



5th November 2021 St Edmund Campion Newsletter

Welcome Back

We hope you all had an enjoyable half term break and we are excited to have all of the children back with us and eager to learn. Thank you for your support with the transfer to full winter uniform for all children.

Year 6 Assembly

Today we had our first assembly with parents able to attend. Year 6 did a wonderful job showcasing everything they had done in the previous half term, all linked to their topic on love, friendship and community. There was an opportunity for mindfulness, celebration of successful visits and everything they have loved doing during this time. This all culminated in a performance of Bruno Mars 'You can count on me'. We are all very proud of our year 6s and what they have already achieved and the success that lie ahead.

Fire Fighters

On Thursday, the West Bridgford Fire Service visited our school to talk about firework safety and how to keep safe. The children were receptive and learned a lot including Stop, Drop and Roll and we thank the fire fighters for all they have taught us.

Disco

This afternoon we hosted a disco organised by the Parents Association, the first in a long time. The children had great fun in the hall. DJ Nigel provided the best music and the dance moves were fabulous. It was lovely to see the children having such a special time together, one they have missed out on for a very long time. We thank you for your contributions which all go to further help the school.

Synod 2023

Your child was given a Synod prayer card, which Father Michael asked us to send out to our school community. Last month, Pope Francis launched a Synod of the whole church in which he asks for everyone in the church listen to voice of the Holy Spirit, dreaming and thinking of the type of church we wish to be part of. Our bishop, Bishop Patrick, has asked that we are actively engaged in this process and we will be doing more on this in school.

Children in Need

The date in our previous newsletter for Children in Need was incorrect. The correct date that we will be celebrating this will be the 19th of November in line with the rest of the country. A letter will be sent out next week.

Reporting Absences

Please could we ask that if you contact school and leave a message on the pupil absence line, you give us detailed information regarding the reason your child is unable to attend school.

In the current climate, the school office **will** have to make contact with you to establish the reason for your child's absence, if this is not communicated at the time of leaving your message.

Please could I ask that you are polite and courteous to any member of the office team should they have the need to contact you regarding your child's absence.

The school is required to report back to the Department for Education (DfE) and Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Voluntary Academy Trust on a weekly basis with specific accurate information on the following:

- Positive cases of Covid in school (including date of positive PCR test result and date of return to school)
- Number of weekly PCR tests undertaken

This is so both the DfE and the Trust are able to accurately monitor the cases of Covid within our school and assess and implement any changes that are deemed necessary, in order to minimise the spread of Covid-19 at St Edmund Campion.

Parent Mail Information

Whilst we appreciate that at some times throughout the school year, there appears to be a lot of Parent Mails being directed your way, these often contain important information relating to events taking place in school, school trips, inset days, school holiday information, aspens school meals, dress as you like days, to name but a few! We are aware that from time to time, parents have missed key information that we have sent out to you via this method and we would urge you to look through any information we send out, have already sent out.

Wherever possible, Parent Mail's will only be sent out to the whole school, should this be required. If information is only required for a certain year group or key stage, then the office staff will only send out information to these specific year groups/key stages. Similarly, information such as school meal payments will only be forwarded to those parents who's child/ren are registered for a school meal.

For clarification, SeeSaw is a separate way of interacting and is specifically for the communication between parent and teacher on issues regarding a pupil's school work.

New Gates

You may notice that we have new security gates installed at the front of the school. This is to ensure further safety of all children during the school day. They will be open during normal school drop off and collection times so this should not affect any families at the beginning or end of the day.

They will however be closed during the school day and access will be given via a phone to the office.

Looking Ahead

- 11th November - Remembrance Liturgies - KS2 09:30, KS1 14:45. Parents welcome. (Please note we will not be able socially distance parents at this event so we would we would politely ask that masks be worn if you attend.)#
- 15th -19th November - Anti Bullying week
- 15th -19th November - Judaism week
- 19th November - Children In Need Day, Details to follow.

Reminders

- St Edmund Campion is a nut free school. We have children with significant allergies so please ensure your child does not bring in any nut based products for lunch or as snacks.
- If your child is displaying any **Mild** Covid symptoms (New cough, temperature or loss of taste or smell) please **isolate** and arrange for a PCR test which must be negative before they can attend school again. Please keep the office informed.

Thank you for all your support. It's been a great start to the term.