



# 24th February 2023 St Edmund Campion Newsletter

## Ash Wednesday

The year 5's and 6's joined the parish at the Holy Spirit Church to celebrate Ash Wednesday mass, the 1st day of Lent.

Father Liam commissioned the liturgy team to distribute the ashes to rest of the school community on their return. They then lead a liturgy that afternoon for the rest of the school. The whole community thought about what they would do during Lent.

This is a time of fasting, praying and charitable giving.

Father Liam encouraged us all to think of doing one good deed a day during Lent.

He also told us how he will be giving up crisps and Eastenders this Lent.

Please support your children in keeping their Lenten promises, hopefully you'll see all sorts of good deeds being done.

Children will be taking home our 'Lent in a Bag'. Please look out for this and join your child in taking some time in contemplating the meaning of Lent and the great joy of Easter.

## Mardi Gras

Shrove Tuesday was a day of raucous fun at St Edmund Campion.

Thank you for your support for the children wearing masks and colourful clothing. They learnt about Carnival and its history around the world. We then all joined in different dances to create our own mini carnival in the school hall.

## Year 3 Assembly

Year 3 children have treated us to two assemblies today that showcased all their work on the stone age.

It featured dance, song, History and English. They have been very busy. They were very proud to show us all their achievements.

Their version of 'We Will Rock You' was a particular highlight.

They also included their R.E. work on journeys with a focus on the faith journey of Mother Teresa and how she can inspire us to grow in our own faith.

## History Time Line



This week, our new History time line was installed in our corridor.

Thank you to all the children who have contributed to the timeline through their school council representatives.

The time line reflects not only world history but our own curriculum and the history of St Edmund Campion school and its local area.

## World Book Day & Book Fair

World Book day is coming, March 2nd.

We encourage children to dress up as a character from literature and Miss Mackay has sent out details about the potato art competition.

The book fair will be open after school next week and the following Monday.

### **Opening times: -**

Tuesday 28th February 15.30 till 17.00

Thursday 2nd March 15.30 till 17.00

Friday 3rd March 15.30 till 16.00

Monday 6th March 15.30 till 16.00

If parents are unable to accompany the children to the Book fair, children can bring money and buy the books during school time on Friday 3rd March from 14.00 until 15.00.

Payment method will be similar to the Autumn, where there will be a card reader alongside the usual cash method.

## Sports Update

This week children from year 4,5 & 6 represented the school for the first time at a swimming gala.

They travelled to Bramcote Baths to compete against 12 other schools in a series of individual events and some very exciting relays.

They finished a very respectable 4th place, just outside the medals.

The quality shown and support of each other was a delight to behold, making it a very successful event that we look forward to taking part in again in the future.

## Sickness in School

This is a polite reminder, that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they should remain at home until 48 hours after the last episode of illness, as per our sickness guidelines. This is to eliminate the spread of illnesses across the school.

Thank you for your understanding and help in this matter.

## PUPILS INDEPENDENCE AND ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS WITHIN SCHOOL

The school office has started to experience an increase in the volume of items being brought into school at varying times of the day, which are required to be given to the children once they have already started school. This can range from musical instruments, PE kits, book bags, homework and clothing. This is now requiring the office staff to be away from the school office to deliver these items around the building.

In turn, this is having an impact on class teaching, as delivering items to individual pupils during their lessons can not only cause disruption to them, but also to the rest of the pupils in class.

We do understand that there are times where in an emergency an item needs to be brought into school and passed on during the day, but we would now ask that this is only in exceptional circumstances.

We are trying to promote the pupils independence and organisational skills within school and your support towards this would be greatly appreciated.

## NO MOBILE PHONES IN THE SCHOOL RECEPTION AREA

Please be aware that as part of our continued Safeguarding in school, the use of mobile phones in the school reception area is not permitted. Should there be a requirement for you to use your mobile phone, please could we ask that you step outside, under the covered way, and away from the main school reception. Thank you for your help in this matter.

### Online Safety Tip

We are seeing an increasing number of children accessing 'SENDIT', a feature of the Snapchat App (age limit 13+).

Please see the attached information for further information and advice on what parents/carers should be aware of.

[SENDIT](#)

## Midday Opportunity

Could you help out at St Edmund Campion School?

We are looking for a cheerful and enthusiastic individual to join our team of Midday Supervisors.

This is a temporary post with the possibility of extending to a permanent contract in the future.

The post holder will work under the direction of the Senior Midday Supervisor to supervise children both in the dining area and in the playground during lunchtime.

The role is subject to a DBS check.

Working hours are from 11:45am – 1:15pm, Monday-Friday term time.

Please contact [office@st-edmundcampion.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-edmundcampion.notts.sch.uk) for further information or to register your interest for the role.

## Looking Ahead

- 28.02.2023: Parents Consultations (Booking links sent out via SeeSaw)
- 01.03.2023: Strike Day
- 02.03.2023: World Book Day
- 02.03.2023: Parents Consultations (Booking links sent out via SeeSaw)
- 03.03.2023: Year 4 Assembly 4C: 09:15 4R: 14:45
- 07.03.2023: Class Photos