



# St Edward's Newsletter

17<sup>th</sup> November 2023



## Attendance is everyone's business!

Attendance at school is highly important and schools and the local authority are working together to ensure that all children are in school and arrive on time. Attendance and punctuality can only be good if the school and parents work together. We want to ensure that our children are happy and healthy so if there are any reasons why children are not attending school or are regularly late we can put some support in place through discussion and dialogue. Low attendance or being late has long term effects on children's learning as well as their self-esteem. Of course we understand that children do become ill and sometimes there can be family emergencies and we will give this careful consideration

### How to avoid receiving a Penalty Notice.

A pupil's parents/carers can avoid ever receiving a Penalty Notice by making sure:

- a) Their child does not take unauthorised leave of absence (time off) during term time;
- b) Their child attends school and arrives every day during term time;
- c) They tell family and friends of their commitment to their child attending school every day, so they cannot take them out of school for social events;
- d) Their child is up early enough in the morning to arrive at school on time;
- e) They have checked the night before that their child has everything ready for school
- f) They contact the school, on the first day of absence and explain the circumstances;
- g) They let the school staff know if their child is away for other reasons;
- h) They talk to their child about any problems at school

Children enjoy getting rewards, therefore, as an incentive we will be giving out certificates on a weekly basis to classes who have the highest attendance. So far, Elm class (30.10 to 3.11.23) and Fern class (6.11 to 10.11.23) have earned a certificate for excellent attendance. We will continue to notify parents/carers of classes with the highest attendance on a weekly basis via the PING service.

Thank you for your continuing support and cooperation in ensuring that our children get the best possible educational experiences.

# School policy and procedures

Below is the information about attendance procedures and how penalty charge notices:

We can send you a penalty notice (fine) if:

- Your child's attendance falls below 90 per cent in a term period without a good reason
- You take your child out of school during term time (for holidays for example) without agreeing the leave with the school
- Your child is delayed returning from a period of leave and you haven't agreed this with the school
- Your child arrives at school after the registers have closed more than 6 times in a six week period
- Your child is excluded from school but is seen in a public place during the first five days of that exclusion.

The fine is £60 per parent and per child if you pay within 21 days of receiving the notice. If you don't pay the fine within 21 days, but pay it within 28 days, the cost will rise to £120. If you don't pay at all, we may take legal action.

If the local authority take you to court, you could be fined up to £1,000. But if we have to take you to court more than once, the result could be a fine of up to £2,500 or up to three months in prison.

Our school policy is as follows:

- Issue 1<sup>st</sup> letter to parents/carers
- Issue 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to parents/carers
- Phone call/Meeting in school for parents/carers with SLT and attendance officer
- Continue to monitor attendance and punctuality
- After 6 unauthorised absences (3 days) a fixed penalty notice is issued
- More than 6 lates in a 6 week period - a fixed penalty notice is issued
- PCN is £60 per parent and child – first 21 days, £120 – 21 to 28 days then court proceedings
- This is followed by a monitoring period and if the child is absent again through illness then medical evidence needs to be provided
- Extended holidays are not agreed unless there are exceptional circumstances



# Macmillan Cake Sale



We are delighted to inform you that as a school we raised a **£656.26** from our cake sale that was held in late September. This is a fantastic amount and we thank everyone in our school community who came along to support this worthy cause. Macmillan Cancer Trust have assured us that they will be sending a certificate to the school. Once we receive this, we will send a copy to parents/carers. A big thank you to Mrs Dourado and our pupil helpers who worked together to set up the cake sale and ensured that everything ran smoothly on the day. Our PTA have been having their own cake sales for the different year groups and will be sending out their own newsletters in due course.

## *Thank you for your generosity*

We continue to receive a range of different donations from our school community and we really appreciate everyone's kindness and generosity. A special thank you to Rosie Belle's mum who donated a doll's house and some new dollies which our children in EYFS are really happy to be playing with and developing social skills, fine motor skills and imaginative play.







## A Fantastic week at Fair Play House

Year 6 went for their residential visit to Fair Play house in Witham Essex where they thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a range of different activities. Throughout the week they worked together for canoeing, high ropes, caving, zip wire, archery, woodland games, the gravity swing and beach art.

The children had a wonderful time and it was also a great opportunity to develop social skills and make new friendships. Well done to the Year 6 children and a big thank you to the staff who gave up their time to support the children and look after them.



