

# ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Consideration, Care and Courtesy*

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## NEWSLETTER

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017

### GOOD WORK AND GOOD BEHAVIOUR

THURSDAY 26 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER		WRITER OF THE WEEK
Y6	Alfie, Alex	Cornelius
Y4/5	Leah, Lucy, Thomas	Olivia S
Y3	Kyle, Ellie, <i>Cornelius</i>	Adam R
Y2/1	Layan, Jenna, Lee	Emily
EYFS	Danny, Adin	Sienna

### ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

THURSDAY 26 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER		
Y6	93.8%	2 Lates
Y4/5	<b>97.6%</b>	2 Lates
Y3	95.5%	3 Lates
Y2/1	94.0%	14 Lates
EYFS	97.5%	3 Lates

### PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER

During the month of November we think about the **Holy Souls** – those we loved who have gone to Heaven.

*Lord of life and love,  
as we give thanks for times past,  
grant us courage to embrace the present  
and grace to share the future.  
In memory of loved ones dear,  
kindle their flame to shine in the dark  
and light the path ahead.  
Show the way that leads to life  
as we cherish days gone by  
and inspire us with the touch of love  
that faith and hope live on.  
Amen*

### ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November is the feast of the patron saint of our school.

Edmund Rich was born in Abingdon, Oxfordshire in 1175 and grew up to be a priest and then Archbishop of Canterbury. St Edmund worked with King Henry III to rebuild the church in England and was known as someone who always treated other people with consideration, care and courtesy. He died in France on 16<sup>th</sup> November 1240.

### MRS CUSHION AND MRS MAGUIRE

In July two of our most experienced Teaching Assistants left us. Mrs Maguire and Mrs Cushion both set off on new chapters of their life journey after working here for many years – between them they have worked in St Edmund's for 61 years!

Father Mike will celebrate Mass with us in school on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm** to thank Mrs Cushion and Mrs Maguire for everything that they have done for the children and families of our community.

All our families are very welcome to join us for the Mass or to pop into school at 3.15pm for a cup of tea and a biscuit.

### PRIZE BINGO

After the great success of last year's bingo, our next family social night will be a **Prize Bingo Night** in school this **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November**.

The Library doors will open at 6.00pm with 'Eyes Down' at 6.30pm.

There is no charge for entry and tickets will be charged at 50p per book. Miss Vause has explained to me that 6 books ensure that you will have every number that is called on one of them!

We will have prizes for lines and full houses and there will also be two 'flyers' (which are extra games), a raffle and a tombola.

Because of regulations, this event will be for **adults only** so feel free to bring your own 'refreshments' if you wish.

Thanks to Miss Vause for organising the Bingo and to her father, Mr Vause for calling the numbers.

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## REMEMBRANCE REFLECTION

The First World War officially ended on the eleventh hour on the eleventh day on the eleventh month, 1918 - Armistice Day.

Now generally called **Remembrance Day**, millions of people stop what they are doing and observe a Two Minute Silence at 11am on 11th November each year in the memory of those who have been affected in all conflicts.

This year the 11<sup>th</sup> November falls on a Saturday so we will not be able to hold a two minutes silence in school.

But next **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm**, Year 6 will lead us in a reflection to remember all those who have died in wars. Anyone who wishes to join us is more than welcome to come and spend a short time reflecting on those who have given their lives for their country.

## MOBILE PHONE NUMBERS

The weather forecasters have warned of a cold spell in the next few days. Hopefully the North West will miss out on all the snow and ice, but we need to be prepared just in case.

If the weather is so bad that we need to close the school, we will send a text out through our messaging service. It is very important that we have an up-to-date mobile phone number for this service to be effective.

If you have recently changed your number – and particularly if you didn't receive the text about the water problem on 10<sup>th</sup> October – please let Mrs Wylie have your new contact number so that we can update the system.

Mr Brammer will also update you on Twitter. You can follow us on @SchoolStEdmunds.

## PARENTS EVENING

A big thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Parents Evening before half term. We were very pleased that **over 93%** of our families came on the night or made separate arrangements.

Mrs Duffy, our Chair of Governors, would also like to thank everyone who filled in a questionnaire. We will report back on your responses when they have been analysed.

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

We are now using the new School Lunch Menu. The new menu is specially designed for the colder Winter months and has lots of the children's favourite meals on each week. Have a look through the menu that we sent home and help your child to pick out the meals that they will like. You can also check the menus on-line; there is a link from our school website. If you would like your child to move from a packed lunch to school meals please give us a week's notice.

## NON-UNIFORM DAYS

After this week, **the following 4 Fridays will all be non-uniform days!**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November is Children in Need day and we can all come in our own clothes for the donation of £1 to Children in Need.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December will be non-uniform days for the Christmas Fair.

The children will be able to come in their own clothes as long as they bring in a packet or tin for the grocery tombola on the 24<sup>th</sup> November and a bottle for the bottle tombola on the 1<sup>st</sup> December.

The more packets and bottles that people want to win, the better the Tombolas will be.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December is our Christmas Fair day and the children can come to school in fancy Christmas Jumpers. There is no charge for this non-uniform day – it's just for fun!

Thank you for your support,  
Dermot Hennigan  
Headteacher

06/11/17

