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Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the continued spell of wet and blustery weather, it has been a joy to see our children arriving at school each day with such big smiles and boundless enthusiasm. A gentle reminder to everyone to walk – rather than run – into school, even when eagerness takes over. We love seeing how keen the children are to start their day!

This week's newsletter includes some important reminders, along with a number of lovely highlights from across the school.

Our School Values



You may have noticed our newest display in the courtyard, which shares our school values for each half term. Our current value is Hope. The children have been learning about this through storybooks, saint stories and assemblies, and our Faith Friends have shared how they see these values lived out in school life. Please do take a look and continue these conversations at home where possible.



Special Visitors

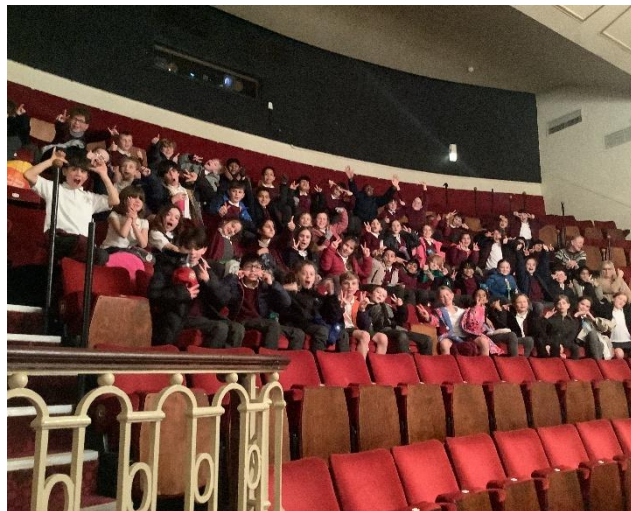


We are very fortunate to have many skilled parents within our school community and are grateful for the contributions they make to school life.

As part of their 'People Who Help Us' topic, Fledglings welcomed Sergeant Long and Mr Morris (Event Medic and First Aid Trainer), who spoke about how their roles support the local community. To support our teaching of other faiths, we also welcomed Mrs Summers, who led a whole-school assembly about Islam.

If you are able to share your skills, experiences or knowledge with the children, please do come and speak to us.

Year 4 Trip to see Barnum!



Year 4 had a very exciting visit to the Theatre Royal this week to see *Barnum*. Despite the rainy walk, the children thoroughly enjoyed the performance, particularly the trapeze and juggling acts. We were especially proud to hear that members of the public complimented the children on their excellent behaviour and manners. Well done, Year 4!



Swimathon



The Friends Association was recently invited to the Annual Windsor Lions Awards, where they received an award for the funds raised through our last Swimathon.

A huge thank you to all of our swimmers — Katherine, Noah, Sebastian W, Sebastian A, Victoria, Kaelan, Kitty, Natalia, Polina, Liliana, Arleta and Matilda — who showed incredible determination and teamwork. Split into two teams, they completed an amazing 251 laps in just 55 minutes.

The children were proudly presented with certificates from The Lions and medals from The Friends. Thank you to everyone who supported, sponsored and cheered them on — it was a fantastic team effort and a memory the children will treasure.

Walking Bus

We are once again exploring the possibility of reinstating our Walking Bus for families, potentially for the spring or summer term. We recognise that there was limited interest previously, but we would like to check again whether there may now be enough demand to make this viable.

If introduced, parents would be able to drop children at a designated point near the disabled parking area at Clewer Memorial Recreation Ground car park (Pirate Park, just off Dedworth Road). Staff would be present from 8:25am, and the group would leave promptly at 8:40am to arrive at school in good time.

There would be no need to book daily, and the service would be open to all families. Please note that bikes and scooters could not be accommodated.

If this is something you would be interested in using, please let us know. Your feedback will help us decide whether to move forward. For families needing an earlier drop-off, Breakfast Club is available from 7:15am each morning.

Ten:Ten Parent Resources

We continue to use Ten:Ten resources to enrich our Catholic life and mission throughout the school, particularly in our Celebration of the Word and Collective Worship assemblies.

Parents are warmly invited to explore the Ten:Ten Parent Newsletter, which offers prayers and reflections to share at home with your children.

Access the resources here:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>



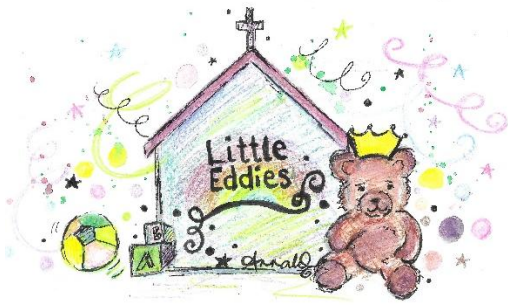
Little Eddies Mother & Toddler Group

As mentioned previously and in the parish newsletter, the Little Eddies Mother and Toddler Group is still in need of volunteers. Unfortunately, we have not yet had enough interest to sustain the group.

We are now exploring the option of moving the group from the Parish Centre into the school assembly hall to help keep this much-valued provision running. However, this will only be possible with additional volunteer support.

If you are able to help once a week, please contact the school office or email

youthcoordinator@catholicwindsor.org. Without further support, we may sadly have to consider closing the group.



Is my child too ill for school?

