



St Edmund's Catholic Primary School

Diocese of Westminster

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Newsletter to Parents Friday 6th January 2023



I am delighted to introduce myself to you as the new Executive Headteacher of St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School.

I feel honoured to bring the experience I have gained of over 20 years in education. Over the years, I have worked as a teacher and senior leader in successful London schools with similar intakes to St Edmund's and I have been a key contributor to several successful Ofsted inspections. I thoroughly enjoy working in education and I have a firm belief in all our young people.

Thank you for such a warm welcome at the school gate. From the Visits to the classes, encounters with staff and parents, it is clear that there is a real sense of community here at St Edmunds', there is a special identity and a culture of aspiration.

As a teacher, leader and parent, I believe all children should have access to an excellent education so I am determined that the school builds on its legacy and continues to flourish and hold a position at the heart of our community. Whilst I have many ideas for how we can ensure our school further improves, I will work with an experienced team of staff and governors to make sure we employ initiatives and strategies which we can be certain will make the school go from strength to strength.

I am looking forward to working with the whole community as we strive for even greater success for all our young people. By working together, we can ensure that your children exhibit the school's motto "To Learn Through Christ" so that they enjoy their time at school, make excellent progress and leave us with the necessary skills and attitudes to lead successful and fulfilling lives.

Your support with any changes will be greatly appreciated and will help continue to have a positive and successful year. The first step in any school improvement is the raising of expectations. It is important that we are ambitious and I know that your children will always respond positively to a challenge. I hope you will join me in challenging your children to take up every opportunity through learning that they are exposed to.

I very much look forward to working in partnership with you all.

Best wishes,

Mrs Ruthven

Class Assemblies



Here are the dates for the upcoming class assemblies:

Thursday 19th Jan: Year 6

Thursday 26th Jan: Year 5

Thursday 2nd Feb: Year 4

Thursday 9th Feb: Year 3

Half term

Thursday 23rd Feb: Year 2

Thursday 2nd March: Year 1

Thursday 9th March: Reception

Feast day of the Epiphany

Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord, always and everywhere, that we may perceive with clear sight and revere with true affection the mystery in which you have willed us to participate.

Through Christ our Lord,
Amen



Soft start

This will resume on Monday 9th January as normal. The gates will open at 8.45am and children are encouraged to arrive at this time so that they can go straight to class and begin their day. The gates will close promptly at 9am and any children arriving after this will need to go to Reception to be marked in as late. On Fridays, children and parents are welcome to stay on the playground from 8:45. The bell will ring at 9am and children will be taken to their classrooms by teachers. There will continue to be a soft start in Nursery and Reception on Fridays.

St. Edmund's Safeguarding Information



Let's Keep Each Other Safe!

If somebody upsets, hurts you, or one of your friends, or somebody is in danger... **Please tell someone.**

We are a **telling** school and we will always **listen**.



			
Mrs Ruthven (Headteacher - Designated Safeguarding Lead)	Mr McKenzie (Assistant Headteacher - Deputy Safeguarding Officer)	Mrs Simms (Assistant Headteacher - Deputy Safeguarding Officer)	Miss O'Reilly (SENDCo - Deputy Safeguarding Officer)
All week	Tuesday	Wednesday & Thursday	Friday

Don't forget you also have your **Trusted Person** to also talk to.