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## PREP NEWSLETTER

27th November - 1st December Michaelmas Term Newsletter



### Headmaster's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Yes! Christmas is almost upon us and the sight of the sunrise against the frost-covered grounds and bounds of Edmunda – beneath that azure blue sky, and with our Nativity set now nestled up against the wall of the old school building – really gives us a sense of coming joy. Young minds might immediately reach for the material (what do they want for Christmas I wonder), but older more seasoned hands consider the true meaning of the season and of the importance of a loving family.

We turn our hearts and minds then to thoughts beyond ourselves and focus prayers on those less fortunate, on what we have to be grateful for and on the themes of hope, peace, joy and love throughout the Advent season which begins in earnest this coming Sunday.

Who then, will be with us this coming Saturday afternoon, standing shoulder to shoulder, singing carols for the visitors of Pearce's Farm Shop at 3pm. I know from limited personal experience, that their butcher is worth a visit at the very least! Come, all ye faithful, to Pearce's tomorrow. Let the voices of our children be heard and let us join together and rejoice in the love for our children, pride for our school and joy in the knowledge that Christmas is coming...and we are well ready for it!

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Cartwright  
Headmaster, St Edmund's Prep

### Religious Theme

Being Compassionate

### Quote

"And although it was in a hospital that she lay and I sat next to her—it is always that eternal poetry of Christmas night with the infant in the stable, as the old Dutch painters conceived it and Millet and Breton—a light in the darkness, the brightness in the middle of a dark night. And so I hung a large etching after Rembrandt over it, the two women by the cradle, one of them reading from the Bible by candlelight, while the great shadows cast a deep chiaroscuro over the whole room."

— Vincent van Gogh, The Letters of Vincent Van Gogh

### Mr Cartwright's quiz

Q: About how many stars are in the Milky Way?

A: In the next Newsletter

Q: Are worker bees male or female?

A: Worker bees are female

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# Head's Commendations

Emmie Stark	Enthusiasm for learning
Alek West	Excellent behaviour
Cameron Nice	RE
Ava Pillai	RE
Toby Stainer	Creative writing
Finn Verleg	Creative writing

## Upcoming dates - December

Monday 4th	Form Six trip to Bletchley Park
Wednesday 6th	2pm - EYFS and Pre Prep Nativity - Douay Hall
Thursday 7th	Whole School Panto trip
Friday 8th	Form 3 Viking Day 6pm - Grade Cards live on the Parent Portal
Monday 11th	2.30pm - Prep Carol Concert and Readings - College Chapel followed by Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 13th	Form Four trip to Hampton Court Palace trip
Thursday 14th	Mayne Charity Event - Santa Dash
Friday 15th	Christmas Jumper Day 2.20pm - School finishes 2.30pm - Buses depart ** No Tea-Time Club**
Tuesday 9th January	Lent Term begins

Reminder to bring in your old Christmas Jumpers by 8th December



## Annual Senior Citizens' Christmas Party

Thank you to those that have brought in items for our Annual Senior Citizens' Christmas Party. 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. If you would still like to donate a present the last day for this is next Friday 8th December



Join us at  
Tiger Club

Please use the links below to book onto our wonderful Tiger Club over the Easter and Summer holidays.

<https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CVMW>

<https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CVNH>

## This week in the Prep

### Form Two Forest school.

Form Two worked collaboratively to create dens in Forest School. They demonstrated confidence and experimented with different designs, listening well to the ideas of others.



### Chaplaincy chat

In Chaplaincy this week Mr Duddy came to talk to us about how we can prepare for Christmas during Advent. We talked about the importance of preparing our hearts for Jesus' coming. We linked our thoughts to our learning about Catholic Social Teaching and we are looking forward to opening our Advent Calendars in class over the next two weeks. On the two Tuesdays in Advent, we hope to go to see the children in the Reception Class and share some Advent crafts with them.

We liked this prayer from CAFOD:

## Light up our lives

Christ, come into our world of darkness  
Light up our lives with your coming.  
Fulfil all our longings with the joy of your birth  
Strengthen our resolve to work for change in our world  
And to share the hope of your birth that each Advent brings.  
Amen.

