



THE ST. EDMUND'S NEWSLETTER

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RESPOND WITH FAITH

At St Edmund's this week, our focus in worship has been on faith and learning to place our trust in God. The children have been encouraged to think about what it means to have faith — to believe that God listens to us, guides us and blesses us in many ways. We have also reflected on how showing gratitude helps us to recognise and celebrate the good things in our lives.

THEN JESUS SAID TO HIM,
"RISE AND GO; YOUR
FAITH HAS MADE YOU
WELL!"
— LUKE 17:19

In keeping with our gospel value of faith, the children have been encouraged to live out their faith each day through their words, actions and relationships with others. Our prayers and songs of thanksgiving have reminded us that faith grows stronger when we look for God's goodness around us and trust in His love for us all.

EXCITING NEWS!!

Next week I will be sending home a letter formally opening the consultation process on plans to establish nursery provision here at St. Edmund's. The nursery will take up to 13 children at a time with an offer that sees parents and carers able to access nursery care for children aged 3 - 4 years old for half day sessions or full day sessions.

We have been in dialogue with Suffolk County Council who have agreed that there is a need for nursery provision in our area. Therefore, when this letter is circulated, it is important that we gain as many responses to the consultation as possible to reinforce the demand they have identified. It is open to any member of the public to respond and so please can you share the link to the consultation with as many family and friends as you can.

Thank you for your support, Mr Kennedy

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

Thank you to those parents who took the time to book an appointment for their child(ren) at our Parent/Teacher meetings next week. Your child should have come today with an appointment time. We have allocated all parents an appointment time for next week in case you missed the opportunity to book a time. These meetings are designed to discuss how your child has settled into their new year group and what we can do to support them moving forward.

A BIG THANK YOU!

Today in our celebration assembly, Oak class were presented with copies of 'Goodnight Mister Tom' by Michelle Magorian. This has been their class novel during this half-term and the children have really enjoyed learning about life in England during World War 2. So much so, they have brought many artefacts into school and shared lots of stories from home to enhance their learning experience.

One of our parents has generously donated copies of the book to the class worth over £135! I want to put on my record my thanks for their kind generosity and the engagement they have shown in the children's learning. Thank you!!!

EARTHWAKE NATURE CLUB

After half-term, an Earthwake Nature Club will be starting here at St. Edmund's. The club will run every Monday from 3:15pm – 4:30pm for Years 1-6 starting on Monday 3rd November with the last session on Monday 8th December. There will be art, crafts and snacks as well as torch lit nature adventure and games at Castle Hills. During the sessions, the children will be outdoors so please make sure your child brings warm clothes and wellies, where possible. The cost for the 6 sessions will be £30 and sessions can be booked through WisePay or by speaking to our office staff. The maximum number of children who can attend is 20.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The application window for Year 7 places closes on Friday 31st October. If your child is in Year 6, you must complete this application form in order to have the best chance of securing a place for your child at their preferred high school. Any applications submitted after this time will be allocated a place at a school with available spaces. An email was sent to those parents who have yet to complete the application earlier this week. If you need any support or advice, please don't hesitate to speak with Mr Kennedy at school.

ATTENDANCE LETTERS

Next week, we will be sending attendance letters out to parents whose children are currently classed as being persistently absent or regularly late. This is something I will be doing on a half-termly basis in a drive to improve attendance at our schools. Parents will be given the opportunity to come into school and discuss the content of the letter with me so that we can work together to improve attendance and ensure all our children have the best chance of achieving their potential at school.

CLASS MASS

After half-term, we are delighted to begin holding Class Masses. Each class will take it in turn to go into church on a rota basis to celebrate Mass with the parish community. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to take part in the life of the parish, to share in worship with parishioners and to deepen their understanding of the Mass in a more personal way.

We warmly invite parents and carers to join us for their child's Class Mass — it is always special for the children to see familiar faces from home and school together in church.

Dates for Class Masses are as follows:

Thursday 13th November – Rowan Class

Thursday 27th November – Oak Class

Thursday 11th December – Beech Class

SPOOKY CAKE SALE!

Get ready for some Halloween treats! Our Spooky Cake Sale, organised by our wonderful PTA, will take place on Thursday 23rd October. Cakes will be available for £1 each or 2 for £1.50. Don't miss out on these delicious goodies! **NB. Please can you make sure all donations come with a list of ingredients so that those children with dietary requirements can be catered for.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

Wednesday 22nd October - Flu Immunisations

- Parent and Teacher Meetings

Thursday 23rd – 3:15pm – School Closes for Half-Term

NOVEMBER

Monday 3rd – 8:45am – School Opens

Monday 10th – Stay and Pray for Beech Class

Monday 17th – Stay and Pray for Rowan Class

Monday 24th – Stay and Pray for Oak Class