



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

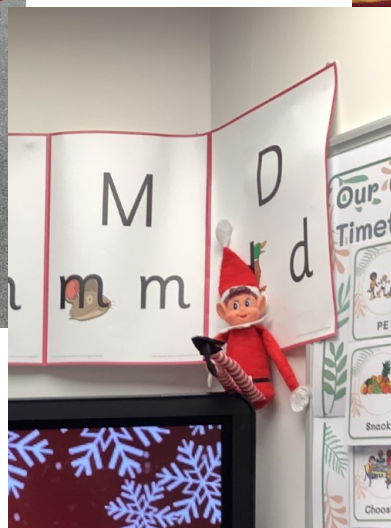
Friday 2nd December 2022

This Weeks Spotlight!

EYFS

What an exciting week it has been in the FSU! We have been very busy with our Christmas preparations. We have been making some special decorations for our Christmas craft café and doing some wonderful art work for our school Christmas displays. The children have also been busy rehearsing for their Nativity.

They have done very well at learning all the songs. We got to practise in the hall with year 1 and 2 and some of us even got to go on the stage. On Thursday morning, we arrived at school to find our classroom in such a mess. There were Christmas decorations everywhere! We also found a letter and special visitor; one of Father Christmas' elves! The elf told the children that she is going to be watching them and then reporting back to Father Christmas every day so the children must try extra hard to follow our St Edmund's values of 'Consideration, Care and Courtesy.' The children used the Christmas decorations to make our tree and classroom look beautiful, all ready for Christmas.



Classroom News!

Year One & Two This week we have been busy practising for our Nativity performance. The children have shown great patience, determination and resilience learning all of the songs and their lines. In Maths, we have been using money to solve problems, practising number fluency and recognising odd and even numbers. We really enjoyed our trip to St Richard's Church on Wednesday, we got to sing some songs, show reverence and prayer to God. Well done Year 1&2!

Year Three & Four This week in Year 3/4, we've been exploring Roman Mosaics. The children have been experimenting with their drawing and painting to create an initial design of their own underwater mosaics. The children have been using different types of pencils to sketch their design, then using the watercolours, they have been exploring how to create different colours, textures and tones. Finally, the children have used different bits of coloured card to construct their Roman Mosaic. The final outcomes are absolutely brilliant! In English, we have continued the Roman theme and begun to explore our information text - "Romans, Gods, Emperors and Dormice". The text tells us lots of information about the Roman; how they lived, what they believed in and why they went to war. The children have all really enjoyed exploring this text. On Friday, we all got our first taste of forest school. It was lots of fun - we didn't let the cold weather spoil it for us! Well done on a fab week, team. See you all Monday!

Year Five & Six We have had a very busy week in Year 5/6. We've put up our Christmas tree, decorated angels for our Advent display and made beautiful Christmas cards. We have also been investigating prime, square and cubed numbers in Maths and identifying the conventions of playscripts. In RE, we have been writing an instruction leaflet for making an Advent wreath. During our visit to St Richard's Catholic Church, the children were an absolute delight. Our Gospel and bidding prayer readers were fantastic, all the children made Y5/6 staff extremely proud.



**This week's house point winner is:
Nightingale
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

Zak Tergaonkar

Kinga Nolbert.

Max Lawrenson

Dayle Matthews

Care, Consideration and Courtesy Award

Caia Miller-Keegan

Dimitrinka Dimitrova

Matthew Galligan

Paddy McGrady

Attendance Award

This weeks winners are: Year One and Two

The winning class receives an extra playtime.

Last week's overall attendance: 88.1%

This week's overall attendance: 83.5%

Well done Year One and Two your attendance is excellent this week. Please remember unless your child is unwell they must attend school. We must have them in school so that they can learn and be the best that they can be. Please encourage your children to wash their hands and use the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' if they have a cold.

FSU	72.8%
Year One & Two	92.1%
Year Three & Four	80%
Year Five & Six	86.8%

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

We have had a lovely week this week. The Christmas decorations are up and the younger children have started practising their nativity play, always a lovely sign that Christmas is coming.

I do believe we have had some naughty elves in school this week, so please ask your children what the elves have been up to this week.

We started the period of Advent by attending an advent service at St. Richard's Catholic Church taken by Deacon Anthony. It was a lovely service and the children showed great respect and reverence during the service. They all made me very proud. Thank you to Mrs Buckley who organised it, SVP for paying for the coaches and the parents who came with us to help. It was a lovely occasion.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Birmingham



Pupil Corner

Well done to David in Year One!

He been given a special trophy for making a lot of effort during his Taekwondo lessons and has made lots of excellent progress in his lessons.

If your child has done something special at home, please let me know so we can put it in the newsletter.





Christmas Dates



Event	Date	Time	Place
EYFS/KS1 Nativity Play	7.12.22	2.00 pm	School Hall
Christmas Crafts Cafe	12.12.22	2.30 pm	School Hall
School Christmas Lunch	13.12.22	12.00 pm	School Hall
Carol Singing with Trinity Primary School	14.12.22	10.00 pm	Trinity C of E Primary School
Tea with Santa	14.12.22	3.00 pm till 4.30 pm	School Hall
School Christmas Parties	15.12.22	1.00 pm till 3.00 pm	Classrooms

The Christmas Crafts Café will take place on Monday 12th December at 2.30 pm. Parents will be asked to come into school for a coffee/tea and a mince pie (there will be alternatives). During the coffee afternoon, parents will have the opportunity to buy Christmas decorations which the children have made and buy raffle tickets for our Christmas Raffle.

On Wednesday 14th December at 3.00 pm all children will be invited to stay after school to have their tea with Santa. Santa will visit the school and hopefully bring some presents for the children.