



## St Edmund's Catholic Primary School

Live together, pray together, learn together and grow together in Christ

Interim Executive Head Teacher Miss Cairns

Interim Deputy Head Teacher Mr Wright

### Upcoming Dates

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October -

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

Half Term Holiday

School will reopen at 8.45am on  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October  
And at 8am for breakfast club  
children.

On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October, during  
the night, the clocks go back 1  
hour.

**BRITISH  
SUMMERTIME  
ENDS**

CLOCKS GO  
BACK BY 1  
HOUR



### Head Teacher Message and Prayer

We thank you Lord, for this half term. For our challenges, our successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt. Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.

Give us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witnesses of our faith. Help us to be a practical Christian these holidays, to appreciate what others do for us, to give time and effort to help others.

To be peacemakers in our family.

Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun. Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new half term. We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents and a community that cares for us.

May we always be conscious of you in our lives. Surround our children, families and staff with your loving care, keep them safe and return them to us, renewed and refreshed. Amen

### PARENTS' INVOLVEMENT

Due to the recent resignation of our Parent Governor, the joint Governing Body of St Edmund's and St Patrick's Catholic Schools now wish to appoint two Parent Governors. If you are interested in supporting school in its mission to provide the very best for your children and in helping the school to develop its strategic vision, then please contact Mrs Linda Rose, Clerk to the Governors via email [l.rose@stedmund.bham.sch.uk](mailto:l.rose@stedmund.bham.sch.uk) for further information or ask for an information pack at the school office.

## Keeping Your Children Safe...

Recently, we have safeguarded children by reminding them about...



- Warm winter clothing
- Crossing the road safely
- Staying safe when trick or treating



## Stars of the Week October 21<sup>st</sup> - Congratulations to...



EYFS Abduljamal, Year 1 Ibraheem, Year 2 Ermais,

Year 3 Andrew, Year 4 all of Y4, Year 5 Elijah T, Year 6 Amelia

House Point Winners of the Week - Congratulations to ...

**St George's!!!**

## Attendance for Half Term

<u>Reception</u> 96.70%	<u>Year 4</u> 94.89%
<u>Year 1</u> 94.10%	<u>Year 5</u> 95.51%
<u>Year 2</u> 93.28%	<u>Year 6</u> 94.99%
<u>Year 3</u> 93.76%	<u>Whole school average</u> 94.75%
<b>Needs to improve!!!</b>	



## Reminders

**NUT ALLERGY** Please make sure you have read the letter that was sent out this term about keeping children safe who have nut allergies. Thank you.

**WINTER COATS** As the weather is now turning colder, please make sure that your child wears their coat to school. The children go out to play twice during the day, even when it's cold. Thank you.

**PE KIT** Please make sure that your child has a PE kit in school - black shorts, a plain white t-shirt and plimsolls. This is part of their school uniform. Thank you

**LUNCH MONEY prices for the Autumn Term** the price of a school meal is increasing. The prices are: Nursery £2.20, Y3 - Y6 £2.50.

**YEAR 6 APPLICATIONS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL** The deadline for applications is Monday October 31<sup>st</sup>. please make sure that you choose 6 schools on your form.

### **Black History Week**

This week we have been celebrating Black History Week as part of Black History Month. This year we have decided to focus on traditional tales, myths and legends from around the world. This week, each year group has chosen a different country to study and to find out about traditional stories from that country. After half-term, we will continue the Black History theme, with a themed lunch, a show and tell Friday assembly and by asking children to come in national dress or colours of their family's country on that first Friday back.

### **Anti-Bullying Week**

After half-term, w.c. 14<sup>th</sup> November, all classes will be focusing on Anti-Bullying Week, looking at the theme "Reach Out".

### **Family Support**

At St Edmund's, we are very lucky to have the support of Mrs Jenny Ransom who works for Father Hudson's, a charity supporting families.

Mrs Ransom works in school on Thursday morning. If you wish to make an appointment, please contact the school office. Mrs Ransom can offer **confidential** support in the following areas:

- Housing issues
- Benefits advice
- Financial advice
- Children's clothing
- White goods i.e. washing machines, fridges etc.

Mrs Ransom currently has some baby clothes and some baby equipment available. If you are in need of any of these items, please contact the school office who will put you in touch with Mrs Ransom.

**ParentWise** is a government website that can give you advice and guidance if you are worried about your child's safety online, peer pressure, wellbeing. <https://parentwise.campaign.gov.uk/>

**As fuel prices rise**, help is available from British Gas even if they are not your gas supplier. Free resources to help make sure you're getting the support and benefits you may be entitled to.

They fund frontline advice services in local communities providing free 1-2-1 money, benefits, and energy efficiency advice. They also run a direct access energy debt programme - awarding grants to households that remove energy debt, fund emergency fuel credit and provide boiler replacements. <https://britishgasenergytrust.org.uk/>

**Local Welfare Provision Grant.** This is a grant available to families who are struggling to meet their short term financial needs. This grant can be applied for directly by families at the following link

[https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20017/benefits\\_and\\_support/308/help\\_in\\_a\\_short-term\\_crisis](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20017/benefits_and_support/308/help_in_a_short-term_crisis)

If you need help applying, please contact the school office.