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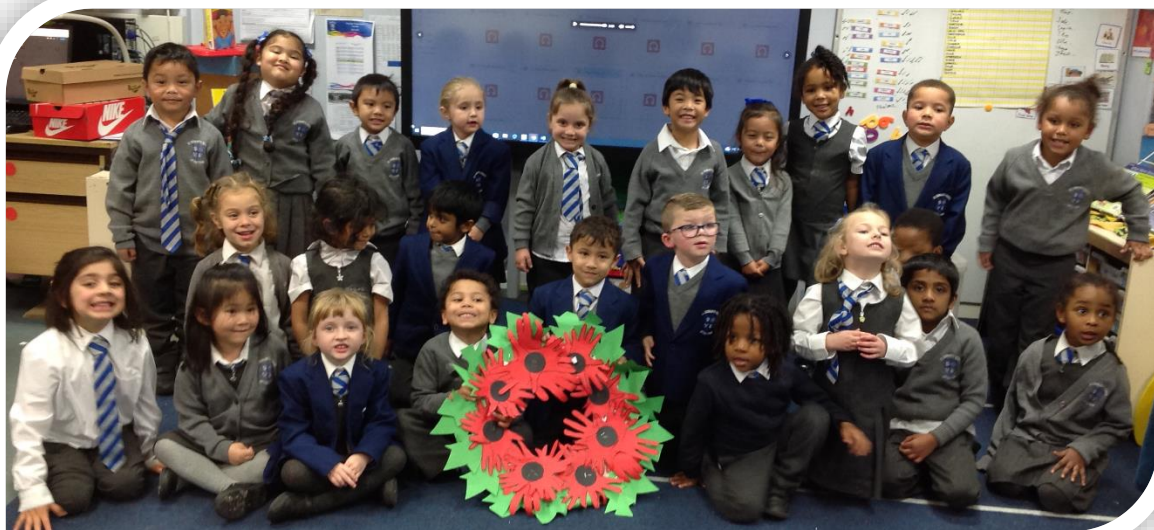


# Poppy Sale & Remembrance Service

A huge thank you to everyone in our school community for their generosity during our Poppy sale last week. We raised an amazing **£366.83** and we know this will really be appreciated by the Armed Forces community. Thank you to Mr Morgan and our Year 6 pupils for helping to set this up every day. Our Pupil Parliament went to Central Park on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of November for a Remembrance Day service. The children went with Mr Underwood, Ms Williams and Mr Morgan and took part in the service and our Trust CSEL Ms Cashell was also there. Representatives from each of our trust schools laid a wreath in memory of those who have died.



**Acorn class made a wreath to remember to pray for all the souls during the month of November.**







## Meet our Pupil Parliament for this year

Our Pupil Parliament representatives are chosen by their peers in Year 1 to Year 6 every year in a democratic vote. Each child who would like to be part of the Pupil Parliament team presents to their class stating why they want to join the student council and what they would bring to the role. Our pupils work on different areas of the school with our Learning Mentor Ms Williams including improving the school environment to supporting pupil well being.

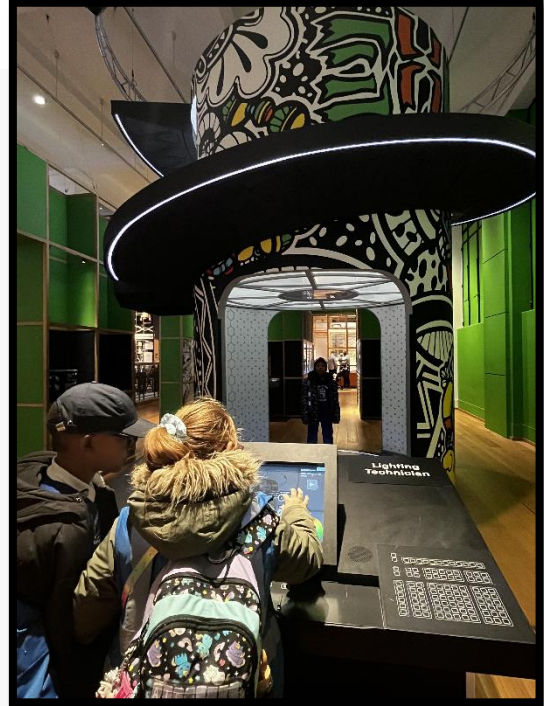
## House Captains in Year 6

Four House Captains are chosen from our Year 6 pupils. They have an important role in organising the house points from each class and adding them together for a grand total across the school. The cup for the winning team of St John Bosco, St Anne Line, St Josephine Bakhita or St Luiz Lorenzo is presented at the weekly assembly. Our House Captains are good role models and teachers representing the characteristics all the saints had.

