Dear Parents and Guardians,

For those of you that attended the magnificent fireworks display last Saturday evening, you will agree with me that the standout feature of the evening was the feeling of being together. For me, standing with close family and friends in front of the College building, looking high and long (in duration) to see the colourful array of explosions in the sky, then looking low to observe the children either in wide-eyed awe or playing and chatting so happily together, just embeds in me a feeling that at St Ed’s, the craic really can be ‘90’. It was good to say hello to several parents on the night and I hope that you felt equally proud of our school.

Many thanks to the Friends and Grounds Team for their help and for managing the budget carefully to raise a significant sum of money for the children. News later this year of our ‘wish list’ items where we hope that the children will be able to benefit from such initiative, hard work and of course generosity. Thank you. Thank you to volunteers for running the stalls also.

Remembrance then this week and our Remembrance book has been filled with the names of those loved and lost and also with poems and prayers associated with the theme. Form Six poems demonstrated a mature and learned understanding of a time slipping beyond living memory. The prayers, observed silence, poppies on blazers and conversations with children reflect our shared commitment to love, to forgiveness and to learning the lessons of the past. We were galvanised by ‘Edmundia’ on Saturday evening, but we are all only here by virtue of the sacrifice that so many servicemen and women have made before us. Through leadership, service, word and deed, we will remember them.

Avita Pro Fide,
Mr S Cartwright, Headmaster
St Edmund’s Prep

Q. What is the top colour in a rainbow?
A. In next week’s newsletter

Last Week’s Answer
Q. Name the most famous nurse of Victorian Times who improved care for wounded soldiers?
A. Florence Nightingale

Mr Cartwright's quiz

“Silently, one by one, in the infinite meadows of heaven,
Blossomed the lovely stars, the forget-me-nots of the angels.”
— Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Evangeline: A Tale of Acadie

Our annual Senior Citizens’ Christmas party is taking place at the College on Sunday, 11th December from 3 to 5pm. We hope to have about 150 guests from the local community. Our guests enjoy a Christmas afternoon tea and entertainment provided by the students. Father Christmas then makes his annual visit, and each guest is given a small bag of presents. Therefore, we are asking if you could kindly please send in items such as tins of biscuits, cakes, bottles of alcohol or small presents. As a few of our friends live in residential homes, we are not looking to supply basic foodstuffs but rather luxury items. For some of the elderly this may be the only gift they receive, and it would be a lovely way for them to know that they are in our thoughts and prayers at Christmas. Any kind donations to the Prep Office, please, labelled appropriately.
Head's Commendations

Samuel Adegbite - For being a helpful and supportive member of our class
Ariana Payne - For always being enthusiastic about lessons and school
Leo Grange - History
Jai Patel - History
Edwin Webster - History
Bella Ewing - For hard work and perseverance.
Edith Heppell - Science
Luke McNerney - Maths
Theadora Yiannoullou - Science
Alec Carpenter - Fantastic fact-file on Mayan gods
Sienna Grange - Fantastic fact-file on Mayan gods
Isabelle Ross-Field - Fantastic fact-file on Mayan gods
Benedict Penfold – Amazing half term work

Upcoming Dates November

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** Please remember to logon to the school cloud to book your parent consultation appointment. The booking window for this will close at midday on Monday 14th **

Southworth Cake Sale

Thank you for all of the wonderful support for the cake sale last Friday. The cakes looked amazing and we raised an incredible £241.95.

There will be an ice cream van outside of The Prep School from 3.30pm on St Edmund’s Day, if you would like to purchase any ice creams or sweet treats after school.

E-Safety

How can I……? This section gives links to advice and guidance to common questions I am asked. This week...

I have no interest in social media but my children do. How can I learn more? Social media in particular is a fast-moving area with new apps coming out all the time. You don’t need to keep updated with all the apps out there, but you do need to be aware of the ones your children are using. Click HERE for more advice about safe use, benefits, concerns and much more.

https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-advice-hub/
This week in the Prep

Up in space

Nursery have been enjoying their new topic work on Space. Our role play area has changed to a space theme and the children have been busy making rockets and planets and learning about our solar system and space travel.

Wesak Lanterns

Form 3 are learning about Buddhism and focusing on understanding the importance of Wesak. The children are making beautiful Wesak lanterns to remind them of this celebration.
**Beautiful Poppies**

Form 1 have created these beautiful Poppies to hang in their classroom, after learning about Remembrance day in their lessons.

**Remembrance**

This week Forms 3 - 6 have created beautiful watercolour silhouettes of soldiers. These have been displayed alongside some poppies painted by EYFS for Remembrance Day.
The U11A girls football team started off strongly with a convincing 3–0 win against St Mary’s, Royston. In the next game against Edwinstree, another win followed after two quick goals in the early stages of the game. The third game against King James Academy was much closer and, although we had most of the attack and the ball remained in the opposition’s half for the majority of the game, it looked like we might not score a goal to win the game. However, shortly before the end we scored a super goal from a cross to claim victory 1 – 0.

In the final game, we knew that we had to win to qualify for the county round. Ralph Sadleir had also won all of their games but had scored more goals. The opposition scored first but our team’s heads did not drop. We scored a goal to equalise and then spent the remainder of the match trying to find the winner. Unfortunately this did not arrive in time before the final whistle. This meant that although we were unbeaten on the day we did not qualify for the next round based on the amount of goals scored. The girls played very well throughout the afternoon, scoring some great goals from quick counter-attacks and defending solidly. Our goalkeeper also pulled off some spectacular saves in the final game.
PERFORMING ARTS

Nativity and Carol Service

The Prep is alive with the sound of Christmas! Since half term, the EYFS and Pre-Prep children have been rehearsing 'The Angel Who Nearly Missed It All' for performance on 7th December, while the Prep are starting to work on a selection of carols for our service on 9th December. A magical time of the school year.

Further information is to follow about these two special events.

Fabulous Fireworks

Once again the rain joined us for fireworks evening on Saturday. Thank you so much to everyone who bought tickets and came, despite the rain. The wet proved too much for the bonfire which, despite valiant efforts from the grounds staff, refused to light. However, the fireworks were spectacular! A last minute mix-up with the licence meant we couldn’t sell mulled wine or beer but hopefully the free samples of St Edmund’s Gin made up for it.

You helped us raise nearly £5k so thank you to every one of the volunteers who helped set up and run the event, to Mr Duddy, volunteer parents, College Jazz Band, the porters, grounds men, domestic staff, buildings management and thank you to those who turned up to enjoy the evening.

Best wishes

The Friends Committee