



St Edmund's Catholic Primary School

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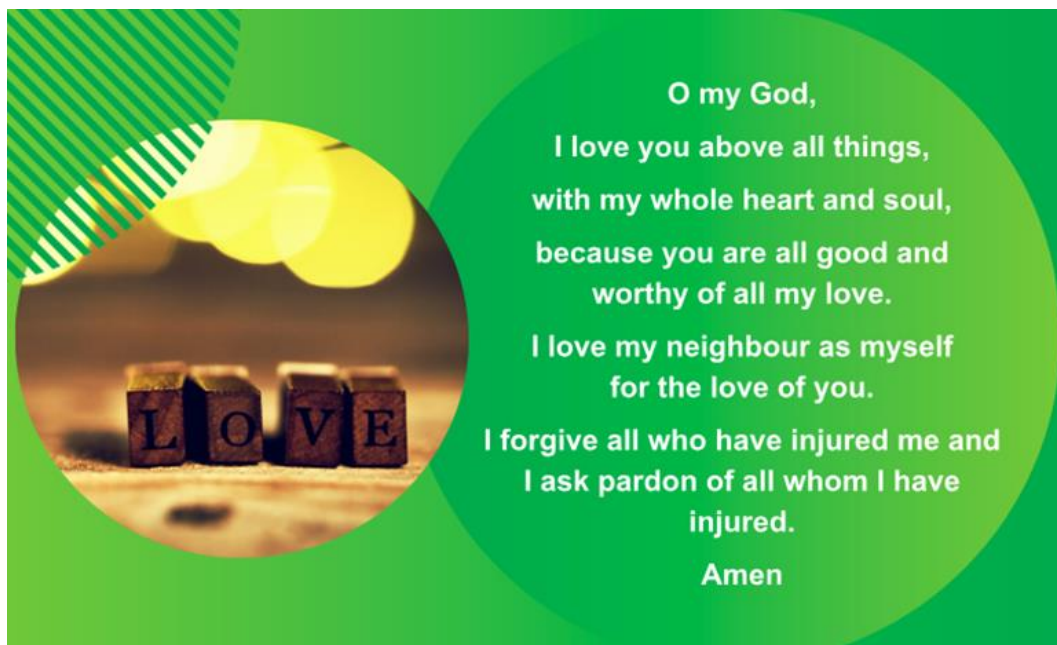
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Sometimes how we feel on the inside can show on the outside and through how we treat others. Our assembly explored how the way we act plays a part in bringing down or blessing others and inspires children to love our enemies as Jesus told us to.



“Love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great....”

Luke 6:35



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Children will understand that:

- Growing love in our hearts flows from the inside out.
- All of our feelings matter and Jesus cares about how we feel.
- We can always make a choice to bless others, even when it's hard.

Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely half term break. There is lots to look forward to this half term as we enter the season of Lent next week. The children will be attending Mass on Ash Wednesday and will be learning all about this in their classes.

As mentioned before, as part of our charitable focus this Lent we will be doing the Big Lent walk. Whilst this says we will do 200 km in 40 days on the poster, we will instead do a sponsored walk over one afternoon. We will aim to walk 2 miles, this should take about 45 minutes at a moderate pace. At both schools this will be around the school grounds.

The links to donation will be sent out via email on the day of 21st March. We hope you can support us in reaching our target of £200 at both schools.

We will have a visitor from CAFOD coming into school soon to talk to the children about solidarity for the poor and why it is important we consider the needs of others before ourselves, especially during Lent.

Our annual Prayer Station Day will be happening in both schools on 3rd April, as always the children will design and create these and you will be invited in to take time to visit each one and share your prayer time with them.

Finally, please ensure you have booked in for parent/teacher meetings which will be held on 17th and 18th March. The booking sheets are in the offices. Each slot will be 10 minutes and the teachers will share with you current assessment information to explain where against age related expectations your child is and their targets. You will also have a chance to look in book at this session.

Any longer meeting you require please ensure this is made as a separate appointment.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Barlow

World Book Day - 6th March

For World Book Day this year our theme is 'bedtime stories'. Children can come in their cosy onesies, pyjamas and/or Oodies. Bring their favourite book to share and be ready for some relaxing story times throughout the day.

