



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 4th December 2020

This Weeks Spotlight!

Year Five and Six

We have been exploring the novel War Horse by Michael Morpurgo. The children have been learning all about the setting and characters in this historical WW1 novel. We have also been gaining some new words for our vocabulary wall. In Maths, we have been investigating fractions - improper and mixed numbers. We have ordered them and converted them from one to the other. To continue our Geography topic of food from around the world, we have

investigated 'food miles'; looking at the distance and modes of transport our food has taken. Year 5/6 have also been keeping themselves fit and healthy during PE, learning how to balance and travel on a variety of equipment. We also put up our Christmas tree and helped to prepare art work for the hall.



Classroom News!

FSU & Year One

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in our class. We have had some cheeky little elf visitors who like to play tricks on us and we have been busy making our Christmas cards and writing our lists to send to Father Christmas. We have had a wonderful week.

Year One & Two

It's been lovely to get the children back into class this week and they have all been working really hard. The children decorated the Christmas tree on Monday and received a class elf from Father Christmas on Tuesday. It's been an exciting week in Year 1&2!

Year Three & Four

In Maths, the year 3 & 4 children have continued to learn the 4 and 8 times tables and have started reading *The Firework Makers Daughter* in English. In Geography, they have enjoyed learning about the environment and how to protect the planet. We have challenged ourselves to have a worksheet free Friday next week!

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

Christmas has finally arrived at St. Edmund's. The school looks lovely with all the Christmas decorations. We also have some very cheeky elves around the school who are being very naughty. Please read the final page of the newsletter as this will give you lots of information about the next two weeks particularly Christmas.

I am pleased to announce that we have had interviews this week for a new Business Manager, the candidates were very strong. We have appointed Mrs Wild who has worked in a school before and therefore has a wealth of knowledge and experience which she will bring to the role. Mrs Wild will begin her appointment after the Christmas holidays.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Birmingham

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

Kirilo Koteluikor

Chloe Lucas

Mason Needham

Louisanna Needham

Care, Consideration and Courtesy Award

Abiah Kamran

Talia McLoughlin

Molly McGrady

Aida Ryan

Weekly Attendance Award

Research shows that children who attend school every day have improved life chances, therefore it is essential that we encourage our children to attend school everyday.

Attendance for this week will be announced in next week's newsletter.

Consultation

We are in the process of considering our PAN—Published Admissions Number. At present, the PAN is 21, this can cause difficulties when deciding on class sizes particularly mixed classes. Reducing our PAN will enable us to have smaller classes in the younger aged children and more manageable classes in KS2.

I would ask you during the consultation to please read the Admission's Policy 2022/23:

<https://www.stedmundswestlancs.co.uk/school-information/policies>

If you have any questions or concerns about the reduction of PAN please do not hesitate to come and see me. I have also sent out a questionnaire about the nursery and further improvement. Please complete if it is relevant to you. Mrs Birmingham



Christmas Plans

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day— Thursday 10th December 2020

The school would like to invite all children to have their Christmas dinner with their class. The school will be treating all the children to their dinner.

We would encourage all children to bring in a small donation which will be donated to ‘Save the Children’.

Christmas Parties

FSU and Year One— Tuesday 15th December 2020

Year One and Two —Thursday 17th December 2020

Year Three and Four—Monday 14th December 2020

Year Five and Six—Monday 14th December 2020

All children can come to school in their party clothes on their party day.

Christmas Cards

We would encourage FSU/Year One and Year One/Two classes to make a single card to bring into school. This card will be displayed within the class.

Those children in Year Three/Four and Year Five/Six can bring in individual cards for their friends, but we would ask that they are in before Tuesday 15th December because we will need to quarantine them for 72 hours before we give them out on the final day because of COVID.

Christmas Show

Video to be released 18th December 2020
