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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

Wednesday 21st December

9.05am

Bambinelli Blessing

Wednesday 21st December

Normal finishing times

Thursday December 22nd

Class Christmas parties

Thursday December 22nd

1.30pm

School breaks up for
Christmas Holidays

Tuesday 10th January 2023

8.45am

School opens for Spring Term
2023

Head Teacher Message and Prayer

God grant you the light in Christmas, which is faith;

The warmth of Christmas, which is love;

The radiance of Christmas, which is purity;

The righteousness of Christmas, which is justice;

The belief in Christmas, which is truth;

The all of Christmas, which is Christ.

May the blessing of joy abide with you;

May the blessing of peace rest upon you;

May the blessing of love flow out through you;

May all the blessings of the Lord be yours

At Christmas and in the New Year.

On behalf of all the children and staff at St Edmund's, may I wish you a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Miss Cairns



A BIG thank you...



Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

We would like to say a big thank you to our children and families for their extremely generous response to our Shoe Box Appeal.

Many children will have a lovely box of presents to open on Christmas Day, thanks to your generosity.

A big thank you also goes to Miss Bryan who organised the appeal and to all the children who helped sort and pack the donations, especially the School Council who gave up their time to help deliver the shoe boxes. You make me proud!

Keeping Your Children Safe...

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



- Behaviour expectations
- The importance of handwashing
- Winter Water Safety



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



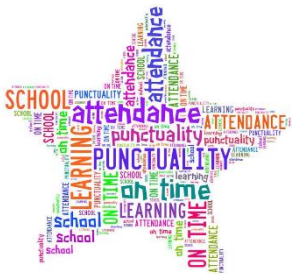
EYFS Arianna, Year 1 Eidhen, Year 2 Karol, Year 3 Mauwena,
Year 4 Halima, Year 5 Amen, Year 6 T-Arjhaae

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

St Andrew's!!!

Attendance for Autumn Term 2023

<u>Nursery</u> 90.65%	<u>Year 4</u> 91.36%
<u>Reception</u> 91.74%	<u>Year 5</u> 89.38%
<u>Year 1</u> 90.27%	<u>Year 6</u> 94.24%
<u>Year 2</u> 88.23%	<u>Whole school average</u> 90.99%
<u>Year 3</u> 92.05%	Needs to improve!!!



Spring Term 2023

School restarts for the Spring Term on

Tuesday 10th January 2023.

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.

COLLECTING CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL. If someone other than yourself is collecting your children from school, please remember to let the office know in good time. This is a safeguarding issue and we will not release your child without notification to the office.

RECEPTION APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023 The deadline for applications is **Sunday January 15th 2023.** If you have not yet applied, please do so. **Children currently in Nursery MUST APPLY online through the City Council.**

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.