

November 2020 | Issue 4 | Autumn **St. Edward's** NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/ Carers and the St Edward's family,

I am writing to say a big thank you for your wonderful support during these unprecedented times. The children continue to amaze us on their adaptability and willingness to learn. Indeed, they have been an inspiration in the way they have embraced the school life, whilst following all the rules and measures to keep everyone safe.

Following from the announcement from our Prime Minister on Saturday, St Edward's will remain open for all children during this next lockdown period, which is due to start on Thursday 5th November 2020. I must thank all of our staff, who have been fantastic in their dedication to keep our school open and do their best for the St Edward's family.

As you are aware, we have needed to close both Y3 and our Nursery in recent weeks due to the current restrictions. However, I am pleased to report that our 'Home Learning' has been a great success.

I would advise that you make yourself familiar with our Remote Learning Tab on our website, where you will find year group timetables and guidance in the event of any further closures.

The children are currently doing their termly assessment tests and I hear that we are getting some really good results. I am delighted that many of you have taken up our offer of a parental consultation session, either by zoom or phone call, and I am sure that you will be hearing lots of positive reports about the children from our teachers.

I continue to be very grateful for the warm welcome you have given me and I do wish that I will be able to meet with you all very soon.

God Bless

Paul Underwood



IMPORTANT DATES

ACTIVITY Assessment week Parent Consultation Individual Photo

DATE 2nd Nov to 16th Nov 16th, 18th, 19th & 20th Nov 20th November

Congratulations!

We are very proud to announce our Head Boy and Head Girl for the year 2020-2021. Congratulations to Rulle and Selina. We wish them the best of luck in their new roles.









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ANNOUNCEMENTS GD)elcome

We are excited to announce that Ms Pyne from Nursery has given birth to her first baby boy - Dexter! We are also welcoming Ms Rosemond, Ms Mepham and Mr Underwood 's new addition to their family.

Riley-Thomas, Arné and Conor

A warmest congratulations to their whole family. May God bless these little bundles of joy.



Baby Dexter Charles Slater Born 5th October 2020 weighing 9lb and 11oz!



Baby Riley-Thomas Mundan Baby Arné Henry Maybin Born 2nd October 2020 weighing 8lbs 10 oz!



Born 6th October 2020 weighing 6lb and 2oz!



Baby Conor Underwood Born 25th March 2020 weighing 10lbs!

NOTICE TO PARENTS

ASSESSMENT WEEK w/c 2nd NOVEMBER

Assessment week will start from 9th November, children will be doing an online test which will be limited time. Please work with your children to ensure they are familiar with accessing their work online and support them at home. If you have any questions regarding this, do let your teacher know. Email us via info@st-edwards.newham.sch.uk

PARENT CONSULTATION REMINDER

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Please ensure that you book your slot by calling the school. If we do not here from you, we will assume that you do not want to be contacted. Thank you.

NEWHAM FOOD BANK

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With the current pandemic crises, know that anyone can reach crisis point. In order to provide the most appropriate help for the circumstances of your situation, Newham council is working with local agencies i.e. Citizens Advice, housing support officers, children's centres, health visitors, social services and some local charities. If you are struggling to put food on the table, you may access this service and be given a foodbank voucher. The local agency can also provide long term support if needed to help address some of the issues behind the reasons for your crisis. For more info please <u>click here</u>.

POLITE REMINDER BON FIRE NIGHT

May we remind parents that fireworks is dangerous and can cause burns and eye injuries in kids and adults. The best way to protect your family is not to use any fireworks at home.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure that your children wears the correct uniform. Children are not allowed to wear any jewelleries and correct school shoes must be worn. No boots or sandals please. Thank you

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Harvest Festival Service



A big thank you for all you generous contributions to our harvest collection. Your kind donations are being distributed to families in our school community who greatly appreciate your generosity.

GOD BLESS and thank you.

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THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)

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ADVENT

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CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

1st November

2nd November

Today and throughout the rest of November we pray for those who have died. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

20th November

Begins from 2nd December

ADVENT means 'coming'. We think of the coming of Jesus when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. It is a timeof waiting and preparing. It is only in the last week of Advent that we focus upon the events to be celebrated at Christmas.

8th December

This feast marks the first stage of the existence of Mary, the mother of Jesus. She was 'full of grace' from the very beginning and co-operated with God throughout her life.

25th December On this day we begin our celebration of the birth of Christ.

Holy

Bible

GOSPEL -LUKE 23:35-43

35 The people stayed there watching. As for the leaders, they jeered at him with the words, 'He saved others, let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.

'36 The soldiers mocked him too, coming up to him, offering him vinegar, 37 and saying, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.

'38 Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews'.

39 One of the criminals hanging there abused him: 'Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us as well.' 40 But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did,

41 but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong.'

42 Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 43 He answered him, 'In truth I tell you,

today you will be with me in paradise.'

PRAYER FOR EVERYONE

Almighty God, we know that everything is in your sovereign control. We ask that you keep this new coronavirus fram continuing to spread. Give government officials the ability to safely handle people arriving fram other countries. Help people decide to stay home instead of traveling or going out needlessly. Holy Spirit, while it may be heartbreaking, comfort families as they decide to keep their distance from elderly or other high-risk family. members.

Jesus, during your ministry on Earthy, you showed your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses. Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them.

Lord Jesus, we lift to you our concern for people who are more likely than others to become severely ill from COVID-19 – the elderly and people with chronic health conditions. Protect them from harm and be their comfort in this time of uncertainty and, for many, preventive isolation from loved ones.

A DAY OF PRAYER & REMEMBRANCE FOR THE SOULS OF OUR LOVED ONES

Lord God, your people throughout the world share in the grief of your daughters and sons whose loved ones died because of Covid-19. Receive the dead into your love; comfort the survivors with the power and protection of your peace. Show us how to reach out in generosity to the living, for together we are your people though we approach you from many paths and from many religious traditions. We give voice to this prayer acknowledging your faithfulness and goodness.

O Lord, the God of mercies, grant unto the souls of thy servants the anniversary day of whose burial we are keeping, a place of solace, of peaceful rest, of glorious light. Through Christ our Lord Amen.