

## THE ST. EDMUND'S NEWSLETTER

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#### A FOCUS ON GOD

This week in our prayers and assemblies, we have been reflecting on the importance of keeping our focus on God. In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of the two greatest commandments: to love God and to love our neighbour. We have been helping the children to see that when we put God first and remove the distractions of everyday life, we are better able to show love and kindness to those around us.

WHOEVER IS FAITHFUL WITH VERY
LITTLE WILL ALSO BE FAITHFUL
WITH MUCH. AND WHOEVER IS
DISHONEST WITH VERY LITTLE WILL
ALSO BE DISHONEST WITH MUCH.
- LUKE 16:10

Our prayers have also been inspired by Saint Paul's letter to Timothy, where he

encourages us to pray for others and to live in peace with one another. Paul reminds us that God's desire is for every person to be close to Him and to know the truth and freedom He offers. This week, we are encouraging the children to make space for God in their daily lives and to remember that prayer is a simple but powerful way to draw closer to Him and to care for others.

Today, our Year 6 class have joined with the Year 6 class from our Federated school, St. Benet's, to celebrate Mass in the Cathedral in Norwich with all the other schools in our Academy family.

#### PANTOMIME TRIP!!

We are delighted to announce that our whole school will be going to watch the pantomime *Sleeping Beauty* at the Marina Theatre in Lowestoft on Friday 12th December. This promises to be a magical experience for the children, full of fun, laughter and festive spirit.

The cost of the trip will be approximately £15 per child. We understand that December can be an expensive time of year, so we will be putting payment plans in place to help families spread the cost over the coming weeks.

Further details about timings, travel arrangements and how to make payments will be shared shortly. We are really looking forward to sharing this special event together as a school community!

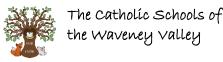
#### **SICKNESS ABSENCE PROCEDURES**

On each day your child is unfit to come to school, please report this absence by calling the school on (01986) 892502 and leaving a message on the child absence line to let us know. In the message you must leave your child's full name, year and tutor group and give the specific reason for absence. The information you give will be recorded on our official register. If we don't receive a reason why your child is absent, the school office will ring to find out the reason why your child is absent which creates extra pressures on the office at a busy time of the day. If we are unable to contact you, a home visit will be carried out.

## PTA AGM - ADVANCE NOTICE - FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER @ 8:45AM

It was lovely to meet with our PTA this morning and to begin planning how we can work together this year for the benefit of our children. We are pleased to let you know that our PTA Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 17th October at 8:45am, just after school drop-off. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available, and we warmly encourage as many parents and carers as possible to join us. If you are unable to attend but would like to be involved in the future, please do speak to Mr Kennedy, a current member of our PTA or leave your details with the school office.







## FLU IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME – WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2025

The NHS School Immunisation Team will be visiting our school soon to offer the annual flu vaccine to all eligible children. The flu vaccine is a safe and effective way to help protect your child and others from becoming seriously ill with flu this winter.

Consent will be sent home with your child in the coming weeks. Please ensure you complete and return the form by the stated deadline, even if you do not wish your child to receive the vaccine. This helps the immunisation team to plan effectively for the visit.

For more information about the flu vaccine, including its safety and benefits, please visit the NHS website: www.nhs.uk/child-flu-vaccine

Thank you for supporting this important programme to help keep our children, families and wider community healthy this winter.

#### **SCHOOL LUNCHES**

A reminder that school lunches are FREE of charge to ALL Reception – Year 2 pupils with some children eligible beyond this. We would like to encourage ALL children to try a school lunch. We have lots of options available daily including a hot meal option, jacket potatoes, tomato pasta and freshly made rolls as well as a dessert, yoghurt or fruit. Please feel free to also send your child to school with a packed lunch if they are feeling unsure about trying a school lunch. We are more than happy for them to have both whilst they try a few school meals. Our school office have a copy of the menu should you wish to view it.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## **OCTOBER**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – 1:45pm – Notre Dame High School Y6 Afternoon Tour Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – All Day - Whole School Photographs Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – 8:45am – PTA Annual General Meeting Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Flu Immunisations Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – 3:15pm – School Closes for Half-Term

## **NOVEMBER**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8:45am – School Opens