



Digital

PREP NEWSLETTER

4th December - 8th December Michaelmas Term Newsletter

Headmaster's Message

Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

Writing to you now, in a 'quiet' few minutes on a brilliantly busy Friday morning, I can hear the children in the Chapel behind my office rehearsing for our eagerly anticipated Carol Service on Monday afternoon. I look forward to seeing you there and thank you additionally for your support of the Friends 'first' Christmas Fayre in the Butler Hall immediately afterwards. For those children in Forms Three to Six, please can you send in some money for the children to spend at the stalls. Their eyes will be on stalks when they see the prizes on offer and the School greatly appreciates your additional commitment to Friends Fundraising. On a 'Friendly' note then, my thanks on behalf of us all to those leading the Fayre and to all those who have volunteered. You are making joyful memories of the season for our children and these will last a lifetime. God bless you and thank you.

I said 'quiet' moment just now. In context, a Viking tribe has just passed my office, dressed accordingly, and this is indicative of the busy week now nearly over. The Nativity was the stuff of legend – what super stars – and if you could have seen our children's behaviour at the Harlow Playhouse Theatre on Thursday, you might have even cried with pride. Joy abounds and in the first week of Advent, centring ourselves on the theme of Hope seems most appropriate. Thoughts of life ever-after, the birth of Jesus and of course, the value of our own families, begin to come to the fore and give us a sense of hope, yes, but also a deep-rooted feeling of appreciation for this time, this place and so crucially, our children – our raison d'être.

Enjoy the weekend ahead. Little doubt it's getting busy, and the staff and I look forward to welcoming you to the College and Prep on Monday. Let the bells ring!

With every best wish,

Mr Cartwright
Headmaster, St Edmund's Prep

Quote

"I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope."
Romans 15:13 (NLT)

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Religious Theme

Advent

Mr Cartwright's quiz

Q: What do Santa's elves learn in school?

A: In the next Newsletter

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

A: Approximately 100 billion stars

Head's Commendations

Noah Haines	Excellent coding to complete a "Turtle Race" game
Heidi Barnard	Independently creating an outstanding presentation on mountain gorillas
Noah Brown	RE Homework on a chosen charity
Ruby Clutterbuck	Independently creating an outstanding presentation on mountain gorillas
Florie Curtis-Allen	RE Homework on a chosen charity
Florence Forbes	RE Homework on a chosen charity
Benedict Penfold	RE Homework on a chosen charity
Albie Stark	Continuous hard work across the curriculum
Eddie De Silva	Outstanding English homework
Lorenzo Hookham	Outstanding English homework

Upcoming dates - December

Monday 11th	2.30pm - Prep Carol Concert and Readings - College Chapel followed by Christmas Fayre Doors open at 2pm via the main College entrance Forms 3-6 School winter uniform, including blazer, to be worn to school on this day for the carol service
Wednesday 13th	Form Four trip to Hampton Court Palace 2.00-3.30pm Carol singing at Ashwood Care Home, Ware
Thursday 14th	Mayne Charity Event - Santa Dash
Friday 15th	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas dinner 2.20pm - School finishes 2.30pm - Buses depart ** No Tea-Time Club**
Tuesday 9th January	Lent Term begins

E-Safety

My Family's Digital Toolkit

<https://www.internetmatters.org/digital-family-toolkit/>

has been created specifically for parents to find the right information to stay on top of their children's internet safety and help build healthy digital habits at home.

Parents answer a few questions about their own children's digital habits and receive a toolkit of advice on what to do to improve online safety, with links to step-by-step instructions.



Join us at
Tiger Club

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

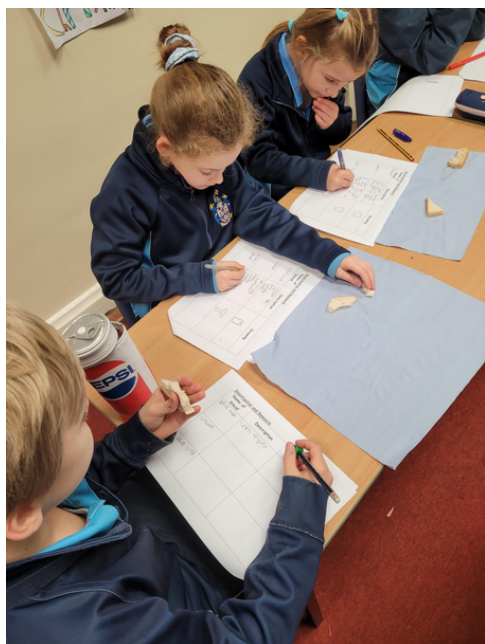
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This week in the Prep

