



**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 - 20th November 2015

It is, as always busy, busy, busy at St Edmund Campion School with so much going on and a buzz of activity wherever you go!

Year 4 Mass

This week Year 4 led us in a lovely Mass with a focus on St Peter and St Paul. They had researched both of these important saints and knew such a lot. Father John helped us to reflect on the saints and how they can act as role models for us all. Saint Peter, who denied Jesus three times, said sorry, was forgiven and led the early Church. Saint Paul, who had a change of heart and was brave travelling and helping others to know Jesus.

Athletics

Congratulations to our Year 6 indoor athletes who represented our school extremely well. Two teams took part in the heats, both making it through to finals after coming 1st and 3rd. We are very proud of them and know that they will be fabulous in the finals which are on Monday at West Bridgford Comprehensive and Tuesday at The Becket.

Football

It has been a busy half term for both boys and girls teams. As we enter the winter break, over 40 children have been involved. Both girls and boys teams sit proudly in the quarter finals of both the Rushcliffe and County Cup. Trips to Radcliffe, Robert Miles, Netherfield and neighbours Abbey Road await in the New Year. Dust down the trophy cabinet!

Hockey

With the football season on hold, hockey takes centre stage. 18 hardy souls took part in the first of 5 winter festivals at Rushcliffe Leisure Centre. With 5 games a night for both teams, the action comes thick and fast. As always, the children were a credit to themselves and school. The skills learnt during Mr Smith's P.E. lessons are clearly being applied with lots of goals scored.

Recorder Flash Mob

Some of our recorder players joined with their counterparts from Jesse Grey Primary School taking part in a recorder 'Flash Mob' all in aid of Children In Need. They were joined at the Victoria Centre by Pudsey Bear. Congratulations to them all. They played magnificently and I know that Mrs Pearce was very, very proud of all the recorder players. Four children were then selected with names out of the hat to play on Children In Need night.....amazing!

Library Visit

Children from Foundation visited the library in West Bridgford and had a wonderful time listening to stories and choosing books to take home. They thoroughly enjoyed the visit and were very excited to share their adventures including getting caught in the rain as they walked there and back.

World War 1 visitor

Year 3 children were visited by a World War I soldier, William Arthur Ellen who told them all about life in the trenches. They heard about recruitment and training. He paid particular attention to the rats that kept the soldiers company! The children have been really enthusiastic about this topic and asked lots of questions and sang songs of the time. I have seen the writing they have produced – it is very impressive indeed.

Attendance Monitoring

I monitor the attendance of every child in the school each half term and write to all parents whose child's attendance dips below 96% - the expected rate of attendance. I understand that there will be very good reasons for your child not attending school. I do, however, have the responsibility of keeping you informed of anything that may have a negative impact on your child's progress and below expected attendance is one of these things.

Parish Fayre

The Parish Fayre at Holy Spirit Church, Victoria Road, West Bridgford takes place this Saturday from 11am – 1pm. Our children have been donating filled jars and bottles for the bottle stall. If you can please take the time to pop in and support the Holy Spirit.

Frost Fayre

Our own school Frost Fayre takes place next Saturday 28th November from 1 – 3pm. It promises to be a lovely occasion with lots of stalls, plenty to eat and fun to be had. I look forward to seeing lots of you there and know that the Parents Association will be sending out more information next week.

Love In A Shoe Box

Two hundred and twenty five boxes filled with gifts and love have been received in our school for the Samaritans Purse charity. The charity sends the shoeboxes to children in some of the most deprived and war torn areas of the world. Your generosity and kindness is breath taking. Many of you have told me how much you enjoy filling the shoe boxes with your children before the

excitement of Christmas takes over. I know that this charitable giving provides us all with a moment of time to think of others. Thank you very much for your support.

Final total for DePaul Sleep Out - £1406.95

Dates

A gentle reminder of some important dates in December. We have sent these out but I would hate anyone to miss out on these special celebrations:

- 1st Yr 6 Advent Celebration 6 30pm
- 2nd Yr 5 Advent Celebration 6 30pm
- 3rd Yr 4 Advent Celebration 6 30pm
- 8th Foundation Stage Christmas Celebration FE 9.30am
Year 2 Christmas Celebration 2E 2.00pm
- 9th Foundation Stage Christmas Celebration FC 9.30am
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- 10th Year 1 Christmas Celebration 1E 9.30 am
Year 3 Christmas Celebration 3E 2.00pm
- 11th Year 1 Christmas Celebration 1C 9.30am
Year 3 Christmas Celebration 3C 2 pm
- 15th Academy concert evening Year 6 at the Albert Hall