunteersignup.org/YR9TH>

## PA 1000 Club Winners

The St Edmunds PA 1,000 Club draw was conducted in school on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April. The lucky winners were: first prize of £1,000 Louise & Gary Cole and runner up prizes of £60 Brendan Ryan, Fran Jennings, Avedis Arzoyan, Claire Sedman and Sarah Santos.

Congratulations to all the winners! Thank you to all members for your continued support, it is greatly appreciated.

New members are always very welcome. Please contact Siobhan Ritchings for further details [siobhan.ritchings@gmail.com](mailto:siobhan.ritchings@gmail.com) or 07904389219

## SEND OPPORTUNITIES

### Achieving for Children now registered to offer National Autistic Society (NAS) Teen Life programme

Teen Life, an NAS (National Autistic Society) programme for parents and carers of children aged 10 to 16 years with a diagnosis of autism. The programme will run for 8 consecutive weeks and sessions are 2.5 hours.

### Session topics are:

Session 1 - Understanding autism, The hidden presentation of autism in women and girls and autistic preferences  
Session 2 - What is self-esteem, communication and spending time with other people

Session 3 - Stress and anxiety and understanding behaviour

Session 4 - Understanding your diagnosis, understanding intense interests and managing expectations

Session 5 - Puberty and independence skills (including keeping safe)

Session 6 - Education and planning for the future

Please be aware that NAS guidelines state that we are able to have a maximum number of 8 parent groups attending this course.

There is a waiting list in place for this group and places will be offered as per the waiting list.

Parents can register their interest in the new programme by contacting Karen Williams on [karen.williams@achievingforchildren.org.uk](mailto:karen.williams@achievingforchildren.org.uk)

## CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

### St Bernadette

In the first week of term, as part of our celebrations for St Bernadette's feast day the house captains shared a presentation in assembly with the whole school. Everyone learnt more about this saint and her life. We all had the opportunity to think about how we could be more like St Bernadette.

Thank you to our St Bernadette house captains for helping us to learn more.



### St George



Last Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, was the feast of St George - patron saint of England. Some children represented the school in the parade along Whitton High Street last Sunday to mark this day. Thank you to Mrs Hambling and Mrs Haylock for their support with the parade.

Some fun facts about St George are:

- He is the patron saint of many countries and regions, not just England.
- He probably never visited England and was born in Cappadocia, part of modern day Turkey.
- He was a soldier in the Roman army and was martyred for his Christian faith during the Diocletian Persecution.
- He was not England's first choice of patron saint, but was adopted by King Richard I in 1194.
- He is famous for the legend of slaying a dragon, which came much later than his actual life.
- He is also revered in Muslim legends, where he is known as Al-Khidr.
- He shares his death date (April 23) with William Shakespeare.

### New Grotto



A big thank you to Mrs Stapleton and Mr Russell for designing and creating our beautiful new grotto by the main entrance. It has been designed to be adaptable for different seasons of the church's year. Currently, it is honouring Our Lady. Do take a moment to stop and say a prayer when you pass by.

### Beginning of Term Mass

Thank you to Year 5 for leading us in our beginning of term mass this morning. It was a beautiful, prayerful service giving everyone the opportunity to think about the last term of this school year and to ask God to be with them throughout it – through the challenges, the fun, the memorable moments and all the many activities which will take place.

## Catholic Social Teaching (CST)



As you know this is an area we are focusing on in RE this year.

We are delighted to have some beautiful new banners showing the six teachings, shown above, which will remind us all of the importance of these teachings and how they should influence us in our daily lives.

The children are learning about these in whole school assemblies and will be completing work on each of them in class this term.



The Easter garden design was an opportunity for the children to display their creative flair the only criteria was it needed to include a tomb and a cross. Above are some of their fantastic designs.

### Travelling Rosary



Following on from our travelling crib in Advent (EYFS & KS1) and our travelling Stations of the Cross in Lent (KS2), throughout May we will have a travelling Rosary for the whole school.

The children will bring home a bag containing a rosary, a prayer leaflet, a statue of Mary and a small blue cloth. This is an opportunity to pray together as a family during the month of Our

Lady. The children will keep the bag for two nights before returning it to class to be passed on to the next child. As you pray, please include a prayer for your child's class – the children, their families and the adults who work with them.

There will also be a bag with labels in for you to write a comment on if you so wish.

### Year 3 – Easter Gardens

During the Easter holidays, children in Year 3 made Easter Gardens to help them reflect on the importance of Easter Sunday and the new life it brings.

### Reflection



#### St George's Prayer

Heavenly Father, give us the bravery of St George to stand up for the truth and the glory of God that we have seen in the face of Jesus Christ. Give us the strength to overcome in our lives and in the world, all that is contrary to your rule of justice and love. Help us to be good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind; let the oppressed go free, and proclaim the good news of God's favour and Jubilee. Amen.

Mrs C Moreland  
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