Dear Parents and Guardians,

From the teachers to yourselves, top marks on a terrific Parents’ Evening and gold stars all around. These opportunities for face to face (or face to screen!) dialogue are so critical in developing the school/home partnership, with of course, our blessed children in the front and centre. I was reminded on several counts of how this less dynamic written discourse can all too easily lead to miscommunication or misunderstanding and in observing the conversations over the tables in the hall on Tuesday and Thursday, I felt that the two things most evident were concentrated focus, perhaps indicating the strength of commitment to our children and then finally, smiling and sometimes, laughter. These latter observations will not have been universal. Pastoral and academic development is not always a straight line trajectory, but the general feeling was one of shared joy in witnessing the children’s growth and development and then of course collegiacy and I hope, respect.

Talking of respect, enormous thanks to the parents and teachers who supported the Year Two, Three and Four football and netball matches on Thursday evening. The results were mixed but the jubilation on the children’s faces – whatever the outcome, win or lose – was striking and truly a joy to behold.

There are significant challenges in the world over but we are currently galvanised behind a mission centred on Christ’s teachings and centred on love. You should be proud of the efforts of your children, the school of which you are a part and, of course, the care, effort and love that you show in raising our young Edmundians.

Avita Pro Fide

Mr S Cartwright
Headmaster, Prep School

I think frugality drives innovation, just like other constraints do. One of the only ways to get out of a tight box is to invent your way out.

Jeff Bezos

Based on previous experience, there is little doubt that a good number of children and parents will be looking forward to the World Cup Tournament ahead. With England’s first match being at 1pm on Monday, the Prep has taken the decision to offer the children in Years 3 – 6 the chance to watch the match. Not all children will understandably be interested and so we have taken time to staff and organise structured activities in class. To incorporate the match into the day, the school has had to adjust some aspects of the curriculum taught in the afternoon with core curriculum areas going ahead as usual in the morning.

For children in the Pre-Prep, swimming will continue to go ahead and the teachers are planning to plough ahead with the day as usual, possibly accommodating a little bit of the football depending on popular demand and attention spans.

Around forty children from the higher years have indicated that they would prefer to be engaged in structured activities, with the overall majority looking forward to the opportunity to virtually support the England team. There are no other special arrangements to consider and children should continue to attend school on Monday in formal uniform or in their Games kits, as they usually would. It is hoped that this will be a positive and galvanising opportunity, with those supporting focusing their attention, solely, on the beautiful game. Come on England (or of course, your own national team)!
Head's Commendations

Minty Forbes - Kindness
Gregory Scott - Dance
Seb Gujral - Maths
Martha Wylie - English
Lewis Barnfather - Excellent presentation of his work
Ariana Curran - RE
Luke McNerney - RE
Elena Simmons - Excellent presentation of her work
Hudson Guinchard - Maths
Ralph Heppell - English
Sophie Smawfield - English
Isabelle Bacon-Sugrue - Double Award - RE and WW2 research
Tristan Orgill-Faulkner - RE
Joey Payne - RE
Helen Ritson - RE
Phoebe Stetzel-Hammond - RE
Henry Skitt - Maths

Upcoming Dates November

Monday 21st
3pm - 4pm - U9 Football v St Joseph’s in The Park (Home, match at 3pm)
2.15pm - 5pm - U9 Netball v St Joseph’s in The Park (Away, match at 3pm)

Wednesday 23rd
1.45pm-5.45pm - U11 Football v Kimbolton (Away, match at 3pm)
3pm-4pm - U11 Netball v Kimbolton (Home, match at 3pm)

Thursday 24th
2.15pm-4.45pm - U8 Netball v Duncombe (Away, match at 3pm)
3pm - 4pm - U8 football v Duncombe (Home, match at 3pm)
Form 4 Trip to Hampton Court Palace

St Edmund's Day

The Children enjoyed a fun filled day with an exciting Inter-House singing Competition

We all enjoyed a lovely lunch on St Edmund’s day. The school Council were involved in taking suggestions from the classes and the All Day Breakfast was the winning choice. We had doughnuts for pudding and enjoyed chocolate and strawberry milkshakes too. The hall was decorated with balloons and the cutlery was wrapped together in servettes as requested by some of the children.

The School Council wrote to Holroyd Howe to thank them for all their efforts to make our celebratory lunch so special.

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 gaming but my son is never off Fortnite. I would like to learn more so that I can be more aware, how can I do this?
Gaming is hugely popular and for many children it is a primary way of socialising and staying in touch with their friends. But it comes with risks, so it’s good to increase your knowledge which you can do by clicking HERE.

https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-gaming-advice/

Gaming Advice Hub - Internet Matters

See a range of advice and tools to understand the world of online gaming and encourage children to game safely and responsibly online.
www.internetmatters.org
This week in the Prep

Titanic

Form 2 have thoroughly enjoyed learning about The Titanic. It has been wonderful to hear all the facts that they have learnt, and they have been very excited to teach the other children everything that they know. We linked our history topic to art and created our own cabins in show boxes. We put them all together and created our own version of The Titanic.

St Edmund’s Day Fun!

The Reception class had a great day celebrating St Edmund’s Day on Wednesday. We enjoyed listening to the Prep School children sing their house songs, cheering and clapping after each performance.

We made the most of the toys that were brought into school. We made models for our toys figures to sit in and used the art and craft materials brought in by Isobell. We finished the day with a Twister marathon, with Nellie and Imogen calling out the instructions of where we needed to put our hands and feet. We got in a real twist!
PERFORMING ARTS

Head Choristers and Choir at St Edmund’s Day Mass

We have a keen Form 6 Choir, led by Head Choristers, who produce a wonderful sound together. After their first appearance at the recent All Saints Day Mass, the children confidently led the singing and performed the Communion hymn beautifully at our special St Edmund’s Day Mass on Wednesday 16th.

The following children have now been presented with their Head Chorister badges: Francesca, Alannah, Emilia-Jane, Tristan, Phoebe S, Huxley and Luca; and the following with their Choir badges: Fletcher, Isabelle B, Olivia, Verity, Monty B, Naheema, Isabelle C, Temidire, Brett, Lila, Etta, Siena, Polly, Helen, Kavian, Renata, Ellery, Emily and Phoebe W.

Photo of the week

‘Scavenger Hunt - Chain’ Photography Project - Isabelle Olowookere
Breaking down barriers to reading

The library is pleased to share the latest new range of books which will expand our range of Barrington Stoke books. Barrington Stoke produce books for children who may struggle with reading due to dyslexia or visual stress. The books are designed with a unique Dyslexia friendly font, accessible layouts and spacing to stop the page becoming overcrowded. The books also use off-white paper to help visual stress.

In the Prep library these books are mixed in with the non-neural diverse books but are distinguished by the double gold star on the spine of the book. They are currently taking centre stage in the library table display.