Deciding whether to keep your child at home when they are unwell can be difficult. Government guidance for schools and nurseries outlines when children should and should not attend school. If your child does need to stay at home, please ensure you phone the school on the first day to let us know the reason for absence.

Further guidance can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Building Fund Contribution

As a Catholic Voluntary-Aided School, we are required to raise 10% of the cost of maintaining and improving our buildings through the Governors' Building Fund.

Recent projects supported by this fund include a new roof and an upgraded heating system — essential improvements that benefit all children. At present, we have received very few contributions, and we are keen to avoid having to cover these costs from our already stretched school budget.

If you are able to contribute, we would be very grateful if you could do so via ScoPay. All donations, no matter the size, make a real difference. UK taxpayers are also encouraged to Gift Aid their donation, increasing its value by 25% at no extra cost.

Thank you to all families who have already contributed. We are required to make our next payment to the Diocese by the end of the month, so any further support would be greatly appreciated.



KS2 Sign Language



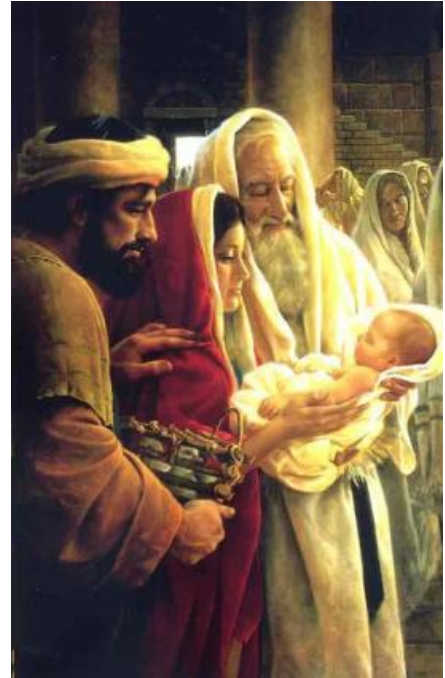
We are delighted to share that this term children in Key Stage 2 are learning British Sign Language. Years 3 and 4 have been working with Mrs Punjwani, learning days of the week, months of the year and numbers. We are very proud to be offering this valuable and inclusive skill as part of our curriculum. If you would like to explore this further at home, Mrs Punjwani has a range of helpful video tutorials available:

<https://www.youtube.com/@Sign2Go/videos>

Reflection

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, celebrated on 2nd February, marks Mary and Joseph presenting the baby Jesus at the Temple. Simeon and Anna recognised Him as the Messiah — the “Light to the Gentiles”. Also known as Candlemas, this feast reminds us that Christ is the light of the world and calls us to share that light with others.

*Lord Jesus Christ,
Light of the world,
on this feast we remember your Presentation in
the Temple,
offered to the Father in humility and love.
As Simeon and Anna recognized you with joy,
open our hearts to welcome you today.
Purify us by your light,
that we may offer our lives faithfully to God
and walk in the way of peace.
Through the example of Mary and Joseph,
teach us trust and obedience.
May your light shine in us,
now and forever.
Amen.*



God bless, see you all on Monday,

Mr Keohane & the St Edward's First Team

Attachments

- Christ the King Parish Newsletter
- Families of Faith February
- Let's Play @ Windsor
- Welcome to Tinytowne



Dates for the Diary

February	
Thursday 12 th	Y3 Visiting St Edward's Church (church tour)
Friday 13 th	End of Spring 1 (3:15 finish time)
Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February Half Term	
Monday 23 rd	Start of Spring 2
Wednesday 25 th	Great Athletes - Lesley Owusu – visiting
Friday 27 th	Lenten Enterprise – Y1 – Bookmark sale
Friday 27 th	Prayer Space & Time for parents – Assembly Hall 8.30-8.45am
March	
Monday 2 nd	National Offer Day Middle School Places
Tuesday 3 rd	Height and Weight – EYFS – RBWM School Nurses on site
Tuesday 3 rd	Y3 – Junior Music Festival Rehearsal
Friday 6 th	World Book Day – all book-related costumes welcome!
Friday 6 th	Lenten Enterprise – Year 3 – Plant Sale
Monday 9 th	National Science Week
Thursday 12 th	Y2 visiting St Edward's Church Tour
Thursday 12 th	Lent Penitential – KS2 Children Only – 14:00
Friday 13 th	Lenten Enterprise – Year 4 – Mother Days Café
Wednesday 18 th	Adoration of the Holy Sacrament – Children Only – 13:30
Friday 20 th	Lenten Enterprise – Year 2 – Prayer stone sale
Friday 20 th	World Poetry Day – School House Competition
Friday 20 th	Prayer Space & Time for parents – Assembly Hall 8.30-8.45am
Tuesday 24 th	Parent Consultation Evening (16:00-19:00)
Thursday 26 th	Parent Consultation Evening (16:00-19:00)
Thursday 26 th	Lenten Enterprise – EYFS – Pretzels sale
Friday 27 th	End of Term Mass – Children Only – 9:00
Friday 27 th	End of Spring 2 (1:30 finish time)
Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April Easter Holidays	

Our calendar reflects events as of 6th February. We try not to change events but sometimes we have no choice. Thank you for your understanding with this. We regularly update our school calendar on [our school website](#).

