



Newsletter

We see Jesus in everything we do

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Dear Parents

Advent is always a special time of year at St Edward's with many different activities organised to help us prepare for Jesus' birth at Christmas. At the heart of our preparation has been living out our Mission Statement to see Jesus in everything we do and to act as God's children through our words, actions, faith and prayers and touch the lives of others.

Carol Concert

The KS2 children read and sang beautifully on Monday evening and it was lovely that there were so many of you there to share in their production. Thank you for all your compliments and also for the money donated to HCPT in the retiring collection. We will let you know how much it was next term when we have had a chance to count it!

iRock

What a truly talented bunch of children we have here at St Edward's! As if two brilliant Nativity plays and a superb Carol Concert on Monday night aren't testament enough to that, then the iRock Assembly this morning has simply confirmed the fact that St Edward's really does Rock (with a capital R!) Well done to all the children who participated and thank you to the parents who crushed in at the back!

Mass

Canon David celebrated Mass for us this morning and it was great to see so many of you in attendance – it was especially lovely to see some of our past pupils here too! It was a peaceful way to end what has been a

very long and very busy term – September seems like a lifetime ago! Canon David will return to say Mass for us on Friday 12th January at 9.10am.

Christmas Services in our Parish

CHRISTMAS EVE 24th December

Vigil Mass 6.00pm St Mark's, Dedworth Road

Mass through Midnight

11:30pm St Edward's, Alma Road

(11.00pm Carols – preceding Mass)

CHRISTMAS DAY 25th December

Mass 9:30am St Mark's, Dedworth Road

Mass 11:00am St Edward's, Alma Road

Beauty and the Beast

The children all looked glorious in their Christmas Jumpers yesterday and they really enjoyed the opportunity to shout and boo at the cast of the Panto. They were really well behaved and, once again, the staff at the park commented on their lovely manners and good behaviour. What a credit they are – to the school and also to you, their parents.

We will let you know how much money we raised for Save the Children early next term.

DVDs

The children will bring home the DVDs of their productions this afternoon. Huge thanks to George, who must have worked through the night to get so



many copies ready for us before the end of term, and also to Miss Woods for the beautiful artwork on the covers. I hope that you are happy with the quality of the filming and photos. Any feedback would be gratefully received.

After School Clubs

The After School Club letters will also go home this afternoon. The system will open at 8.00pm this evening for you to log in and book your children; it will close at 8.00pm next Thursday, 28th December. Please do not stress if anything goes wrong – we will do our best to sort it out in January – don't let it ruin your holiday!

Fledglings PE Kit

A reminder for Fledgling parents that the children will need a **fully NAMED** PE kit in January. This is available to order online. The children will need a pair of black PE shorts, a PE T-shirt, plimsolls/trainers and a plain black tracksuit for colder outdoor lessons.



As we come to the end of the calendar year, we can look back and see that 2017 has been a truly successful year for St Edward's First School. Our children have worked really hard and achieved so much. I know that the teachers and staff are really proud of each and every one of them.

My thanks, and those of the children, must go to the fantastic, hardworking and currently very tired members of staff who show such dedication and commitment to all the children. We are very lucky to have them all.

Thanks also to Canon David for his time and commitment to our school, to the Friends' Association for their dogged and tireless work to enhance the education and provision for the children, to the

Governors and to you, the parents, for your continued support.

Without everybody pulling together, St Edward's would not be such a caring and loving school. Here's to 2018!

A reminder that school closes at 2.00pm today and that the Spring Term begins on Monday 8th January.

All that remains is for me to thank you, on behalf of the entire staff, for all for your kind and generous words, gifts and cards and to wish you all a joyous Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

God Bless

Sarah Matthews

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