

# ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Consideration, Care and Courtesy*

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## NEWSLETTER

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014

### GOOD WORK AND GOOD BEHAVIOUR

FRIDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER	
Y6	Ethan, Ben, Reece B
Y5	Luke, Joel, Aimee Rose
Y3/4	Alfie, James S, Shannon
Y1/2	Lucy, Lilyrose, Nieve
EYFS	Natalie, Olivia, Alan

FRIDAY 28 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	
Y6	Isabel, Ben, Lewis
Y5	Ben, Grace, Megija
Y3/4	Cornelius, Charlie, Faye
Y1/2	Molly, Olivia S, Selina
EYFS	Chloe I, Lily, Ryan

### ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

FRIDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER		
Y6	92.4%	4 Lates
Y5	96.5%	6 Lates
Y3/4	96.4%	16 Lates
Y1/2	97.1%	7 Lates
EYFS	<b>98.1%</b>	2 Lates

FRIDAY 28 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER		
Y6	96.5%	9 Lates
Y5	<b>100%</b>	<b>1 Late</b>
Y3/4	95.2%	12 Lates
Y1/2	97.9%	9 Lates
EYFS	91.0%	2 Lates

There are a few 'bugs' going round school at the moment but despite these we are still managing to reach our targets. **Thank you for making the right decisions** and keeping your children at home when they are ill, but encouraging them back to school as soon as they are better.

## ADVENT

This week sees the start of Advent. We are all asked to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus. At school, we encourage the children to think about what Christmas really means and look beyond the shopping and parties.



*O God,  
as light comes from this candle,  
may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us,  
warming our hearts and  
brightening our way.  
May Christ our Saviour bring life  
into the darkness of this world,  
and to us, as we wait for his coming.  
**Amen***

We will be celebrating the start of Advent with a Mass in the school hall tomorrow at 9.30am. Everyone is very welcome to come and join our celebration.

## POLLING STATION

As you know, our school is going to be used as a polling station for the Borough Council Elections on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Our school Governors have considered our options and we believe that the voting can be contained in the Year 1 classroom (the red room) and the rest of the school need not be affected. We have learned a few lessons from the last time and we will provide more signs to direct voters to the correct place to save them coming into the main entrance of the school. This means that for that day, I would ask that all Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are dropped off and collected at the main entrance to the school.

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## APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL PLACES

As you know, we have a very full Reception class this year. We are full to capacity and indeed still have families on our waiting list.

St Edmund's is a Catholic school and, as such, our admission criteria state that we give preference to baptised Catholic children. **However, please be aware that we do welcome applications from children of other faiths and we allocate places by following our published admission procedures.**

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2015 or you are aware of other families with children due to start school then please note that the closing date for application is Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December we are having another non-uniform day. All the children are invited to come to school in a **Christmas Jumper** if they have one. There is no charge for this non-uniform day, it is just to help us all to get into the Christmas spirit ready for the Christmas Fayre later in the day. If the children do not have a Christmas jumper then they can wear a Christmas hat or some Christmas badges or just come in their own clothes.

Lots of the teachers have been discussing their Christmas Jumpers so look out for some 'interesting fashions' on Friday!

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

**Thank you for everything that you have sent in for our Christmas Fayre on Friday. Also a big thank you to those parents that have volunteered to help to run a stall. Your help and support is very much appreciated.**

Don't forget that our Christmas Fayre is on this Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December and begins at 5.00pm. We will have our bottle tombola and the grocery tombola where you can win back the items that you donated! There will also be a football game, chocolate game, guess the name of the

cuddly toy etc. We will have cakes, drinks and hotdogs on sale and the world famous Procter and Gamble 'Straw Game'.

There will be face painting and nail painting and hopefully a special visitor in a big red suit!



Ho! Ho! Ho!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Our school Governors met at the end of November and finalised dates for this year and our term dates for next year as well. I will send home the term dates for 2015-2016 in a later newsletter along with some more dates for the rest of this year. Just so you are prepared, here are a few upcoming dates for you to note:

Non Uniform Day (Christmas Jumper Day) – Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec 5.00pm
Christmas Fayre – Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec 5.00pm
KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal – Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2.00pm
KS1 Nativity – Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec 6.30pm
FSU Nativity – Weds 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 10.30am
Borough Council Elections Polling Station – Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec 7.00am – 10.00pm
Christmas Lunch – Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec
FSU Breakfast with Santa – Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Christmas Celebration with Trinity School – Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30am
Talent Show ( <i>Non-uniform</i> ) – Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30am
Class Christmas Parties ( <i>Party clothes</i> ) – Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec 1.30pm

**Finish for Christmas – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – 1.30pm**

Thank you for your support,  
Dermot Hennigan  
Headteacher

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