



11th November 2015

## Dear Parents,

Thanks to you all for supporting a brilliant fireworks night last Friday. Thank you to the PTA and organisers who worked so hard to ensure a successful night. With over £1500 of profit and many coming through the doors, we can say it was a great success!

### Football Cup Final

The football team won the Peter Dowd tournament at William of York on 22<sup>nd</sup> October after extra time and penalty shoot-outs. They will now play Our Lady of Walsingham in the final on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November at our school at 2.00pm. We wish them every success!

### Curriculum Enrichment

#### The Evacuation History Workshop

Years Five and Six enjoyed an evacuation workshop day to support their history topic where they were invited to dress as evacuees and Year 5 received a talk from Mr Costello, (Maisie's grandfather) about life as a child in our locality during the war.

#### Social Networking and Photos

Recently, it was brought to our attention that some parents had posted photographs of their own and other children on school-based activities without consent of the other children's parents. We would ask all parents to refrain from doing this as it jeopardises our controls for safeguarding children as well as causing concern for parents of those included on the photos.

#### PTA Planning for Christmas Fair

With some three weeks to go, plans are being made for the school's Christmas Fair. Children can come in their own clothes on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December in exchange for a donation for the tombola or cake stall. More information to follow.

[www.facebook.com/stedmundspta](http://www.facebook.com/stedmundspta)

#### Car Parking

We are very aware that pedestrians' safety can be put at risk when parents use the church/staff car park. Please help us to minimise the risks.

#### Premises Development Safeguarding

We have replaced the old willow screen with a new screen to the side of the school field in the interests of keeping all our children safe.

#### Reading is Fun!

Thank you for the tremendous support you gave to the *Reading is Fun* after school initiative and thanks to the staff involved for their great commitment to making the activity so enjoyable.

#### Christmas Dinner Date 3<sup>rd</sup> December

We have set a date for the Christmas Dinner which will be Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016. A letter will be issued to book a dinner if your child does not ordinarily have school meals but would like one on this day.

## Two Minute Silence Remembrance

*The children observed a two minute silence in remembrance of all those, in the line of duty, who have made sacrifice to preserve and protect everyone's freedom.*

### Sacramental Programme Information

St Edmund's Parish To meet in the Lisbonian Room

Session 3 9<sup>th</sup> November 6.30pm or 11<sup>th</sup> November 3.30pm  
**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2.00pm Children to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Saint Edmund's Church**

St Thomas' Parish To meet in the Canterbury Room

Session 3 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 6.30pm  
**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm Children to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Saint Thomas' Church**

### Attendance Matters 02/11 - 06/11

We are always taking a very keen interest in school attendance issues. Well done to Ms Bowden's class for your attendance last week!

Mrs Bowden Reception	99%
Mrs Lennon Rec Year 1 Mon -Thur	98 %
Mrs Greaney Year 1	98.7 %
Mrs Claro Year 2	96.7%
Miss Smith Year 2	96.4%
Mrs Ashcroft Year 3	97.1 %
Mrs Farrell Year 3 / 4	94.2%
Mrs Sugden Year 4	92.6 %
Mrs Metcalfe Year 5	92.9%
Mrs McAnespy Year 5 /6	97.9%
Miss Carr Year 6	90.4%

**Please note: holidays will not be authorised in term time  
 Please always make sure that your children arrive on time!**

### Pinwheel Poppy Competition

Well done to Eve Witterick Hugh Frediani -Bellis and Ruby English who came 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in designing the Pinwheel Poppies. This event was organised by local business R S Cape of South Road.

### Notice of Christmas Performances

Please be reminded that the Christmas performance will be for the following classes;

**Nursery Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December am and pm**

**Infants R 1& 2 Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm**

**Juniors Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm**

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