



# Newsletter

We see Jesus in everything we do

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Dear Parents

We are already well into the second half of the Autumn Term and the charge towards Christmas has already begun! The staff are already competing for hall space and time and the children are beginning to rehearse their carols and songs. We will have a chorus of heavenly angels by the time the end of term comes around!

Please ensure that you have the dates and times of all performances in your diaries and remember that we expect the children to attend ***every performance***, not just the one you are coming to watch! If your child is not going to be able to attend a performance, please make sure that their teacher knows as soon as possible and bear in mind that this may result in them being withdrawn from the performance altogether.

### **Fledglings Noisy Nativity**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December @ 2.00pm

### **KS1 Lights, Camels, Action**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December @ 6.00pm

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December @ 2.00pm

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December @ 6.00pm

### **KS2 Nativity – A Celebration in Carols and Readings**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December @ 6.00pm

The KS2 Carol Concert will be held in St Edward's Church and everyone is welcome to attend.

The KS1 and Reception performances will be held in the school hall. As you can imagine, space in the hall is

at a premium, particularly for these performances. School age children will have the opportunity to see their siblings perform in the dress rehearsals and should not be brought to the evening performances. We would request that pre-schoolers and babies are not brought to the shows. Please ensure that you have made suitable arrangements well in advance to facilitate this – family swap supervision proved very popular and successful last year!

We will not be charging for tickets to see the shows but there will be a collection at the end of each performance to support the Parish Hall refurbishment funds.

We will advise you on how to order the DVDs nearer the time.

### **Mrs O'Connell**

We said good bye and good luck to Mrs O'Connell just before half term as she left us to begin her maternity leave. No news yet – we will keep you posted!

### **Harvest Donations – Catholic Worker Farm**

We were overrun with produce sent in by our families for our Harvest Liturgy just before the half term holiday. Your generosity more than filled two whole tables and it was a struggle to fit it all in the car for delivery! Ms Stone and I took the produce to the Catholic Worker Farm before the holiday. They were delighted and exceedingly grateful. On their behalf, I'd like to thank you all.



## **School Photos**

The school photographer will be in on Tuesday and Wednesday next week to take individual and family photographs. If your children are all here with us at school, all you need to do is send them in looking beautiful! 😊

If you have pre-school or older children **NOT** at our school, we will open the KS2 gate on Tuesday morning at 8.00am to allow you access to get a family photo taken before school. This is always a popular event and it will inevitably entail some waiting time. Please ensure that your children are fully supervised whilst you are waiting as we do not have enough staff to supervise them. We will then ensure that all siblings in school see the photographer during the day. Once these groups have been done, the Year 2 children will have their individual photographs taken.

Fledglings, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4 children will have their individual pictures taken on the Wednesday.

## **Happy Bags**

Many thanks for your recent donations to Happy Bags. This raised an incredible £712.40!

The next collection will be in the Spring Term. However, if you have stuff that you want to get rid of sooner, the Salvation Army bin in the Courtyard works in much the same way!

## **Parents' Evenings**

Many thanks to all those of you who have attended Parents' Evening appointments over the past two weeks. The staff have very much enjoyed sharing your child's progress with you. There remain a handful of parents who have been "unable" to attend on either evening, forcing teachers to make alternative appointments to enable them to discuss the children. Whilst I realise that sometimes there are unavoidable circumstances that make this necessary, please do bear

in mind that this is very time consuming and disruptive for the teachers. If all 230 families were unable to make the designated times, we would be in all sorts of bother! Please ensure that you have put next term's dates into your diary and let's see if we can see everyone on the designated dates!

***28<sup>th</sup> March 5.00 – 7.30pm***

***2<sup>nd</sup> April 3.30 – 6.00pm***

## **SPORTING SUCCESS**

### **Cross country**

Children from Years 3/4 recently competed against other First School children from Windsor in cross country. The children thoroughly enjoyed running round the Windsor Boys' School field and were thrilled when they were awarded 1st place for Year 3 Boys and Girls as well as Year 4 Boys and Girls! A clean sweep and lots of medals were proudly worn by our runners. A particular mention should go to Eloise (Year 3) as she had to step in as a replacement for the Year 4 races, coming in the top 3 twice as well as winning both of the Year 3 events! Well done Eloise!

### **Bench ball**

Two teams of Year 3/4 children walked the short distance to St Edward's Middle School to take part in this event. After 6 games each and plenty of excited squealing, our teams were proud to come first and third, which has qualified them to take part in the finals at WGS on Thursday 8th November. Update to follow . . .

### **Miss Stansfield**

Miss Stansfield will sadly be leaving our staff team at the end of this term having been appointed as Head of PE at the Middle School from January. We are very sorry to see her leave but are glad for her personal promotion. Miss Stansfield has greatly enhanced the quality of PE provision here at St Edward's over the

past 2 years and we are very grateful to her. We shall continue to wave at her from our side of the field! 😊

### **Miss Marshall**

Miss Marshall will also be leaving us at the end of this term to go travelling. She flies off to Australia at the end of term and intends to spend the next year in the Southern Hemisphere. We will miss her greatly, especially in Fledglings, but hope that she has an amazing time. We will expect regular postcards and updates!

I will let you know in the fullness of time the arrangements for the replacement of both teachers.

### **Poppy Appeal**

Poppies will be on sale all this week. If you would like your child to buy one, please send in a donation (minimum 20p). We also have a limited range of other poppy merchandise, including rulers, pencils, erasers, sharpeners and reflectors – these will be on sale during the day, with the Year 4 children in charge.

Nightingales will be leading us in our Service of Remembrance next Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> November, at 11.00am. You are welcome to attend and a collection will be held at the end of the service. Please help us to support the British Legion.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any immediate concerns, issues or worries.

God Bless

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