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PREP NEWSLETTER

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Headmaster's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

A heartfelt and enormous welcome back to school. It is wonderful to see the children getting immersed in their learning once again and I could give you, if pressed only slightly, vibrant examples of progress staff have observed this week alone. They are so proud of the children. There are lots of school coats too, thank you, and the children look terrific. For all the girls in the Prep though (along with their doting parents) a special commendation on learning to tie a tie. I hope that you have remembered to get another 'first day at school' photograph as the uniform swaps over. One final comment on start-up: staff have found parents hugely supportive – and proactive – in a range of pastoral and academic matters and I pray sincerely, that this sentiment is shared by you, the other way around.

Now, I have been informed that my end of half term letter was, perhaps, annoyingly on the long side (no names mentioned, but I know them very well and in the best possible way), and so an attempt at brevity for all readers:

Fireworks Night...Yes! Thank you to all the Friends, and anyone who has offered support. We are expecting large numbers with fireworks rigged to blow very shortly after 18:00 (very shortly after) and I am afraid to report that if you don't have a ticket, for insurance reasons, you will not be able to enter the site, which opens at 5pm. If you have bought one and can make a return, please email friends@stedmundscollege.org as, with a sufficient waiting list and enough notice, we may be able to make a refund and accommodate another family. In school we have reminded the children of the Firework Code and of their ambassadorial duty. It will be dark and busy, possibly damp, and whilst we have will have marshals in 'high vis', your children are your responsibility on the evening. The Prep School is out of bounds on our risk assessment, unfortunately.

And finally, in this week of All Souls and All Saints, may the blessings of those we have loved and lost and the blessing of the Saints themselves be upon each one of us. Christmas looms large on the horizon and, for the half term ahead, there is a great deal to look forward to.

With every best wish,

Mr S Cartwright
Headmaster, St Edmund's Prep

Quote

"Light is prettiest in the dark." — Joyce Rachelle

Religious Theme

Called to be Saints/Buddhism

Mr Cartwright's quiz

Q. Name the most famous nurse of Victorian Times who improved care for wounded soldiers?

A. In next week's newsletter

Last Week's Answer

Q. Which big ocean lies between America and Britain?

A. The Atlantic Ocean



Head's Commendations

William Howell - Using his phonics to write his own sentences.

Rafael Salinas - Thinking of interesting sentences when describing a cave.

Albert Field - Games

Lucy Berkley - A beautiful diary entry from Mary after the Annunciation.

Ellis Elsom-White - Excellent focus and effort in independently reviewing the patterns from the first half of term.

Jack Button - Fantastic dual narrative based on The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe.

Alec Carpenter - Writing a fantastic dual narrative based on The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.

Lorenzo Hookham - Maths, demonstrating perseverance by always ensuring he challenges himself. Work is completed to a high standard.

Thomas Smits - Excellent Book Review.

Upcoming Dates November

Saturday 5th	5pm- 7pm - Friends Firework Night
Monday 7th	Parent Consultation Evening Letter will be sent
Tuesday 8th	3.30pm-6pm - U11 District Girls Football Tournament (Away)
Wednesday 9th	1.45pm-4.45pm - U11 A & B Boys Football v Heath Mount (Match at 2.30pm,Away)
Thursday 10th	Hearing Screening
	2.45pm-4.30pm - U9 A & B Football v Duncombe (Match at 3pm, Home)
	2.45pm-4.30pm - U9 A & B Netball v Duncombe (Match at 3pm, Home)

E-Safety

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

How can I set up the new devices I have bought my child so that they are safer? There are so many devices, each with individual settings it can be really hard for parents, but setting up devices before they are given to children is a really important step. You can see a guide to parental controls and help for setting up devices by clicking here.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>



This week in the Prep

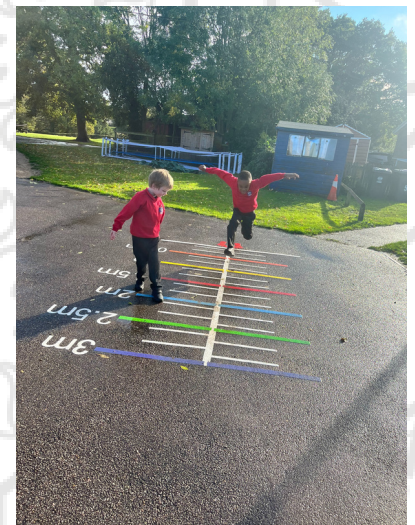
Battle of Watling Street

Form 3 brought history to life before half-term, by re-enacting the Battle of Watling Street where Boudica made her final stand.