We hope the day will continue to inspire a love of reading for all of us.

Year 2 have forest school in the afternoon – please bring a change of clothes for forest school and spare clothes/a change of shoes for after forest school (or they can change back in their pyjamas).



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Attendance Matters

Why is good school attendance important?

Regular and punctual school attendance is essential to supporting a child or young person to flourish, fulfil their potential and enables them to:

- learn
- make and manage friendships
- develop new skills
- have fun
- experience new things in the world around them
- develop awareness and respect of other cultures, religion, ethnicity, and gender differences
- build confidence and self-esteem
- achieve and thrive with a sense of belonging to their school community
- prioritise their well-being and happiness
- be given the best start in life, enabling the best possible choices in their future

Missing school... missing out!

Don't let your child be the one to miss out!

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent number of missed:		
	Days	Weeks	Average lessons
95%	9	2	54
90%	19	4	114
85%	29	6	174
80%	38	8	228
75%	48	10	288
70%	57	11.5	342
65%	67	13.5	402

“We are only a few minutes late” - Does it matter?

Being late for school reduces learning time and does not prepare your child or young person for their future working lives.

- Arrival 5 minutes late every day = 3 days of learning missed each year
- Arrival 15 minutes late every day = 10 days or 2 weeks of learning each year.

How you can help your child or young person to have excellent attendance in school

- Always inform the school if your child is absent.
- Talk openly to your child about school and work in partnership with the school to best support them.
- Encourage your child to attend regularly and advocate, speak up on behalf of their needs.
- Arrange medical or dental appointments outside of school hours when possible.
- Establish good morning and bedtime routines.
- Support your child to arrive at school on time.
- Take truancy seriously - consider where are they? Who are they with? What are they doing?
- Where possible attend parent consultations and school events.
- Value and acknowledge achievements in school.
- Take family holidays, visit family outside of term time.

Young people regularly missing school without good reason = increased risk of becoming isolated from their friends, underachieving in their learning and/or have vulnerability to become involved in anti-social behaviour.

A good diet and sleep routine adds to successful learning.

Every minute in school counts!

Helping your child to arrive at school on time, wearing correct uniform gives them a positive start to their day.

Regular school attendance teaches a young person life skills like time keeping, problem solving and independence.

Help your child by encouraging them to get their uniform and school bag ready the night before.

This week as it is a new term, we are aiming high 96%. Well done to all the year groups achieving this or better. Well done also to St Edmund's who is in line with both national and regional data.

Year	St Benet's	St Edmund's
R	93%	92%
1	89%	98%
2	93%	95%
3	90%	96%
4	96%	95%
5	85%	96%
6	89%	90%
School's overall	87.08%	94.94%
Suffolk	94.9%	
National	94.8%	

Forest School dates *amended*

6th March – Year 2 13th March – Year R and 1

Forest School will then return in the Summer term from 1st May



Clubs

Monday – KS1 Tag Rugby

Tuesday – Whole school Earthwake (currently full)

Wednesday – KS2 Tag Rugby

Friday – KS2 Community Football



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Heart of Gold



This week the Heart of Gold goes to Teresa for the value of Faith. Teresa demonstrates a trusting and positive attitude to learning and makes thoughtful comments during RE. She is always ready to join in with our classroom prayers and continuously demonstrates kindness and loyalty to her friends. Well done Teresa.

This week the Heart of Gold for Faith in Rowan class goes to Ethen.

This is because he always shows



the highest level of respect during our prayers and R.E lessons. He is always open and honest about his ideas and beliefs related to faith and this has shown in particular over the last few weeks. He has created some lovely prayers for the people

that he cares about. Well done Ethen!



This weeks Heart of Gold is for the value of Faith. In Oak class our Heart of Gold goes to Dillon. When asked what Faith was, to him, he said "it's about finding a solution"

If faced with difficulties he has a deep-rooted expectation that good things are coming and he surrounds himself with positivity to help make this happen.

Well done Dillon.