

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



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COME TO THE PARTY!

This week at St Edmund's, we have been exploring Jesus' parable of the wedding feast and thinking about God's wonderful invitation to each of us. Through the story, Jesus gives us a glimpse of what the Kingdom of Heaven is like and reminds us that God's invitation is one of love, welcome and belonging. Being invited to something special makes us feel valued and included. In the same way, God invites every one of us to be part of His family. The challenge for us is to think about how we respond to that invitation. We can say 'Yes!' to God through the choices we make, our words and, most importantly, our actions.

"THE KINGDOM OF
HEAVEN IS LIKE A KING
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HIS SON.
– MATTHEW 22:2

Our values of Compassion, Faith and Resilience help us to respond to God's invitation each day. We can live our faith through the choices we make, show compassion by welcoming and caring for others and demonstrate resilience by making good choices even when things are not easy. Let us remember that God's invitation is extended to everyone. As a school community, we can help one another to say 'Yes!' by creating a school where everyone feels welcomed, valued and loved.

Next week, we will continue our journey through the Gospel as Jesus teaches us about living out our responsibilities and making wise choices, reminding us to give to God what belongs to God. Heart of Gold next week is for Humility.

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS – WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER

Our Autumn Term Parent/Teacher Meetings will take place on Wednesday 21st October in school. A letter with detailed information was shared today via ClassDojo! The online booking form will open at 9:00am on Monday. A reminder and the booking information will also be shared via ClassDojo.

Appointment times will be sent home with children on Friday 16 October. The meetings will provide an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into the new school year and to share their progress so far this term.

If you feel you need a longer appointment, perhaps because your child is on the SEN Register or you have something specific you would like to discuss, please contact the school office. If you are unable to attend on 21st October, please also speak to the office and we will arrange an alternative time.

We look forward to meeting with you and working together to support your child's progress and wellbeing.

HARVEST ASSEMBLY & FOODBANK DONATIONS

Next Friday, we will be holding our Harvest Assembly during Celebration Assembly and we warmly invite all parents to join us. We will be starting at the slightly earlier time of 2:40pm.

In the spirit of giving, we are collecting donations for our local foodbank. Items can be brought into school throughout next week so please feel free to send in anything you can contribute. A letter with more information was sent home earlier this week. We look forward to coming together as a school community to celebrate the harvest and support those in need.

PUPIL CONTACT INFORMATION - URGENT

A reminder that the deadline for returning the Pupil Contact Information Sheets is today. If you haven't submitted yours, please can we ask you do this asap to reduce the administrative burden on our office staff who will have to chase up missing forms.

WATER BOTTLES IN SCHOOL

Please can all children be sent into school with a water bottle they can refill from our water dispenser in school. We are no longer providing single-use plastic cups for the children to use. These bottles can be taken home to be washed on a regular basis. Any parents having difficulties providing a water bottle, please let school know.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME – FIRST CONFESSION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If you have a child in Years 3–6, you may wish to consider enrolling them in the parish's Sacramental Preparation Programme for First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2027. If you would like your child to take part or would like to learn more, please e-mail Fr. Simon (simon.blakesley@rcdea.org.uk) or complete a yellow enrolment form, available at the back of the church.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

We are really pleased with our children's attendance so far this academic year. Although we are still at an early stage, our attendance is currently tracking close to the national average, which is a fantastic start. This is very much thanks to the support and commitment of our parents and carers in ensuring that children are in school and ready to learn each day.

We do, however, have a small number of children who are currently classed as persistently absent, meaning their attendance is below 90%. Letters will be shared with the families concerned over the coming days to highlight this and offer support where needed. We would also like to remind families that children should generally be in school if they are a little under the weather but well enough to participate in the school day. Last week, we shared guidance on ClassDojo to help parents decide whether their child is 'too ill for school'. Please refer to this guidance if you are unsure whether your child should attend.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Every day in school matters, and together we can continue to give our children the best possible opportunity to learn, grow and flourish.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

Thursday 15th – Beech Class Mass at 9:15am

– Whole School Photographs

Friday 16th – Harvest Assembly (inc. Celebration Assembly) at 2:30pm

Wednesday 21st – Marina Theatre Assembly and Workshops

– Parent/Teacher Meetings

Thursday 22nd – Flu Vaccinations (Reception to Year 6)

– PTFA Spooky Bake Sale after school

– School Closes for Half-Term

NOVEMBER

Monday 2nd – School Opens