

Saint Edmund's and Saint Thomas' Catholic Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Carers

We are very aware how the children missed out on traditional Christmas experiences in December 2020 and the events planned for December 2021 should hopefully forge many happy memories for all the children.

Advent Mass and Advent Collective Worship

Fr Dominic will focus the children on the true meaning of Christmas and spiritual preparation of advent when he celebrates an Advent Mass on December 8th (Feast of The Immaculate Conception) for Years 3-6 in Church and an Advent Liturgy for children in Key Stage 1 on 9th December

Christmas Concerts

The Christmas concerts dates for Early Years (Nursery and Reception) and KS1 (Year 1 and 2) are 13th December Lower KS2 Y3 Y4 and Upper KS2 Y5 Y6 will be Tuesday 14th December 2021. Each performance will be in the morning or afternoon and a separate letter with these details will go out to you with timings and details about the venue which is Church. We are operating a ticketing system (two tickets per family) to respect number limits in the church and all adults must wear face masks in keeping with the Church's requirements.

Grotto Winter Wonderland 9th December

The PTA are proposing to organise an outdoor grotto in Y1/2 G class garden on Thursday 9th December after school. Fr Christmas will hopefully resume his annual appearance and the whole event will take place at the end of the day. Evidently, we are unable to host an indoor Christmas Fair but we think that this would be a safe and happy event for all those who wish to attend. More details from the PTA to follow.

Christmas Dinner Christmas Jumper Day and Santa Dash!

We have arranged for the Christmas Dinner to take place on Tuesday 21st December, On this day the children may wear their Christmas jumpers and the office will send a letter out to take orders. On this date they will also be doing The Santa Dash with Coach Rose!

Plaza Cinema

The PTA will fund the annual Christmas treat to the Plaza Cinema on Friday 17th December 2021

Year 3 and 4 Beach Trip

Large groups of children continue to embrace our local environment to inform their learning and last week Year 3 and 4 set off to the beach. They have been studying rivers and I spoke to a group of children who taught me all sorts of wonderful facts about the River Mersey!

School Football

The school football team put on a great display of effort and commitment at a 1-0 home victory against Forefield Junior School last Wednesday. This was an excellent team display and all involved represented the school very well. Thanks to Coach Rose for organizing the team and acting as the match official.

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Cross Country

A group of our children have been selected to run representing Sefton with runners from seventeen other Sefton primary schools at the Liverpool City Region British Cross- Country Championship. This event takes place at Sefton Park on Saturday 27th November. Thanks go to Ms Pritchard and Coach Rose for organising the involvement of Sefton schools in this race. We wish all Sefton runners every success!

School Photos

All processing of orders is carried out directly with Tempest Photography online and you will have received information from them. Please note the school administration is not involved in these matters

Children In Need Collection – Thanks for your generosity!

We raised £362 for Children in Need following the MUFTI (own clothes day) last Friday. Thank you everybody!

Nursery Works

The works to the Nursery started on 15th November and the builders are progressing well. Thank you for adapting to the changed entrance exit points if you have children in Early Years and Key Stage 1.

Reading and Curriculum Matters

The staff in Key stage 1 monitor children who appear to be missing out on the home school reading programme. We will make you aware if we have concerns with a text or call reminder so that your child makes the best progress in this very important part of consolidating their phonics and reading knowledge. We do appreciate the great efforts that families make to listening to their children read and the children really gain in confidence and progress!

Staffing

Miss Noreen Mitchell has joined our Reception P class and will cover Ms Morgan's maternity leave from next week and until the end of the year.

Mrs Tyrrell 1T will be starting maternity leave in January so we will be announcing her cover in the next week.

School Nurse

Our school nurse is Joanne Windsor and she, with all school nurses have recently been involved in the vaccination programme, The service has now resumed to schools so her drop in time will be the last Thursday of the month from 2.30pm No appointment is needed.

Open Afternoon

There will be an informal open afternoon from 3.30pm to 4.30pm on Thursday 2nd December for parents who want to find out about the school in light making choices for school places.

And finally...

A question was asked as to why school had not reverted to all parents entering the lower playground for drop off and collection times as infection levels lowered. School has gained significantly from more efficient safeguarding arrangements at the end of the day as lines and drop off/ collect zones across more entrances sharpen staff's vigilance; ie a safe handover to parents.

We are mindful of current Covid statistics and hope that our arrangements for the end of term will not be compromised!

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