



# St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 3rd December 2021

## This Weeks Spotlight!

### FSU

The children in the EYFS have had a very exciting time this week! We learnt about the meaning of Advent and introduced lots of exciting ways to celebrate the countdown to Christmas. The children have made a Christmas tree decoration and every morning a child will get to place a decoration on the tree. When there are no more decorations left, we know it is nearly Christmas. Sparkle the Elf has also arrived in our classroom. The children have been very excited to discover his antics each morning. Sparkle is a very cheeky elf! We made our own advent wreath and we learnt about the meaning of a Christingle; we even made our own. We can't wait to continue our Christmas celebrations next week!



## Classroom News!

### Year One & Two

Year 1&2 have had an exciting week this week. We have been decorating the Christmas tree and our classroom. We also had a naughty visitor who arrived on Wednesday, Sparkles the Elf. We have started our new English book; The Jolly Christmas Postman and the children have enjoyed writing about how to spot Santa. In RE, we have started learning about Advent and the preparations that we all do before Christmas. Next week we have our Christmas Nativity so the children have been busy practising for this on the stage. Well done Year 1&2.

### Year Three & Four

This week in Year 3/4, we've been looking at our new English text, The Polar Express. The children have spent the week immersing themselves in the text. On Monday, we all received our tickets to board the Polar Express. Once we got on the train, we were greeted with hot chocolate, sweets and Christmas carols. Then for the remainder of the week, we've been travelling to the North Pole. The journey is very long and it has taken us through wolf infested woods, snowy mountains, icy plains and cascading seas! We can not wait to see what our next adventure will bring!

### Year Five & Six

In Year Five and Six, we have been learning how to create a pop up Christmas Card. We have made a prototype and are now working on the real thing. We have put up our Christmas tree and have been working very hard to learn our songs for our Christmas Service. We have also been learning about Nelson Mandela because we are going to be having a zoom call with his old body guard Chris Lubbe. Mr Lubbe is going to tell us what it was like living in South Africa when there was an apartheid.

**This weeks winning house team is:**

**Stephenson**

**Well done!**

## Classroom Rewards

Each week children are encouraged to complete their work to a high standard (St. Edmund's Standard). Children who have tried their best to try and reach this standard will be awarded the 'St. Edmund's Standard Award'. Children are also encouraged to follow the school mission statement and show 'Care, Consideration and Courtesy' towards each other, children who show acts of kindness which follow the mission statement will be awarded the 'Care, Consideration and Courtesy Award'.

### St. Edmund's Standard Award

Tia-Leigh Quinn Spencer

Lili Gluz

Maya Mazur

Esma McLoughlin

### Care, Consideration and Courtesy Award

Caroline-Catherine Oswell

David Basceanu

Isak Fury

Molly McGrady

### Attendance Award

#### This weeks winners are:

The winning class receives an extra playtime: Year Three/Four

Last week's overall attendance: 95.15%

This week's overall attendance: 93.18%

**Reminder: Just a little below 95%, don't forget it is the raffle next week.**

<b>FSU</b>	85.7%
<b>Year One &amp; Two</b>	93.8%
<b>Year Three &amp; Four</b>	98.3%
<b>Year Five &amp; Six</b>	94.9%

### Announcement: Family Attendance Draw

At the end of each term, we are going to have an **attendance draw**. For every full week a child is in school they will receive a ticket which will be entered into the end of term attendance draw. Therefore the more full weeks your child is in school the greater chance you have at winning the draw. The prize will be a £25 voucher for Asda.

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who attended parent's evening, it was lovely to see you all. The next parent's evening will be during the Spring, at this meeting the teachers will talk to you about your child's progress. The image below shows the last time your child was in school for a normal school year.



This table shocks me on a daily basis and reminds me of all the lost learning both academically and socially the children have endured. I think we need to be very proud of our children and what they have achieved but also remain patient with their development. Your children are a credit to you all.

The nativity play and carol concert will take place as planned but only two members from each family will be able to attend the event. The two family members will need to complete a Lateral Flow Test before they come into school and are required to wear a mask throughout the performance. Unfortunately, it was my intention to have mince pies, tea and coffee but I would like to limit contact between families so therefore we will not provide refreshments. There will be other opportunities for you to stay at the end of a performance or assembly for refreshments in the future



Don't forget to take part in our Christmas raffle, there are some fantastic prizes. The tickets are £1.00 per strip and can be purchased from the office.

I hope you have a lovely weekend

Mrs Birmingham

Dear Parents

Please see below the events we have organised for Christmas. Please be aware that these events may be re-arranged or cancelled at short notice because of COVID. We will keep our fingers crossed that they don't.



## Christmas Events



KS2 Carol Service—Wednesday 8th December 2.00 pm

EYFS/KS1 Nativity Play—Thursday 9th December 2.00 pm

KS2 Christmas Party—13th December pm

EYFS/KS1 Christmas Party—14th December pm

**Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day—14th December**

## **Friends of the Tawd and Skem First Christmas Light Event**

**Friday 10th December 2021 4 pm—8 pm**

Features of the event will include:

Christmas cars

Meet Santa in his grotto

Festive treats from Gracious Grub, Piggy's Pantry and The Whisk & Pickle

Market stalls from local independent businesses selling Christmas themed goods

Christmas lights in the trees surrounding the College.

A group of our children will be singing at 5.30 pm, it would be lovely to see you there.