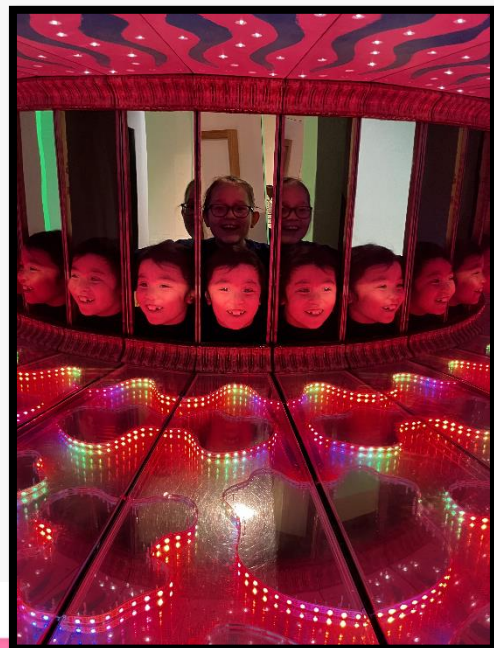


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**Year 4 went to the Science Museum on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of November. They took part in the immersive Wonder Lab exhibition which the children thoroughly enjoyed.**



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# DATES TO REMEMBER

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Anti Bullying Week**

**Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> December – Odd Socks Day**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Year 1 at Theatre Royal Stratford**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS and KS1 Nativity**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Children's Christmas lunch at school**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – VIRTUAL Parent Consultation Evening**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – VIRTUAL Parent Consultation evening**

**THESE ARE NEW DATES – Some classes may have different dates for parent consultations – parents will be notified of this in advance**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – class Christmas parties**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – PTA School Disco – 6.30 to 8.30 pm in school hall**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – whole school mass in church – 10.30 am**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Carol Concert in church – 1.45 pm**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Christmas Raffle**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – last day of term – ALL children go home at 1.15 pm**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – ALL children return to school for start of spring term**

***PLEASE NOTE – These dates may be subject to change.***



## 17/11/2023 (Friday) Today's Gospel reading: Luke 17:26-37

### **Jesus said to his disciples:**

"As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be in the days of the Son of Man; they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage up to the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

Similarly, as it was in the days of Lot: they were eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, building;

On the day when Lot left Sodom, fire and brimstone rained from the sky to destroy them  
So it will be on the day the Son of Man is revealed.

On that day, someone who is on the housetop and whose belongings are in the house must not go down to get them; likewise one in the field must not return to what was left.

Remember the wife of Lot.

Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses it will save it.

I tell you, on that night there will be two people in one bed; one will be taken, the other left.

And there will be two women grinding meal together; one will be taken, the other left."

They said to him in reply, "Where, Lord?" He said to them, "Where the body is, there also the vultures will gather."



## 17/11/2023 (Friday) Today's Gospel reflection: Luke 17:26-37

The Gospel passage above is a timely reminder that our days on earth are numbered and the coming judgment is unexpected but imminent. We can't stay on earth for long and at any time of the day and night, we shall die. Yet many people still go about their daily routine seemingly oblivious to the warning of death and judgment. Worst, they laugh at the warning! The mere mention of Noah and Lot in the gospel reading above is significant. Their stories brings to mind warnings and destruction. So when Jesus speaks of them in relation to

the judgment day, we must take a serious look at the necessity of repentance and obedience in order that our life will not go to the vultures. We must not be like the people during the time of Noah who perished with the flood or the people of Sodom during the time of Lot. They too perished because of their wickedness and unrepentance. Therefore, while we still have some hours, days or years left on earth, let us have time to reflect on the warnings of Jesus and repent. If we are still too busy with work and social engagements but no time for spiritual matters, let it never be said that we have not been warned. Regrets always come late.