



**St Edmund Campion Catholic Primary  
A Voluntary Academy**

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*Hand in hand with Jesus Christ, we live, love and learn together.*

**Newsletter – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

Dear Parents

Just a few updates for you!

**Ash Wednesday Mass**

We celebrated a wonderful Mass today with children actively participating in a variety of ways. It was lovely to see some of our parents and grandparents there to join with us – please remember that all are welcome at our Masses not just the parents of the class who are involved. The children from our Liturgy Team were commissioned to administer ashes to the younger children and they did a magnificent job – well done to them.

Our Lenten preparation has started and the children have decided to support the work of Cafod during this time. Watch out for more news after half term as we join in the Big Splash!

**Building Work**

Over the next few months we will be undergoing some internal restructuring and improvements. The work will be starting in the Year 4 classrooms. The children's education will continue without disruption but they will be re-housed for a short while to the modern Foreign Languages room and the Year 3 activity area – both areas suitable as teaching bases. The improvements will have a positive impact on our whole community and I will keep you updated as the work progresses. Work will start during half term. Drop off and pick up arrangements will remain as usual for the time being. Thank you for your support and understanding.

**Transport**

Mr Daly, the Chair of the South Nottingham Academy Trust, has asked me to inform you of an issue regarding the buses that serve our school community. Nottingham County Council has put forward the proposal to withdraw the provision of transport services for children attending church schools as a way of saving money to allow the County Council to manage its budget. I would like to encourage you to respond to the consultation document (by going to [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk) and clicking on Budget Proposals – Have Your Say. The relevant proposal is C11) then we might be able to effect a change of mind.

## Athletics

Congratulations to our Year 4 indoor athletics team. Having come 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in a very tough heat, there was a place in the C-Final on Monday night. A thoroughly well drilled performance saw a Champion 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. This time it was bragging rights to the reds who pipped the whites by 3 points.

Congratulations also to those who took part in the Cross Country on Friday afternoon at Wollaton Park. A proper cross country course in tough conditions. Out of a field of 100, in each category, a special mention to Zac Johnstone (Y4) who finished 6<sup>th</sup>, Aoife Rendu (Y5) who finished 5<sup>th</sup> and Daniel Butler (Y6) who finished 14<sup>th</sup>. Aoife was back to Wollaton for more of the same on Saturday, for the Nottinghamshire Schools Cross Country Championships. A magnificent 6<sup>th</sup> place finish saw her qualify for the National School's Finals later in the year. A tremendous achievement.

## Parent Forum

The members of the Parent Forum thought it would be a good idea to let you know about this organisation. It is a group of parents who work with me to support the school. They meet every half term as a group but it is not open to others, although views are brought to the forum via the suggestions box which is situated in the reception area.

Issues raised at the Forum have included:

- Communication to parents about events in school that include their children i.e. achievement assembly and sharing why their child has been chosen to receive a certificate, this is printed on the reverse side.
- Rewards for 100% attendance (a suggestion made through the Parent Forum).

The Parent Forum was set up in the Summer Term of 2014 to allow the Interim Executive Committee to engage with parents and obtain their view of the school and how it operates.

Although the members of the Parent Forum do not directly represent parents, they have children in most Year Groups so they are able to offer appropriate comments and raise issues relating to most aspects of school life. It is effectively a representative population for the school to consult with. Meetings are informal and notes of the points discussed are published on the school website. Staff members, including me, attend the meeting, also a representative from the I.E.C.

The aim of the Parent Forum is to find out about issues which concern parents in general terms and also to improve the way in which the school operates and develops by obtaining a parental view of proposed initiatives.

Parents who have a particular concern that is unique to their child would not raise it at Parent Forum but are encouraged to speak with their child's teacher in the first instance.

It is anticipated that, when the Local Governing Body is restored, the Parent Forum will continue to meet and make valuable contributions to the work of the school.

And finally....."May the force be with you!" We've had a great day today with our 'Star Wars' themed House Competition. The children have been busy creating droids, costumes, gadgets and play scripts. They have worked together with staff. It is safe to say that the competitive spirit is well and truly alive at St Edmund Campion. Congratulations to More overall winners! But stars awarded to all houses.

I hope you all enjoy a relaxing half term break and I look forward to seeing you all when we return on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.**

Best wishes

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