ST. EDMUND'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY – WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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HIS GLORIOUS THRONE



This week at St Edmund's, we have been reflecting on the Solemnity of Christ the King and Jesus' words in the Gospel of Matthew. Jesus is our King, and he shows us that true greatness is found in loving and caring for others. When we notice someone who is lonely, struggling or in need and respond with kindness, we are sharing Jesus' love.

Our Heart of Gold value this week is Compassion. We have been thinking about how compassion means understanding how someone else might feel and choosing to help. Small acts—listening, including someone or offering a helping hand—can make a real difference. As we celebrate Christ the King, we are encouraged to follow Jesus' example in the way we treat one another each day.

REMEMBERING THOSE WE HOLD IN OUR HEARTS

The Waveney Valley Catholic Parish warmly invite families to join them at St Benet's Church tonight at 6:00pm for a special Mass of Remembrance, Remember Those We Hold in Our Hearts. This will be a beautiful opportunity for our school and parish community to come together in prayer and remember loved ones who are no longer with us. We hope many families will be able to join us for this special celebration.

PANTOMIME TRIP!!

A quick reminder that payment for our whole-school trip to see Snow White at the Marina Theatre on Friday 11th December is now available through Wisepay. The cost is £16.50 per child, and payment plans are available. Thank you to everyone who has already paid.

Our PTA has generously subsidised the transport, helping to keep the cost down for families. Consent letters will be sent home next week. We're looking forward to enjoying this festive trip with St Benet's and kicking off our Christmas celebrations together!

NATIVITY: A KING IS BORN

Rehearsals have begun for this year's Nativity, *A King Is Born*, and we are now allocating parts to the children. This year, some of our older children will also have roles in the performance, so please look out for lines coming home for them to practise. You should have received a dojo message to notify you of this.

We're sure the children will put together a wonderful performance and we can't wait to share it with you. Similar to last year, we expect to offer each family two tickets with the option to request further additional tickets. We anticipate having some spare tickets and will confirm arrangements nearer the time. This approach seemed to work well last year but if you have any other suggestions on how it could work, please let me know.

PTA BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION

Our PTA is running a Bag2School collection on Monday 23rd November 2026. You are invited to fill as many bin bags as you like with clean, good condition items and leave your bags in the playground entrance by 8:50am. They will then be collected and we will get paid for the amount of items we collect. Items which can be donated include: any items of clothing (big or small), paired shoes, handbags, belts, scarves, ties, underwear, jewellery and soft toys. Please avoid school uniforms, workwear, duvets, pillows and wet or soiled items. The more you can donate, the more St. Edmund's PTA raise for the children of our school. Thank you for supporting our PTA.

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We're working towards Artsmark Awarded by Arts Council England

BECCLES JUNIOR PARKRUN

Junior parkrun is a fun, free, weekly 2k event for children aged 4–14 and their families. You can walk, jog, run, volunteer or cheer and everyone is welcome. The parkrun takes place every Sunday morning on Beccles Common at 9am but on Sunday 29th November, we are hoping as many parents and pupils from St. Edmund's will join Mr Kennedy and Mrs Huxtable from St. Benet's down at the common to take part together. If it is your child's first time, find out more and register for free at juniorparkrun.com

Come along, give it a go and let's enjoy junior parkrun together! Kind regards, Mr Kennedy and Mrs Huxtable

WINTER WEATHER

We are now firmly into the winter season, when the weather can be cold, wet and unpredictable. Please make sure your child comes to school with a warm coat, preferably with a hood, so they are prepared for showers and chilly weather.

We will make the most of opportunities to get outside when conditions allow, but this isn't always possible. Thank you for helping your child come to school ready for the winter weather.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

Friday 20th –Mass of Remembrance at St. Benet's, Beccles to Remember Those We Hold in Our Hearts at 6pm
Monday 23rd – Future School Dates Consultation Closes
Wednesday 25th – Oak/Rowan Class visit to see 'Paddington in Peru' at Fisher Theatre
Friday 27th – Wear Purple Day to mark the start of Advent
Monday 30th – Beech Class Stay and Pray at 2:30pm

DECEMBER

Monday 7th – Rowan Class Stay and Pray at 2:30pm
Thursday 10th – Whole School Advent Mass at 9:15am
Friday 11th – Snow White Panto Visit to the Marina Theatre
Tuesday 15th – Christmas Dinner Day
– Oak Class Stay and Pray at 2:30pm
Wednesday 16th –Whole School Nativity at 2pm
Friday 18th – School Closes for Christmas Holidays