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## PREP NEWSLETTER

26th February - 1st March Lent Term Newsletter 6

### Headmaster's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Very much hoping that you had a terrific half term break, with your children and your families. For those parents juggling work and children, a Headmaster's Award to you for keeping up the balancing act. Our thanks for returning the children to us in such tremendous form, haircuts smart, shoes polished, blazers pressed and, one and all, looking impressive. All we really need now is some sunshine and a little warmth.

At the Monday morning assembly, I spoke with the children about the 'dignity of the worker'. This is a key theme of Catholic Social Teaching and has given the children an opportunity to consider, amongst other things, fair trade and the meaning and value of work. On this latter point, the children were quick to remark that the main reason we work is to look after our families. By the end of the assembly I had been inspired by the children, their thoughts and their prayers which, in the end, were centred around making the most of our talents and gifts and committing ourselves to the service of others. When I asked the children what they wanted to be when they grew up, some talked about being sports stars but most talked of professions which spoke to altruism, to vocation and reflecting God's love for us, to other people.

So, to all the workers out there, Amen. As we start back and re-engage with this intense but short half term, you and your families will be in my prayers.

In faith,

Mr S Cartwright  
Headmaster, St Edmund's Prep School

### Religious Theme

Dignity of Workers & Fairtrade

### Quote

"The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist."

Pope St. Gregory the Great

### Mr Cartwright's quiz

Q: What are animals that eat both meat and plants called?

A: In next week's Newsletter

Q: What is the largest planet in our solar system?

A: Jupiter

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# Head's Commendations

George Shipton	Outstanding effort
Emmie Stark	Outstanding effort
Alex Chandra-Pool	RE
Florie Curtis-Allen	RE
Hannah Essery	English
Alexander Ivnik-Sotiriou	RE
George Young	RE
Athena Yu	RE
Florence Bell	English
Hudson Guinchard	English
Jemimah Olaoluwa	English
Toby Stainer	English

## Upcoming dates - Next week

Monday 4th March	Assessment Week 3:45pm - U11 Rugby v King James Academy - Away
Wednesday 6th March	3:15pm - U11 Girls & U11 Boys Hockey v Howe Green - Home 3:15pm - U11 Netball v Woodford Green Prep - Home
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day - Codename Pure Imagination (see parentmail dated 14th February & 1st March) Travelling Book Fair arrives (until 14th March) - please visit after school when you can! 3:15pm - U9 Rugby v St Joseph's in the Park - Away 3:15pm - U9 Girls Football v St Joseph's in the Park - Home
Friday 8th March	8:45am -9:40am Form 1 & 2 Mothers Day Celebrations - Prep Hall 10:00am - U11 Cross Country - St Joseph's in the Park - Away 3:45pm - U11 Boys Hockey v Forest - Home

## E-Safety

My child keeps asking to play a game or download an app that I don't know about.  
What can I do?

The UK Safer Internet Centre (<https://saferinternet.org.uk/>) advises that the easiest way to address this is to research the game or app before you download it. It's important to know what the age rating is, what kind of content it involves, whether you can connect with other users or players in any way, and if it allows in-app or in-game purchases.

Once you have this knowledge, you can decide whether it's suitable for your child.

Three useful websites:

- [Ask About Games](#)
- [Family Gaming Database](#)
- [Common Sense Media](#)

# Prep School Open Morning

We are looking forward to our Open Morning which is taking place on Friday 19th April 2024 at 09:30am-11:30am. We would be grateful if you could spread the word by sharing this link or QR code with all of your family and friends to register for the event.

<https://www.stedmundscollege.org/#:~:text=Friday%2019%20April%202024>



## Last Call for Recipes!

Do you have a tried and tested, delicious recipe you could share in our St Edmund's Prep School Recipe book? In the coming weeks School Council will be organising and putting together a recipe book to mark the 150th year of St Hugh's.

If you would like to share a recipe to add to our whole school commemorative recipe book:

- Please write all the recipe ingredients.
- A method or directions to follow of how to make the food.
- Information of where the recipe may have come from, eg. a different country, handed down from previous generations etc.
- Please include your name and class/form.

Recipes may be sent in handwritten or typed. All entries should be handed to the class teachers by 4th March.

We hope to include in the book as many recipes as we can, but not every entry may make the final cut. However, each entry handed in will receive a thank you present for taking part.

Many thanks

Mrs Jones



## Easter Hamper Fundraiser



The Friends' Easter Hamper fundraiser is approaching. Please look out for a letter coming shortly with instructions on how to buy your tickets and make donations. The cut-off for donations will be Friday 15th March with the draw taking place on Friday 22nd March. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Hockey in the Community

A reminder to all parents whose children have signed onto the Friday after-school Hockey Club (currently over-subscribed). The participants should go to the Nursery classroom each Friday where they will be registered and supervised by a teacher before being collected at 5:00pm. There is no need to register them with our Tea Time Club.





## This week in the Prep

### EYFS Garden Makeover

The EYFS garden area had a revamp over the half term with thanks to Kevin and his grounds team. The planters look great and the children have already been planning what seeds to plant in the empty pots!



### How Does Your Garden Grow...

In Form Three we had an excellent start to our new topic in science - Plants. Using our creating, analysing and meta-thinking skills we planned an investigation to explore how plants grow in different conditions. We first had to get the soil and fill our pot, before planting the seeds. Watch this space for updates on our investigation.





# This week in the Prep



## May the Force be with you!

Year Five have been learning about forces in Science. As agile learners they created their own investigation to find out the effect of air resistance on different surface areas. Their hypothesis was proved correct and they concluded that the greater the surface area the greater the number of air particles hitting the object which in turn leads to greater resistance.



## Ski Trip Mass

The children who were lucky enough to attend last week's ski trip to Bardonecchia, attended a beautiful Italian Mass on their final night. The children are pictured in front of the Church of St. Hippolytus.



## Chaplaincy Chatter...

Each Monday, Wednesday and Friday through Lent we are helping some of the adults in the school to lead the Stations of the Cross in our Chapel. Each time we focus on three of the Stations and each time there is a reflection to help us think about how we can act in a way that helps those around us.

As we journey through Lent together we are reflecting on how we can continue to work together to share God's love in our school community.

This Lenten prayer from CAFOD expresses our mission as a team:

Loving God,  
Help us to work together  
to share what we have  
so that everyone has what they need.  
Help us to build a better world  
where each of us can become the best person we can be.  
Amen



# Performing Arts

## [Music Theatre Exam Successes](#)

Congratulations to Edward Holliday, Zina Onyereri and Thomas Smits (Form 6) and to Laurens Scott (Form 5), who have been successful in their London College of Music Grade 2 Music Theatre exams. Two of the children were awarded Distinctions.

## [Dance Exam Success](#)

Congratulations to Sophie Smawfield (Form 6) on achieving a Merit in her Grade 3 Modern Dance exam, taken outside of school.

## [Shrek the Musical Jr – cast announced!](#)

Well done, Form 6, on all the effort you put into preparing for the auditions and for your performances on the day. The children found out today which parts they are to play in the summer show and rehearsals now begin in earnest.

## [World Book Day - Changes to Music Lessons with VMTs](#)

Please note that Mrs Hutton (piano) is going to teach all her usual Thursday pupils on Friday 8th instead. Mrs Bills (piano) is teaching as usual on Thursday 7th (one Prep lesson at lunchtime).

# Photo of the Week

Scavenger Hunt Photography Project  
"The number 3" - Florence Bell