Playground Fun

Form 1 and 2 were very excited to return after half term to see that some wonderful playground markings had been painted onto the playground. We had great fun playing snakes and ladders, having a go on our fitness trail, and seeing how far we could jump on our standing long jump ladder. Thank you very much to the Friends for donating this money to us - the children love it!



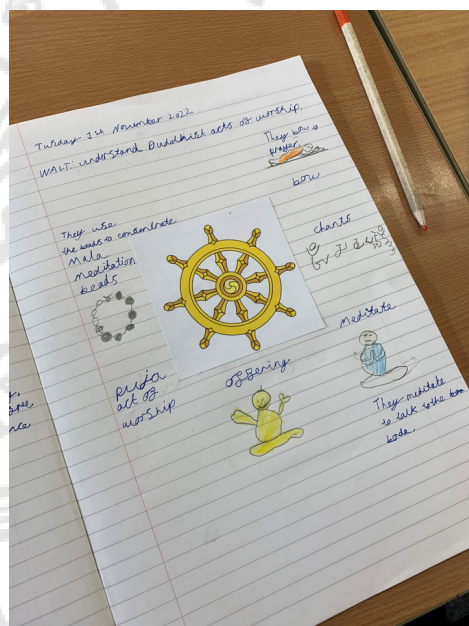
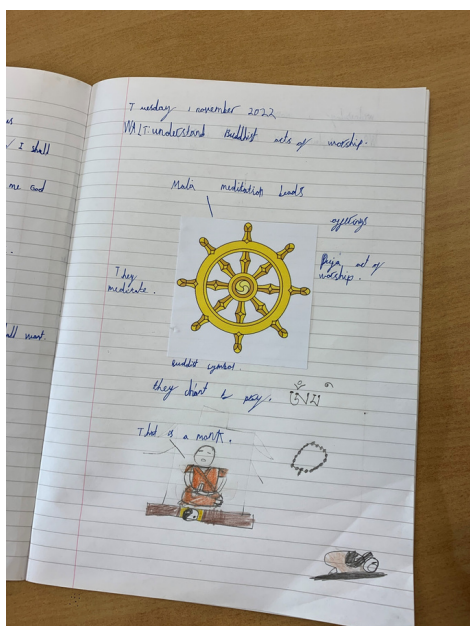
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Buddhism

Form 4 have been learning about Buddhism in our RE lessons. We have learned about how Buddhists worship and looked at similarities and differences between Buddhism and Christianity. We also used the Chrome Books to research Buddhism so that we could write a fact file.

Scarlett says, "I have learned that instead of using the Rosary to pray, Buddhists use Mala beads to help them to meditate."

Ruby says, "I have learned that Buddhists use flowers as offerings and they have shrines in their house so that they can worship there without going to the temple."



Firework Night

The Reception class are looking forward to celebrating Firework Night on Saturday. We have talked about how we keep safe, holding a grown up's hand and keeping at a safe distance from the fireworks and bonfire. If a grown up lets us use sparklers then we know that they get very hot, so we must hold it right at the end and drop it in a bucket when it has finished. We could even pop the end of the sparkler into a carrot to make a safe handle. We thought of lots of interesting words to describe the noises the fireworks make and produced some effective artwork. We made edible sparklers which we enjoyed with some fruit.





Escape Room Club

Escape room club managed to work out the clues and release the chest to win the sweets. They worked together to find the hidden clues and solve the puzzles. They then pieced together the numbers to unlock the chest.

Zina said, "I really enjoyed the escape room" Isabelle and Holly said, "It's the best escape room ever!" Amazing what sweets can do!





PERFORMING ARTS

Music at Open Morning

Well done to cellist Emilia-Jane Noble and singer Tristan Orgill-Faulkner (Form 6) who performed to our visitors before Mr Cartwright's talk in the Hall at the Prep Open Morning before half term. Emilia mastered a challenging and lively shepherds' dance on her cello and Tristan confidently sang 'Electricity' from the musical Billy Elliot.

Head Choristers and Choir at All Saints Day Mass

Our whole-school Mass was the first performance for our newly appointed Form 6 Head Choristers and Choir. Well done to the impressive number of children who auditioned to join the team of children to be singing leaders in school. We look forward to hearing you perform solo, in small groups and as a choir at forthcoming events. The children are to receive their badges within the next few days, after which a photo will appear in the newsletter.

Reading Ambassador Recommends

The Reading Ambassadors have helped to select some new books for the library. A combination of fiction and non-fiction, these are currently displayed in the library as 'Reading Ambassador Recommends...' and may be borrowed by any pupils. Thank you to our newly appointed Reading Ambassadors for their careful consideration.





Photo of the week

Nature Photography Project - Ava Pillar

Portrait Photography Project - Emilia Ross Field

Portrait Photography Project - Polly Polychuk

