



Newsletter

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Dear Parents

We have had such a busy week here at St Edward's, it is almost as if the half term holiday never happened! I do hope however, that you all had a good break and that you are all prepared for the whirlwind term to come. There is so much happening please do remember to take the time to read the newsletter when it comes out!

All Saints Day Mass

It was lovely to see so many of you in attendance at our Mass for the Feast Day of All Saints yesterday morning. Many thanks to Fr David for coming to celebrate with us – despite his busy schedule. The addition of an extra playtime in celebration was well received by the children!

Welcome Assembly Fledglings & Y4 3rd Nov 9am

We are looking forward to officially welcoming the new Fledglings to St Edward's tomorrow morning at 9am – although they have settled so well you could be forgiven for thinking that they have always been with us! Parents of the Fledglings and Y4 children are invited to attend at 9am. To prevent overcrowding, the rest of the school will watch the assembly later on in the school day.

Please note the assembly will be filmed and made available to parents for a small cost. We therefore ask that no photographs or videos are taken during the assembly.

Cuckoo Club – New Phone Number

Should you need to contact Mrs Berry or the Cuckoo club staff once the school office has closed, please call **07966 310077**. Please save the number in your phone so it is to hand if you need to get a message to them.

Friends AGM - Friday 3rd November 2pm

The Friends AGM will take place in the school hall tomorrow afternoon at 2pm. At a time when the school budget is so strained, the Friends fundraising is vital to enhance the children's education. Please do consider if you are able to help – even in a very small way – and come along to offer them your support. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Panto & Reindeer

You know Christmas is coming when.....!

We have opened the payment portal for both of the above events to enable you to spread the cost if you wish.

The whole school will visit the South Hill Park Pantomime on the 15th December, and the Reindeer (organised by the Friends) are coming to visit us at school on the 24th November. We are politely asking for the following contributions payable on our Scopay online payment platform:

Pantomime £12.00 per pupil

Reindeer Visit £4.00 per pupil

Whilst we are obliged to say that payment for any trip or event is voluntary, the reality is that if the parents are not supportive of us organising them then we will be unable to cover the costs from the school budget and will need to cancel them. However, no child will ever be excluded due to financial hardship. If you are experiencing any financial difficulty then please do come forward to speak to us in absolute confidence and we will do whatever we can to help. Many thanks, as always, for your continued support.

Carol Concerts

The children will begin preparing for their various Christmas performances very soon. All the dates are on the school calendar, sent out in September. Just a reminder that we will again be requesting, due to space and safety restrictions, that no siblings attend any evening performance*. Please do ensure that you have childcare arrangements in place.

*This does not apply to the Y4 Carol Concert which is held at St Edward's church where there is lots of room and everyone is invited to attend.

Due to having to move today's swimming lesson for Starlings it will be necessary for us to move the Year2 advertised nativity performance on Thursday 7th December from 1.30pm to 9am.

Diwali Celebration Thursday 9th November

The children will be celebrating Diwali next week with a modified lunch on Thursday, a copy of the menu is attached for your information.

Poppies

We have taken delivery of the Royal British Legion Poppies and associated items to sell. The School Council will be selling these in the Gazebo at break and lunch times from next Monday. Please give your children money in a named purse or wallet if you wish them to purchase something.

Windsor Lions Swimathon

The two St Edward's teams did incredibly well!

Team 1 managed 76 laps and Team 2 managed 59 laps between them both beating their previous records in January!

Thanks to all the swimmers who worked very hard to raise money for our school!

William, Harry, Amelia, Mariana, Phoebe, Antonia, Thomas, Victoria, Kitty, Matilda and Savannah and Sebastian and thanks to Thomas, Penny and Mabel from Middle School for their support.

Thanks also to the parents for their help cheering on the swimmers.

It is not too late to sponsor our teams, just follow the link below. All monies raised will come directly to the school.

Team 1 <https://windsorlions.enthuse.com/pf/the-friends-of-st-edwards-catholic-first-school>

Team 2 <https://windsorlions.enthuse.com/pf/the-friends-of-st-edwards-catholic-first-2>

HCPT Autumn Fayre – 12th November

There is a Parish Fayre next Sunday 12th November between 12-2pm in St Edward's Parish Centre, fundraising to send children from the Parish to Lourdes next Easter. Tombola, Raffle, Cakes, Gifts and Christmas stalls. Please come along & support your Parish HCPT group.

God Bless

Sarah Matthews