Bread tasting

Form Three have enjoyed a week focusing on Design and Technology. The week started off by tasting different types of bread, which helped with ideas for their own designs. The children thoroughly enjoyed making their own bread by mixing the ingredients together and using their HPL skills to create their own designs with different flavours and finishing touches. Delicious!



Advent Assembly

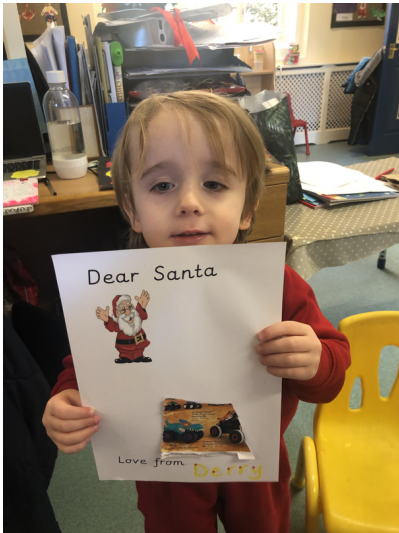
On Monday morning, the whole school gathered to mark the beginning of Advent with a whole school assembly. The theme of the assembly was preparation and how we can prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. As has been the tradition of the school for many decades, the younger child in school lit the first candle on our Advent Wreath.



This week in the Prep

Letters to Santa

Nursery Children wrote letters to Santa to let him know what we would like for Christmas. We took our letters to the College and put them in the special franking machine ready to post to Father Christmas in Reindeer land, the North Pole.



3D Globes

Form One loved making their papier-mache projects. It was a very messy start having to glue newspaper to the balloons, and an even messier finish decorating them with paint and glitter! Some children chose to make theirs into 3D globes complete with seven continents, inspired by their geography topic, and some chose to decorate their into giant Christmas baubles.





This week in the Prep

Bletchley Park

Form Six enjoyed visiting Bletchley Park and finding out about life during WW2. They gained an insight into the roles people played during the war through touring the mansion and huts, where codes were deciphered. They learned about the dangerous job of the dispatch riders, undertaken by mainly women, who travelled in the dark with no lights or road signs to bring messages to Bletchley. In a workshop the children were able to listen to and decipher morse code. They then learned how the Germans used the Enigma machine to encrypt messages to send to each and how we were able to crack the code. The photos show the children using one of the last remaining working Enigma machines worth a quarter of a million pounds!





This week in the Prep

PERFORMING ARTS

Form 6 Carol Singing at Pearce's Farm Shop

A festively dressed group of 24 Form 6 girls and boys sang their hearts out to entertain a large group of their parents, grandparents and other visitors to Pearce's Farm Shop last Saturday afternoon. Partly due to the sub-zero temperature, perhaps, the atmosphere felt particularly Christmassy and the children soon warmed up with a selection of traditional carols and favourite Christmas songs. The highlight for many (performed twice) was a very fast and active rendition of 'The Twelve Days of Christmas'. We were glad of the delicious hot chocolate drinks provided by Pearce's afterwards.

Many thanks to parents and to staff, particularly Mr Cartwright, Mrs Celano and Miss Bruce for their enthusiastic support of this event. We hope parents and grandparents were also able to enjoy the Christmas tasting event at Pearce's.



Music exam successes

Well done to the following children in their recent ABRSM exams: Heidi Barnard (Grade 2 singing with Merit); Samuel Belsey (Grade 1 singing for musical theatre); Sophie Brennan (Grade 2 singing for musical theatre); Florie Curtis-Allen (Grade 1 piano with Distinction); Alexander Ivnik-Sotiriou (Prep Test piano & Grade 1 singing for musical theatre); Ellie McGee (Prep Test piano); Connie Plant (Grade 2 singing for musical theatre); Gregory Scott (Initial Grade piano); Edwin Webster (Prep Test piano).

Photo of the week

