



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

September/October 2021

Headteacher's welcome:

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. We are happy to be able to share with you some of the activities that have taken place in school over the last month and look forward to many more in the term ahead.
Mrs Johnstone

School News:

Our after school clubs are back! We now offer Netball Club for years 5 & 6, Football Clubs for years 3/4 and 5/6, Multi-Skills Club for years 1 & 2, and Choir for year 6. There is also a lunchtime Gardening Club for year 2. We are hoping to run more clubs after half term and will let your child know so they can sign up.



Black History Month

Our focus this year is on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Mathematics) looking at leading Black scientists, inventors, artists and mathematicians. This year's Remembrance Day assembly will also focus on the contribution of African & Caribbean soldiers in both World Wars.

Sports News:

Our first inter-school sports fixtures will be starting again on 6th October with a year 6 boys football match against Highfields and Prince of Wales Schools at PowerLeague, and a cross-

country event for boys and girls from years 5 & 6. Good luck to everyone taking part!

Online Safety:

All our children have been learning how to keep themselves safe on the internet. Years 1-6 have watched and discussed videos produced by CEOP (Child Exploitation & Online Protection) and know what to do if they need to report a problem. Children in Reception have heard the story of Smartie the Penguin and his online adventures.

Assemblies:

Although we have not returned to whole-school assemblies yet, we are sharing a collective act of worship every week in phases: either two year groups attend a 'live' assembly with Mrs Johnstone, two have hymn practice with Miss O'Halloran; or we watch a 'virtual liturgy' produced by the Mark 10 Mission.

RE:

The RE unit this half term is "Beginning with God". We are learning about the nature of God and how He reveals Himself to us.



Catholic Life:

Please bring your donations for our Harvest Festival into school by Wednesday 6th October. All donations are gratefully received and will be passed on the vulnerable people in our Parish but please do not feel under pressure to donate if circumstances do not permit.

Red Ties:

Congratulations to the ten year 6 children who have been chosen by their teachers to be our red ties this term. These children have extra responsibilities around the school and act as role models to the other children.

Parent Reminders:

Breakfast Club fees and school dinners should be paid for, using ParentPay, at least one week in advance. If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please talk to the office staff.

We understand that sometimes circumstances can prevent you from picking up your child on time from school or from an after-school club but, if you know you're going to be late, please telephone the school to let us know.

Please continue to send your child in with water every day as well as a healthy snack for break time. If your child has a packed lunch, please make sure that it is in accordance with our Healthy Food and Lunches Policy which can be found on the website: <https://www.st-edmunds.enfield.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=126&type=pdf>

COVID

We have had a few children and one teacher test positive for COVID since our return.

Please support us by ensuring that you follow the Public Health advice to minimise coronavirus risks and DO NOT send your child to school if they have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms - please take them for a PCR test and inform the school immediately.



God of light, shine in our hearts so that we can bring joy and hope to other people, especially those who are frightened, sick, lonely or hungry. God of hope, share your light with all your children, as we try to help others who are in need.

Amen

Academic Year/Events Dates to Christmas 2021

Please note that at present all our assemblies & liturgies are for the children only. We hope to be able to invite you again soon.

October	Black History Month
Thu 7th Oct	Harvest celebration
Thu 14th Oct	Reception Welcome Liturgy
Thu 21st Oct	Inter-house competition
25th-29th Oct	HALF TERM
Mon 1st Nov	All Saints Day Liturgy
Thu 11th Nov	Remembrance Day assembly
Fri 19th Nov	St Edmund's Day celebration
Tue 21st Dec	End of Term 1pm finish

A list of dates for the school year can be obtained in the office or found on our website