



# 16th December 2022 St Edmund Campion Newsletter

## Advent Celebrations

Monday and Tuesday saw our Year 1 and Year 2 classes perform their nativities.

The four celebrations were wonderful and occasions of great joy. I mentioned at many of the performances I would love to be able to bottle the enthusiasm and genuine commitment demonstrated by the children at these events and sprinkle it throughout the year when things seem a little dark and dismal.

The children made us smile and reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas, to share love, peace and hope on the occasion of Jesus's birth.

## Carols around the Tree

Next week, Carols around the Tree will be non-uniform days for the classes taking part.

- Monday: 14:00 parents to arrive for start at 14:15 Classes: FM, 1A, 2M, 3F, 4C, 5J, 6S
- Tuesday: 14:00 parents to arrive for start at 14:15 Classes: FJ, 1W, 2V, 3B, 4R, 5E, 6T

This is usually a very busy event. Just to prepare you, the emphasis is on fun, so participation will be actively encouraged, so bring along your good humour and festive cheer. We are looking forward to these days with great excitement and are looking forward to seeing you all.

## St Anthony's, Solihull

We have sent a card expressing our sympathy to the community of St Anthony's.

We can only imagine what they are going through as families and children and ask you to keep this school, the boys, their families and the wider community in your thoughts and prayers.

## Independence

As a school community we work with you to develop independence with the children. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Independence includes being able to walk into school, rather than being carried or pushed.

Independence includes being able to use a knife and fork properly when eating a meal.

Independence includes being able to dress themselves.

Independence includes managing their belongings such as P.E. kit and lunch boxes.

School will always encourage and support this type of independence through the curriculum and this embeds itself best when we work together and ensure a consistent approach.

Please use the holidays to encourage and support your child as well. Thank You.

## Change in Collection Arrangements

If you need to change collection arrangements for your child, please could you make sure your submit it in writing, either by email to [office@st-edmundcampion.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-edmundcampion.notts.sch.uk) or as a letter, by **14:30** on the day in question. This is to further aid the school in our safeguarding procedures.

We appreciate that sometimes there may be last minute emergencies that warrant an urgent phone call, but we ask that in general the procedure above is followed. If you call before 14:30, you will be asked to email the office to confirm the change to arrangement in writing.

## Year 6 Ice Skating

Year 6 were offered the opportunity to visit the Sky Rink at Nottingham Square and take part in ice skating.

They took the number 6 bus from Gordon road, before hitting the ice, literally and metaphorically, between 10:30 and 12:00.

Initial trepidation was replaced swiftly by exhilaration and bravery, with all children having time on the ice, with and without the penguins.

This was followed by a geographical walk around town, taking in the physical and human geographical sites. What a fun way to develop a love and appreciation of our city.

Children looked at the St Barnabas Cathedral, the statue of Robin Hood, the Playhouse, Standard Hill and many other Nottingham landmarks.

They were a credit to the school.

## Charitable Giving

As a community we have put our Faith into action supporting the following charities:

Broxtowe Womans Aid: £400

Aid for Chad: £768.85

Aid for Chad told us that this money goes directly to the communities that need it.

We thank you for all your generosity and support during this time of Advent.

## Attendance

We take pride in our attendance at SEC and want to share this with you.

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| FOUNDATION | 96.7% |
| YEAR 1     | 94.7% |
| YEAR 2     | 98.8% |
| YEAR 3     | 98.5% |
| YEAR 4     | 95.9% |
| YEAR 5     | 97.5% |
| YEAR 6     | 96.4% |

Your support with ensuring all children have a good level of attendance is wonderful. Please remember that excellent attendance leads to amazing achievements. This week, we have achieved 97.1% attendance as a whole school. Our year 2 Pupils are overall attendance winners with 98.5% well done.

## Merry Christmas

Today Father John led us in a Mass as we come to the end of our Advent celebrations. The children thought about the role of John the Baptist and his role as a prophet preparing the way for Jesus, the Messiah.

Children sang beautifully and Father John led us in reflection.

It was wonderful to have the school band playing Silent Night during the Mass.

Thank you to Mrs Pearce and our very talented children.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas. I hope that you enjoy time with your families and are able to rest, relax and maybe have a little fun too.

I hope that Santa visits you, all leaving behind all that you desire (I hope the children sleep in)

Have a very happy time and every good wish for the New Year.

## Looking Ahead

- 19.12.2022: Carols Around the Tree 14:00 parents to arrive for start at 14:15 (FM, 1A, 2M, 3F, 4C, 5J, 6S) Christmas Jumpers for these classes.
- 20.12.2022: Carols Around the Tree 14:00 parents to arrive for start at 14:15 (FJ, 1W, 2V, 3B, 4R, 5E, 6T) Christmas Jumpers for these classes.
- 21.12.2022: Last day of School
- 04.01.2023: Return to School