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PREP NEWSLETTER

13th October - 17th October Michaelmas Term Issue 6



Headmaster's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your engagement with the Parent and Tutor Consultation Evenings this past week. Feedback from both staff and parents on this first stage of our revised reporting process has been very positive, and we are ever grateful for your thoughtful and constructive commentary.

Another half term has flown by — and with the Inter-House Performing Arts Week to greet us upon our return — followed all too closely by the Nativity and Carol Service — there remains much to look forward to this term.

The staff and I are delighted with the progress and effort the children are making, and even more pleased by their good conduct and evident good manners around school.

Over the half-term break, please do encourage your children to keep up with their reading and perhaps sneak in a little times tables practice too! We also recommend plenty of outdoor time — and as little screen time (and as many board games) as you dare. Of course, all things in balance, as working parents ourselves, we know the pressures all too well.

There will be a Welcome Back Coffee Morning on the first Friday after half term in the Coffee Shop, and I look forward to seeing those of you who can make it there.

With continued thanks and best wishes for the break ahead,

Mr S. Cartwright

Headmaster
St Edmund's Prep

Religious Theme

Racial Justice

Quote

"Chess is the gymnasium of the mind" by Blaise Pascal

Mr Cartwright's quiz

Q: What is the largest ocean?

A: Pacific

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Head Commendations

Lucy Berkley	For excellent participation in the Mass to celebrate the Feast Day of St John Henry Newman
Denzel Chikowore	For excellent participation in the Mass to celebrate the Feast Day of St John Henry Newman
Gabriel Daodu	Leadership in Mass
Sebastian Drake	Clear reading in Mass
Ellis Elsom-White	For a carefully constructed piece of creative writing
Varenn-Nevaeh Insalaco	Analysing - provided good supporting evidence when discussing the characters in Fantastic Mr Fox
Ellie McGee	For excellent participation in the Mass to celebrate the Feast Day of St John Henry Newman
Mason Moran	Application of previous learning to a new strategy
Kyra Naik	Excellent analytical skills whilst solving complicated Mathematical Problems
Hannah Osinibi	For excellent participation in the Mass to celebrate the Feast Day of St John Henry Newman
Ariana Payne	Analysing - excellent work on rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000
Cassius Roy	Empathetic: for always caring about his friends
George Shipton	Application of previous learning to a new strategy
Wilf Siegle	Hardworking in Mathematics
Elena Simmons	Leadership as an altar server in Mass
Harry Edgeley	Independent work and perseverance in Art lessons

Important Dates - Next Week

Monday 3 rd November	Return to School Inter-House Performing Arts Week: Music
Tuesday 4 th November	1:00pm – U10 Football @ St Aubyn's Tournament - Away
Wednesday 5 th November	Inter-House Performing Arts Week: Drama
Thursday 6 th November	4:15pm – NE Herts District Football Tournament – Away 4:15 pm – U11 Football @ NE Herts Football Tournament – Away
Friday 7 th November	8:45am – 9:45am – Welcome Back Meeting – Coffee Shop 2:30pm – U11 Football v Loyola – Home Inter-House Performing Arts Week: Dance
Saturday 8 th November	4:00pm – 8:00pm – Friends Firework Night

Important Dates - This Term

Thursday 13 th November	Odd Socks Day
Friday 14 th November	St Edmund's Prep School Goes Through the Decades – See separate letter for info
Wednesday 26 th November	Inter-House Spelling Bee Forms 3-6
Wednesday 3 rd December	2:00pm – 3:00pm – Nativity Performance EYFS & Pre-Prep
Friday 5 th December	2:30pm – 3:30pm – Prep Carol Service Forms 3-6 3:30pm – 4:30pm – Friends Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 10 th December	10:00am – 1:00pm – Whole School Panto
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Jumper Day 2:30pm – Term Ends

E-Safety

Informed or Overwhelmed? Understanding the impact of online news on children and young people's wellbeing

The link below is to a report published this month by Internet Matters about research (conducted with 11- to 17- year olds) into the impact on wellbeing of the consumption of online news. Concerns are expressed about how the algorithmic design of social media platforms is enabling children and young people to see negative and upsetting content even if they are not seeking it out. It is necessary to reset the explore algorithm on social media accounts, most of which have a minimum age of 13+ outlined in their terms of service, but are sometimes being accessed by younger children.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/research/impact-online-news-childrens-wellbeing/>



New To You Lost Property

We are gathering a collection of lost property with names of former children of the Prep School. If you purchase items from New To You, please could you relabel the garments with your child's name so that we can return any lost items to the correct child.