*Sr Bridgetta Rooney/CAFOD*



# The Annual Interhouse Spelling Bee

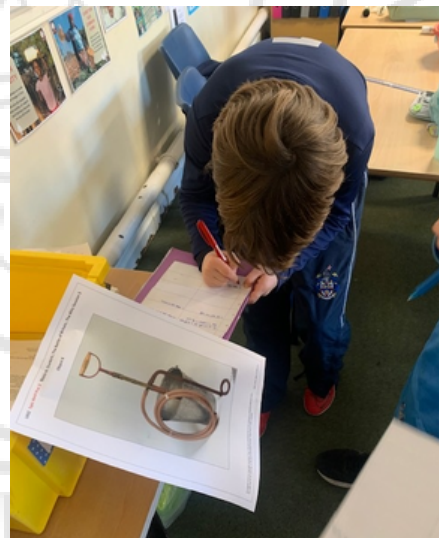
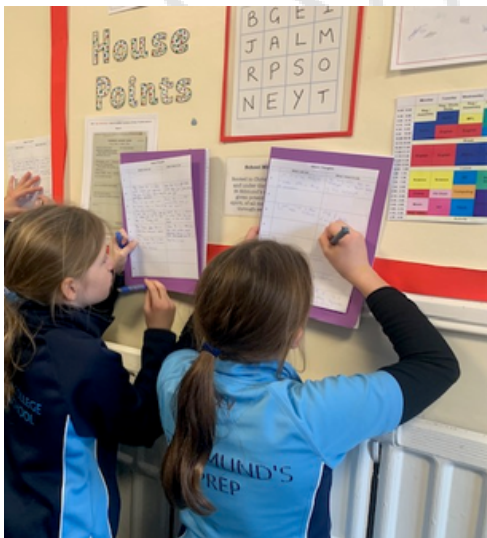
The annual Interhouse Spelling Bee created a buzz around school this year, as twenty-four children from Forms 3-6 competed for the coveted cup. Representing Champion, Mayne and Southworth, the children tackled tricky spellings to earn precious points for their Houses. All of the children performed well under pressure, as they spelt their tricky words out loud using various strategies learnt in class. Certain spellings, such as 'restaurant', caused 'lives' to be lost and the scores were so close, that a tie ensued between Mayne and Southworth. The decider came down to the house of the child who scored the most in their round, managed to keep all their lives and earned bonus points...

Super speller Kayden in Form 5 led Southworth to ultimate victory, and they are this year's Spelling Bee champs! Well done to all those who took part.



## Form 6 History

Form 6 played detectives in history this week as they put all of their HPL skills to the test, in a bid to identify artefacts from World War Two. By carefully analysing the photographs for clues and linking their previous knowledge, they tried to deduce the object and its use during the war.



# This week in the Prep

## E-Safety

### Children's Tech Guide 2023

Follow the link below and select the type of tech you would like to learn more about for expert-led reviews and parent-approved feedback, all with children's online safety in mind:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/tech-guide/>.

Categories include laptops, mobile phones, games consoles and other gadgets.

## PERFORMING ARTS

### Music exam successes

Congratulations to Lucy Berkley (4 Hinsley) who achieved a Merit in her recent Grade 1 ABRSM violin exam and to Ella Rudman (6 Wiseman) for her Distinction in Grade 1 recorder.

### Form 6 Carol Singing at Pearce's Farm Shop on Saturday 2nd December at 2:45pm (for 3:00pm)

We are all looking forward to hearing the children's cheerful singing tomorrow afternoon. For singers and audience alike, do wrap up warm as the 25 carollers are going to be singing just outside the marquee entrance to Pearce's, by the Christmas trees.

## Photo of the week

UV Light/Paint Photography Project - Emilia Ross-Field



## This week in the Prep

The Friends Prep Christmas Fayre



Please bring in your filled  
Jam Jars

5 House Points per Jar

SWEETS

LOLLIPOPS

Toys

Stationery



**\*By Friday 8th Dec\***



*Please join us*  
**The Friends Prep  
Christmas Fayre**

DEC MON **11** AT 3.30 - 5.00PM

STRAIGHT AFTER THE SERVICE  
OF CAROLS

**MEET SANTA**

JAM JAR RAFFLE, GAMES, PRIZES,  
CAKES, & MUCH MORE



**The Friends Prep  
Christmas Fayre**

Please bring in any cake  
donations on the morning of the  
11th December

**Cake Stall**



**Thank you from The Friends Committee**

Thank you