



Newsletter

We see Jesus in everything we do

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Dear Parents

This has been a very long but very busy and very productive half term! Everyone, staff and children alike are exhausted and more than ready for the half term holiday!

Buddy Assembly

I have just returned from the Buddy Assembly, performed by Y4 and the Fledglings to the rest of the school. It was so lovely to see how confident all the children were in their delivery and those of you attending to watch this afternoon are in for a treat!

George has filmed it this morning and will send us the link to the recording as soon as he can and we will make sure we get it to you straight after the holiday.

Swimathon

The annual fundraising Swimathon takes place this Sunday, 27th October at St Georges School Ascot. Representing St Edward's First are;

Year 2: Noah, Yustyna, Sebastian and Chlöe

Year 3: Kitty, Victoria, Natalia, Dmytro, Andrii, Katie and Polina

Year 4: Nazar and Akshara

And past pupils Mariana, Thomas and Milana.

Please sponsor them if you can or go along to support! A Just Giving page has been set up;

<https://windsorlions.enthuse.com/pf/the-friends-of-st-edwards-catholic-first-school-5fb64>

If you have any questions, please email friends@secfs.org.uk

Harvest Festival

Fr David celebrated a joint Feast Day and Harvest Mass with us last Friday afternoon and it was lovely to have so many of you join us – so many that we were unable to fit all the children into the hall!

Thanks to your generosity, the Windsor FoodShare were able to collect over 30 full bags of donations from us last week. Thank you all.



Parents Evening

It was lovely to see the majority of you at our parents' evenings last week and the teachers were delighted to be able to share with you the hard work of all your children. Please do try to make a note of the dates of the Spring term parents' evenings now (March 25th & 27th). It is really important to the children that you attend and to the teachers that you attend on the day. If appointments are missed, forgotten or not booked it is time consuming for the teachers and adds to their already heavy workload.

Pick Up, Climbing Frames & Car Park

Please remember that the school does not have insurance for either of the climbing frames in the playground when the children are not in our sole care. This means that, once you have collected them, the children are not covered. We would therefore be grateful if you would encourage the children to stay off the equipment at pick up time.

Please also be cautious in the car park at pick up time. There are a few parents or grandparents who have disabled access to the car park and it is very worrying to see children running across the car park when vehicles are moving – especially preschoolers. Please do keep to the paths and do not ride bikes or scooters until you are outside the school gates.

Greenhouse

Thanks to the fundraising efforts of the Gardening Club and the support of the Friends, we are now the proud owners of a very large & sparkly new greenhouse. Although there are a few small issues to finish off it is very nearly ready for use. Huge thanks to Mr Palka and his team, Mr Reijnen, Mr Burgess and Mr Reston for generously giving up not just one but two of their Saturdays to get it erected! Thanks must also go to Mrs Reston and Mrs Lansley who were on hand both days to provide coffee and sustenance to the workers.

We are looking forward to enjoying the benefits of our greenhouse in the coming months and years!

PE – Autumn Term 2

Children will be learning football skills this term coming.

Years 1 and 2 will be on the playground so will need to wear trainers.

Years 3 and 4 will be on the field so will need to wear football boots or an old pair of trainers. Please bring in a spare pair of shoes in a plastic bag (school shoes or trainers) to wear indoors for the rest of the day as dirty trainers will make a mess of the carpets. Children that do not bring a spare pair of shoes will have to take off the dirty shoes and leave them outside the school entrance.

If children are going to wear boots please purchase Velcro options or teach your child to tie laces over the half term break. Teachers do not have time to tie 30 pairs of laces. Please visit the Windsor based charity boot bank to save money

<https://www.thebootbank.com/>

There is no need to spend lots of money on these - Sports Direct sell pairs for just £12.

The children will be progressing to Tag Rugby in Spring 1 so will need the boots then too!

Poppies

The Poppy products, in support of the Royal British Legion, have been going down a storm this week! We will continue to sell the products after the half term break. The School Council will continue to sell Poppies in the Gazebo at break and lunch times until Friday afternoon 8th November. Please give your children money in a **named** envelope, purse or wallet if you wish them to purchase something.

The Friends

I am delighted to say that there has been a resurgence of interest in The Friends since I sent a letter home last week. Please read the attached information which should answer any questions you may have. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the EGM on 6th November @ 6pm.

It just remains for me to wish you all a happy half term break. Rest up and we will be ready to do it all again in 10 days' time!

God Bless

Sarah Matthews

Headteacher