

w.e. 25.11.2022 #4



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

Tuesday 29th November

St Andrew's Feast Day Party

Wednesday 30th November

KS2 to Advent Mass in Church

Wednesday 7th December

Parents' meeting about the proposed amalgamation
St Patrick's 9.05am

OR

Wednesday 7th December

St Edmund's 5.30pm

Wednesday 7th December

Y3 to 10am Mass

Sunday 11th December

2nd Sacramental Mass 10am

followed by lesson

Monday 12th December

EYFS Nativity 2.15pm

Tuesday 13th December

KS1 Nativity 2.15pm

Thursday 15th December

School Christmas Lunch

Thursday 15th December

Sacrament of Reconciliation 6pm

Monday 19th December

KS2 Carol Concert 2pm

Head Teacher Message and Prayer

The Autumn term at school is drawing to a close. The long days of summer seem a distant memory and winter has come. In this season of Advent, we are waiting and preparing for the light of Christ to come into our lives. Advent is a time of quiet reflection on things past and a time of anticipation for things still to come. We wait, as John the Baptist's disciples waited, for the Good News to be proclaimed, so that we too may find happiness in our faith in Christ Jesus. The Season of Advent is a time of waiting that prepares us to welcome Jesus. It is a time of joy because we know that Christ is coming. Advent is a time for us to prepare, to change our hearts and to be ready to receive Jesus once again into our lives.

For Catholics, the new Church Year starts with the first Sunday of Advent. As we begin this new liturgical year, we not only mark the beginning of a new start, but also the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, our Lord and King.

Miss Cairns

Proposed Amalgamation of St Edmund's and St Patrick's

As you are aware there is a proposal from the Local Authority, The Diocese and the Board of Governors to merge the two schools into one larger school, keeping both sites open. As well as the online form where you can share your views, you are invited to a meeting where you can ask questions and join in a discussion with those proposing the amalgamation. The meetings are

Wednesday 7th December with 2 meetings in the day.

· 9.05am St Patrick's parents

· 5.30pm St Edmund's parents

The meetings have been timed for the start and end of the day, giving the opportunity for both sets of parents to attend whichever meeting is more convenient to them in terms of timings. We are asking that any questions you would like to ask are submitted to either school before hand to ensure that it is addressed at the meetings.

Keeping Your Children Safe...

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



- Firework safety
- Dark nights - be seen, be safe
 - Anti-Bullying
- The importance of handwashing



Stars of the Week November 25th - Congratulations to...



EYFS Jameson, Year 1 Whole Class, Year 2 Benita,

Year 3 Elias, Year Newton, Year 5 Leanna T, Year 6 Uba

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

St Andrew's!!!

Attendance for w.e.25.11.2022

<u>Reception</u> 80.95%	<u>Year 4</u> 95.19%
<u>Year 1</u> 91.67%	<u>Year 5</u> 93.53%
<u>Year 2</u> 74.04%	<u>Year 6</u> 93.53%
<u>Year 3</u> 93.75%	<u>Whole school average</u> 88.95%
	Needs to improve!!!



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 a Parent Governor. 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 for further information or ask for an information pack at the school office.

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.

EYFS OUTDOOR Please could you bring in a spare pair of joggers or leggings in case your child needs to change during the day. The children go out to play twice during the day, even when it's cold and wet. 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 was Monday October 31st. If you have not yet applied, the website is still open for late applications.

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

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