

ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Consideration, Care and Courtesy

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NEWSLETTER

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GOOD WORK AND GOOD BEHAVIOUR

FRIDAY 7 TH NOVEMBER	
Y6	Reece B, Nathan, Kacper
Y5	Kyle B, Charlotte, Emily
Y3/4	Samanta, Kevin, Jamie
Y1/2	Leo, Molly, Kayleigh
EYFS	Mason, Edetha, Keita

FRIDAY 14 TH NOVEMBER	
Y6	Whole Class
Y5	Karol, Ben, Cameron
Y3/4	Ruby, Kaitlyn, Shelby
Y1/2	Charlie, Zac, Megan
EYFS	Chloe L, Shayla-Mae, Liam

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

FRIDAY 7 TH NOVEMBER		
Y6	97.8%	4 Lates
Y5	97.1%	1 Late
Y3/4	97.7%	9 Lates
Y1/2	98.2%	4 Lates
EYFS	99.4%	1 Late

FRIDAY 14 TH NOVEMBER		
Y6	94.7%	5 Lates
Y5	100%	0 Lates
Y3/4	98.6%	10 Lates
Y1/2	97.5%	6 Lates
EYFS	99.0%	5 Lates

Thank you for the big effort everyone is making to get your children into school as often as possible and on time.

Year 5 have posted PERFECT attendance for last week with every child in every day and all on time. **Well done Y5!**

FAMILY FILM NIGHT

I'm really sorry about having to postpone the family film night from last week. I think I got mixed up between British release dates and American release dates!

Anyway, hopefully we will be good to go on Friday this week instead.

Raffle tickets are on sale for our Family Film Night for £1.50 per person. You can come in through the library door from 6.00pm and we will be selling chocolates, sweets, drinks and hot dogs before the film starts at about 6.30pm. This film night is one of our events for the whole family so feel free to bring older brothers and sisters or younger siblings as well. Our Year 6 will be going round all the classes this week to sell tickets so please send the money into school in an envelope or pop in to school to buy tickets from the office.



FUNDRAISING

We are constantly aware of the financial pressures that a lot of our families are under, particularly at the moment and at this time of year. We do our best to try to spread out the times that we ask for donations for charity and we try to think of other ways to raise money for your children and for other disadvantaged children in this country and elsewhere.

We don't charge our children for the after school clubs and they only run because the staff give up so much of their time voluntarily. We use any profits from school discos, the Christmas Fayre and the Rag Bag collections to help reduce the costs of our school trips and to pay for any extra treats for the children.

All that being said, our families have still given more than £800 to charities this year.

We have had our coffee morning for Macmillan, Dress Up and Dance in June, the

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Good Shepherd appeal for Nugent Care, the poppy appeal and donations for world gifts for CAFOD.

Everyone in the school is really proud of the effort to which our families go to help these causes and we keep all the 'Thank Yous' in a book in the foyer.

Just like last year, all the proceeds from our Family Film Night will be donated to Children in Need, it was just my mix up that means it is a week late!

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 15th January 2015.

POLLING STATION

We were informed recently that our school was going to be used as a polling station for the Borough Council Elections on Thursday 11th 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.

FACEBOOK

In these days of instant social media, it is easy to post something that you later regret. Please think twice before posting derogatory comments about our school or members of our staff. I accept that we can't please all of the people all of the time but please be assured that everything we do in St Edmund's is done with consideration for all our families and all our children. Thank you to those parents that have made us aware of certain comments and a big thank you to the parents who provided balance to the comments that were made.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Our school Governors meet later this month to finalise dates for this year and our term dates for next year as well. Just so you are prepared, here are a few upcoming dates for you to note:

Family Film Night – Fri 21 st Nov - 6.00pm
Non Uniform Day (Bring a Bottle) – Fri 21 st Nov
Anti-Bullying 'Play in a Day' – Fri 21 st Nov 2.45pm
Non Uniform Day (Bring a Packet) – Fri 28 th Nov
Christmas Fayre – Fri 5 th Dec 5.00pm
KS1 Nativity – Tues 9 th Dec 6.30pm
FSU Nativity – Weds 10 th Dec 10.30am
FSU Breakfast with Santa – Fri 12 th Dec
Christmas Celebration with Trinity School – Mon 15 th Dec 9.30am
Talent Show – Thurs 18 th Dec 9.30am
Class Christmas Parties – Thurs 18 th Dec 1.30pm

Finish for Christmas – Fri 19th Dec – 1.30pm

Thank you for your support,
Dermot Hennigan
Headteacher

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