Winter Weather

As the winter weather is now upon us, please may we remind you to send your child into school with the appropriate clothing for outdoor activities and play. When we return after half term, winter uniform should be worn. Thank you.



REMINDER order your Christmas cards/gifts designed by the children by Monday 20th October. Order forms were sent home in the book bags.

Sock Donations

Nursery would welcome any unwanted socks for boys and girls and any boys pants. Thank you!



St Edmund's Prep School Goes Through the Decades!

As part of our plans to celebrate the feast of St Edmund's on Friday, 14th November, we have an exciting event planned that will bring joy and creativity to our school community: St Edmund's Prep School Goes Through the Decades. Please see separate letter attached for more details.

This Week In The Prep

Celebrating Esther Mahlangu for Black History Month!

In Art this week, Form 1 and 2 learned about the incredible South African artist Esther Mahlangu, known for her vibrant, geometric murals that decorate homes and public spaces around the world. Amazingly, she began painting her own house at just 10 years old!

Inspired by her precise and colourful style, the children carefully drew their own patterns using rulers before filling them with bright, bold paints. The results were as creative and joyful as Mahlangu's iconic work.



This Week In The Prep



Form 3 - Grammar Gurus

This week, our Form 3 became grammar gurus whilst playing a fun and interactive past-tense board game in class!

The aim of the game was simple but effective: as players moved around the board, they landed on spaces with present-tense verbs — and their challenge was to change each verb correctly into its past tense form. From “run” to “ran” and “jump” to “jumped,” the children practised both regular and irregular verbs as they made their way towards the finish line.

The game encouraged critical thinking and lots of laughter!



Nursery - Green Fingers

The Nursery children have been learning about what things plants need to help them grow.

We planted cress seeds to take home and grow in the classroom. We watched them grow after giving them plenty of light and water. The seeds grew very quickly. We then made cress sandwiches. Yum!



Inter-House Chess Competition

Over the past few weeks, during breaktimes and lunchtimes, volunteer chess enthusiasts from Forms 4, 5 and predominantly Form 6 have been pitting their mental muscles against one another in the grand old game.

It has been hugely impressive to witness their progressive skill development and the healthy spirit of competition throughout. Even more so, the children have demonstrated admirable virtues: humility in victory and perseverance and sportsmanship in the narrowest of defeats.

The standard this year has been particularly high, with Campion and Mayne meeting in a thrilling final, and Southworth missing out on a place by just one and a half points. Congratulations to Campion our worthy winners of the 2025 Inter-House Chess Competition.



This Week In The Prep



Half term reading

Here's what our reading ambassador team will be reading over half term. Perhaps one of these will inspire you?

Kyra- The famous five by Enid Blyton

Theo- The Kane Chronicles by Rick Riordan

Alistair- My brother is a superhero by David Solomon

Wilf- Five minutes peace

Brooke- Dork Diaries by Rachel Renee Russell

Barnaby- Beast Quest by Adam Blade

Seb- Alex Rider by Anthony Horowitz

Mrs Christodoulou- Alice by Hugo Vickers

Mrs Crook- Rise of the guardians by William Joyce



Harvest Collection

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Harvest collection for the Hertford, Ware & District Foodbank. Some of the children helped to put the items into bags ready to be taken. All items were gratefully received and will help many members of the local community. Thank you to all.



Performing Arts



INTER-HOUSE PERFORMING ARTS WEEK FORMS 1-6



MUSIC – MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER, AM & PM

DRAMA – WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER, PM

DANCE - FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER, AM

Thank you for your help in encouraging your children to enter. We are looking forward to enjoying a wonderful week of celebrating the performing arts during the week straight after half term.

A few reminders:

Please may we ask for your help in reminding your child to remember any instruments, music, scripts, costumes or props on the appropriate days.

The events cannot be carried over to other days as adjudicators have been booked for specific days and times.

Children entering the Drama or Dance events may bring costumes and props for their performances.

Photo of the Week

Shutter Speed (Movement)

Photography Project - Emilia Bolton



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Autumn CAMP

St Edmund's
College and Prep School

FROM £44.55*
PER DAY
*IF BOOKING 5 DAYS+

9AM-4PM
STANDARD

8:30AM-5:30PM
EXTENDED



Outdoor Adventures

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The Friends of St Edmund's

Fireworks Night

SATURDAY **08** NOVEMBER

16:00 TO **20:00**



Scan above or click [here](#) to book your tickets

Early Bird £12

General Release £15

(Early Bird Prices apply only to
tickets purchased before 1st
November)