



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

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

St Edmund Campion Newsletter – 9 February 2017

Mass

We have recently enjoyed two wonderful masses. One by Year 4 and one by Year 5. Year 5 mass was based around mission and going out into the world and responding to our own calling. The Year 4 mass was all about Saint Blaise and how he was a leader of the early church and performed miracles. There was a good attendance of parents at these masses, you are all welcome to come along to them even if it isn't your child's year.

On Sunday I was very proud of all the children who read and sang at 9 o'clock mass at Holy Spirit. They were wonderful and represented our school community so well. It was a truly joyful occasion where they sang that they were never too young to do good things.

Congratulations

Really well done to Evie Sharkey on winning the regional British Gas Generation Green Competition for the East Midlands.

Her fabulous cartoon has been put forward for the national final, to be judged on the 14th February 2017.

More than 4,000 budding young artists from 123 schools across the country have entered the Generation Green Smarter Power Competition. School children aged 7-11 were asked to draw a cartoon showing British Gas mascot, Wilbur, and how smart meters can help them save energy

We are very proud of Evie and her achievements and will keep our fingers crossed for the 14th.

She is in with the chance to win an energy makeover worth up to £50,000 for the school.

Christmas DVD's

The recent sale of advent DVD's was a huge success. We thank you all for supporting our school and your children by buying copies.

We have received feedback from the Parent Forum regarding the quality of the recordings. This was our first attempt using older equipment and whilst it was satisfactory, we would like to improve too.



With that in mind, we have decided to use the money raised to purchase a brand new high definition video camera so that, in the future, we can provide you with high quality videos of your children's performances.

Thank you again for your continued support of the school

Lunch

Just a reminder that all half termly school dinner payments should be received within the first week of the half term. Any weekly payments should be made on the Monday of the week and cash payments to be exact money please.

Talent Show

Congratulations to all our finalists in the Talent Show. We were royally entertained on the 20th January with a huge variety of talent on display. We had pianists, comedians, singers, dancers, impressionists, gymnasts and musicians and they were all marvellous. Special congratulations go to our overall winners, Maria in Year 2 who played the keyboard and sang in two languages and Jojo in Year 6 who enthralled us with her gymnastic dance routine. Many stars were awarded to houses on that day. Parents who came along to watch commented on how uplifting it was and how much fun they had. Next year please come along, even if your child isn't participating. It was a great assembly for all.

Basketball

Our basketball team took part in their first tournament recently. They played with great spirit, supported each other and had a fun time. It was a definite learning experience, they learnt a lot from the other teams and we look forward to their next tournament.

Trent Bridge

One of our Year 6 classes enjoyed a trip to Trent Bridge, taking part in lots of activities, learning about the history of the ground and mastering techniques in bowling and batting. With Alistair Cook out of the way we could well have the next England Captain on our hands. Our other Year 6 class will be visiting in March.

Packed Lunches

When Mr Bartle has been doing his usual cleaning, he has found that un-eaten sandwiches and various items have been thrown away in bins and toilets. Midday supervisors have begun monitoring packed lunches to ensure that any un-eaten items are sent home so that you are aware whether the children are eating the lunches you are providing for them.

School Dinners

Following our Parent Forum meeting it was suggested that you may appreciate some photographs from us about the choices your children have for lunch, including the sandwich option. We're half



way through the photographs. We will be putting them up on the website once we have a full set for your perusal.

Library

The library is now fully operational and in full flow. Our Year 6 librarians are doing a fantastic job helping the school borrow books. It's a wonderful addition to the school and the children are thoroughly enjoying it.

We have, however, recently had two incidents of damage to books beyond normal wear and tear. Please can I remind parents that this is a new and expensive resource to be treasured and respected. All damaged books will be replaced, paid for by the pupil responsible for the damage.

World Book Day

Forward planning, World book day is 2nd March 2017. Mrs Woolley has sent out a request for pictures of the children reading in interesting and unusual places – the Extreme Reading Challenge. We will all be dressing up as our favourite book characters on the day itself. As part of World Book Day celebrations, we will be producing our very own book which will be on sale during our book fair at the Parents' Consultations – week beginning 6th March 2017.

Sponsored Read

Linking to World Book Day, and to raise money for even more reading books for the new library, we are working in tandem with Usborne books for a whole school sponsored read, over the week beginning 27th February 2017. This will be launched in an assembly on the 20th February 2017 where the information and sponsorship forms will be sent home. Sponsor money will be collected by Friday 10th March 2017. If we can raise over £600 as a school, Usborne will donate 60% to the total raised.

World Maths Day

We will also be participating in World Maths Day on 10th March 2017. Mrs Killingworth will let you know more information closer to the time. We will be wearing items of clothes with numbers or shapes on them, please do not buy new clothes, just hunt around for whatever you can find. We will also be doing lots of interesting mathematical activities on the day.

Computer Suite

The computer suite is now up and running. Children are having access to both the suite and the computers in the classrooms alongside the I-pads to aid with their work.

Rowing

Last week saw the Rushcliffe Indoor Rowing Championships at South Wolds. St Edmund Campion has a strong tradition in the event, partly due to the facilities at school and of course the talent of the children! This year proved no different. 28 children represented the school in quartets. A record haul of medals were achieved with the boys securing silver and bronze and the girls the gold and bronze. A big well done to all involved



Internet Safety Evening

We recently hosted an Internet Safety Meeting for parents. This was well attended and provided some very useful and practical advice for using the internet. All documents from the evening are available on our website under 'Parent's Information' – 'Internet Safety'. We also had an assembly on Monday for all the children where we shared how the internet is a wonderful resource but gave lots of advice on how to stay safe. The main message is talk to your children about how they are accessing the internet and what to do if something goes wrong. Internet safety is also part of our computing curriculum.

After School club

Information has been sent out regarding the after school club, it will be starting after half term. We look forward to that starting.

Inset Day

Inset day is on Friday the 10th February 2017.

Birthdays

Everyone is welcome to Father Johns and Canon Michaels significant birthday celebrations at the Holy Spirit Parish Hall at 07:30pm on Saturday, 11th February 2017.

Enjoy your half term, looking forward to seeing you all back on **Monday the 20th February 2017**.