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A Voluntary Academy**

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

**St Edmund Campion Newsletter – 6 March 2017**

Hello parents!

Spring at last! It certainly feels better with a little more daylight at the start and the end of the days. Spring is definitely in the air and the signs of new life are lifting our spirits. We hope that they are doing the same for you.

As usual lots has been happening at school – St Edmund Campion is a busy place!

**World Book Day**

We enjoyed a wonderful day together and the children looked absolutely fabulous! Thank you for your support and general creativity when it came to costumes. The staff entered into the spirit of the occasion too. My efforts with Gangster Granny were not too successful and some children didn't realise that I had dressed up at all! Note to self .... More talcum powder in the hair next time!!! Thank you also for your wonderful efforts with the extreme reading challenge. The pictures of our children reading in a wide range of positions and locations have been amazing! Congratulations to the winners from each class who have been awarded a star for their house. My thanks to the librarians who judged this competition – I was relieved not to have to choose just one person per class as there were so many excellent pictures. We will be showcasing all the pictures during Parents Consultation evenings next week. Some will amaze you; others will have you spell bound! Perhaps one of the most special things about World Book Day was the end of the day when the children selected which 'story time' they wanted to go to with teachers reading from their favourite books – there is nothing better than listening to a story – or reading one aloud. It was a great way to end our day.

**Sponsored Read**

The children have had lots of opportunities in school to build up their 'minutes read' for this week's sponsored read. Please could all sponsor forms and money raised be returned to school by **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March**. We are hoping to reach our target of at least £600 so that Usborne will donate an extra 60% to the total raised.



## **World Maths Day – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

We go from one exciting day to another..... please don't go to any expense for a costume on this day – a t-shirt with a number on it or a shape or anything mathematical. We know how challenging dress up days can be and we really want this to be as low key as possible for you but as enjoyable for children as possible!

The day is looking very exciting too with a theatre company for all children. It will be a day of maths in a wide range of forms including cooking with an executive chef from Aspens. Unfortunately, not all children will be able to participate in this aspect of the day on Friday but we are planning another themed day when they will get a chance have access to this.

## **Year 1 Assembly**

Congratulations to our Year 1 children on their wonderful assembly. They shared all their talents and described people who are special to them. We were so impressed with their confidence, their clear voices and their enthusiasm. They have definitely inspired us and although some were moved to tears by their heartfelt words everyone of us left with a smile. Year 1 – you made us very proud!

## **Year 3 Assembly**

Last Friday Year 3 led us in a great assembly that showcased some of their incredible learning this term. Their topic has been focused on the Romans and they knew such a lot. They became a very efficient Roman Army, they showed us their art work and their creative writing, they sang and told us about their scientific work. All in all Year 3 were very impressive. Like Year 1 they spoke with confidence and clarity. Their sense of enjoyment was infectious. Well done Year 3 you made us proud too.

## **Ash Wednesday Mass**

The start of Lent was marked with a very prayerful celebration of Mass. The whole school community attended. Father John led us in our celebration and helped us to understand that Lent means Spring and that this is a time of prayer, fasting and supporting others. He said that God asks us to try – we may have made a promise to give up something or do something extra. Father John said that we might fail but God asks us to keep trying. Year 5 children led a reflection where they made a number of suggestions. One was to *fast* from bad manners and *feast* on politeness.

## **STEM Days**

Our Year 3 and 5 children have been working with a STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) ambassador. Mr Dowsett led Year 3 in investigations to ensure an egg had a safe, crack-free landing and Year 5 investigated the best material for a space rocket. The children were engaged in very practical investigations. I am glad to say that there were not too many casualties on the egg front! I am also glad to say that the children and staff really enjoyed working with Mr Dowsett and were really enthusiastic about their scientific learning. I am also very proud to say that Mr Dowsett



was very complimentary about our children, how hard they worked and how well they worked together. It is always lovely to hear such positive comments from someone else! Well done children – you have made me proud AGAIN!

### **Year 1 and 2 Lantern Project**

Before half term Years 1 and 2 were involved in a project to make lanterns and these were then released at the Arboretum in Nottingham. The organisers of this event were very impressed with our children and their positive attitudes and good behaviour. They were also impressed with how many attended the launch with their parents. Thank you all for your support.

### **Some reminders....**

Parent Consultations - 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March

World Maths Day - 10<sup>th</sup> March

Year 3 Roman Day - 13<sup>th</sup> March

Parent Forum - 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm – if you have any issues you would like to be discussed please put them in the suggestions box in the school entrance

Year 2 assembly - 17<sup>th</sup> March

Red Nose Day - 24<sup>th</sup> March – more information to follow from our Liturgy Team

Entry Into Jerusalem Celebration - 27<sup>th</sup> March (led by 4C at 10am & 4E at 2pm)

Mass of the Last Supper – 29<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am (led by Year 5)

The Crucifixion - 30<sup>th</sup> March (led by 6C at 10am & 6E at 2pm)

As always thank you for your support, your encouragement and the commitment you demonstrate to our school community

Best wishes

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