



St Edmund's Catholic Primary School

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Change is a part of life. Sometimes this is welcome: trees bear fruit, children grow to adults. Other changes can be daunting. Our Gospel assembly this week focuses on the unchanging nature of God's word, which is the reason for our hope.



"Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away."

Mark 13:31

Children will understand that:

- Change is a part of life.
- God's love for us, revealed in His Word, will never change.
- God's unchanging love is the reason for our hope.



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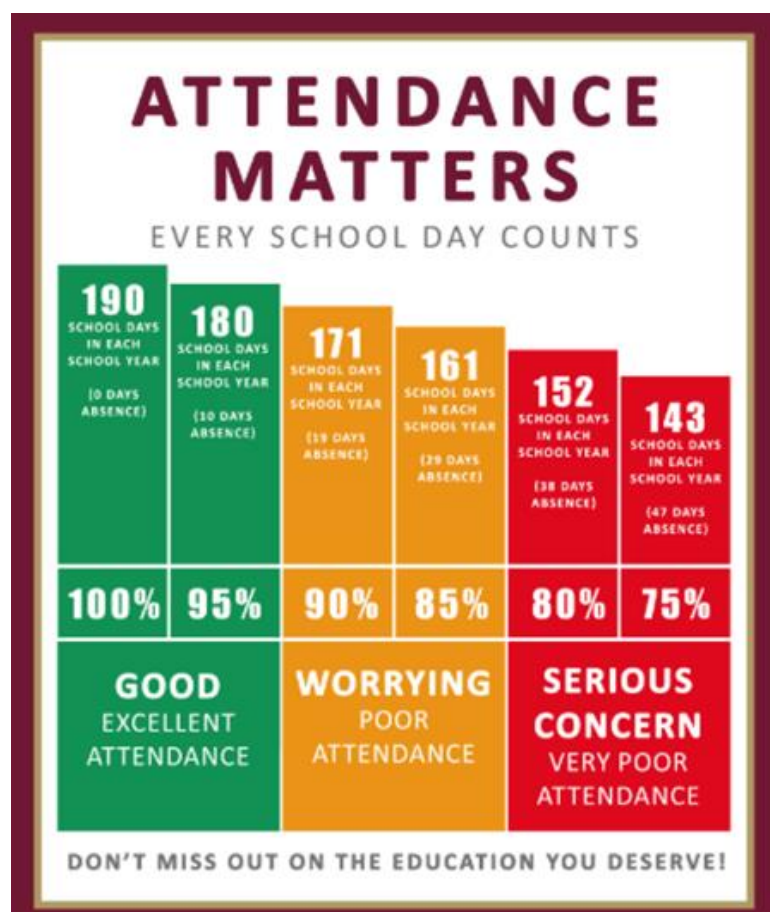
This half term is a time for us as a Catholic school to prepare for the wonderful feast of Christmas. Already our children are preparing for this special season through learning songs for our whole school Nativity, to making decorations to sell as part of our enterprise initiatives to preparing for giving to others in charitable ways. We will be supporting Save the Children this term through our Christmas jumper day on the 12th December.

Also, as part of our preparations we will attend Advent Mass on 5th December, 9am at St Edmund's and 11am at St Benet's. I hope you can join us for this special Mass, which always puts me in a reflective place before the hustle and bustle of Christmas. It is a lovely chance to be still and at peace with the Lord.

St Edmund's children are learning two songs as part of the Christmas singing project which will take place on Sunday 15th December. You will have received a separate email with the information about this. There has only been 1 child from St Edmund's who has signed up to this to join other schools to sing at this event. It would be lovely if we had more children represent our school. We will be sending out this information again to you and tickets for the event will be made available at the school office.

Finally, at St Benet's, we have made our Christmas decorations for the Hungate Tree festival and would really appreciate your vote if you go to visit this year. Our tree is called 'The Christmas Dove of Peace'.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Barlow



Attendance Matters

This week our goal is 96%. Well done to all year groups who have met this target or exceeded it.

| Year Group | St Benet's | St Edmund's |
|------------|------------|-------------|
| R | 96% | 95% |
| 1 | 95% | 99% |
| 2 | 95% | 98% |
| 3 | 89% | 97% |
| 4 | 96% | 94% |
| 5 | 79% | 97% |
| 6 | 90% | 92% |



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**If your child was born between
1 September 2020 and
31 August 2021,
you must apply for a full-time
Reception Year school place by
15 January 2025**



You **must** make an application even if your child already has a place in a nursery class, pre-school or family hub

To apply for a place or for more information you can visit:

www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions

Information is also available from:

- The Admissions Team on **0345 600 0981**
- Your local school

We enjoyed celebrating November birthdays this week



St Edmund's Day celebrations

To celebrate St Edmund's Day there will be a "Lite bite brunch" on Sunday 24 November 10am till 12, in the hall at St Edmund's. Fresh home-made noodles, spring rolls, salads, with nibbles and home-made fizz & juices. Suggested donations: £5 adult. Children £2.

Forest School dates

- 9th January – Year 6
- 16th January – Year 5
- 6th February – Year 4
- 13th February – Year 3
- 27th February – Year 2
- 6th March – Year R and 1
- 13th March – Year R and 1



1st May – Year 4

8th May – Year 5

22nd May – Year 6

5th June – Year 3

12th June – Year 2

19th June – Year R and 1

26th June – Year R and 1

Other upcoming dates

Thursday 5th December – Advent Mass – 9.15am – 10.15am

Tuesday 10th December – Whole School Nativity
Carol Service – 2pm

Wednesday 11th December – school Christmas
lunch

Thursday 12th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 12th December – Christmas Enterprise –
3.15pm – 4.15pm



Lightwave Christmas Carol Service dates

Sunday 24th November: KS2 Christmas
Choir sign-up CLOSES. Deadline for the
Order of Service Front Cover Design
Competition – Friday 29th November.

Friday 13th December: 4.30pm Dress
Rehearsal at St Mary's church, Bungay,
for KS2 Christmas Choir singers

Sunday 15th December: Carol Service at
St Mary's Church, Bungay with Choir
performance by KS2 singers



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Heart of Gold



In Beech class Lisa has received the Heart of Gold Award for the value of Temperance - love of learning. Lisa has shown a love of learning through always being ready to listen on the carpet, enjoying turn taking games and sharing books and stories with her peers and adults. Well done Lisa.

This week in Rowan class our Heart of Gold for Temperance (love of learning) goes to Marley. Every

lesson he is engaged and wants to learn. Marley will ask lots of questions and also take time to find out more information in his own time. Even when he finds something difficult he will try his best and use



the resources around him to help. Well done Marley!



This week in Oak class our Heart of Gold for Temperance (love of learning) goes to Mani. Mani has a passion for learning. He loves facts and is curious. He asks questions but also shares his knowledge with the class. He is enthusiastic when we start new topics and loves learning new things.