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Building on the theme from earlier in the term, that to be great in God's sight, they must put others first, children learned in this week's Gospel assembly that through Jesus' service and self-sacrifice, He won for them the greatest prize – the joy of eternal life with Him in Heaven!



"Anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all."

Mark 10:43-44







Children will understand:

- The importance of following Jesus' example by serving others.
- That by dying on the Cross, Jesus won for us the ultimate prize eternal life with Him in Heaven.

We have now reached the end of term 1 and are ready for our half term break as I am sure your children are too. We have been very busy and the children have continued to produce some lovely work and really engage in their learning. Therefore, we all deserve a good rest. Stay safe over the half term break and we will see you all on Monday 4th November.

Mrs Barlow

Book of Remembrance

In November, we remember and pray for our departed friends and loved ones. A Book of Remembrance is now available in the school foyer for you to add the names of loved ones. We will keep them in our prayers at school and remember them at our School Masses and liturgies throughout the month of November.

Smartphone Free Childhood

We know that it is sometimes difficult as a parent to navigate the world of children and smart phone. The organisation 'Smartphone Free Childhood' has some great advice and resources to help parents to keep their children safe. Please see the link below: https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/

The Big Speech – Reminder Are the best things in life free?

Things like friends, family and good memories are free but other stuff, like trainers and video games, are quite expensive. Think about the truth of this statement and what great things you can get for free, and what things you can give for free, like your time and your attention. These things are hard to get off people these days.

The best things in life are free.

- Anon

If your child wishes to take part, please can you help them start to think about what they would like to say on this topic. They will have a maximum of two minutes to speak. This is an excellent way to develop their oracy skills and find confidence in speaking in front of an audience.

Parents are invited to this:

St Edmund's 19th November 2:30pm St Benet's 20th November 2:30pm







Year	St	St
Group	Benet's	Edmund's
R	96%	95%
1	95%	99%
2	95%	98%
3	93%	97%
4	97%	95%
5	87%	97%
6	89%	91%
Overall	92%	96%
School		

This week's target is 96% attendance. Well done to the year groups who have achieved this or exceeded it. Well done to St Edmund's who have consistently had good attendance this term and have ended term 1 meeting the target.

After school clubs

These will change to gymnastics after half term, for both KS1 and KS2. These clubs are free, please join us! ©



Pumpkins!

Thank you for all your lovely pumpkin pictures and poems – we enjoyed a special lunch on Thursday this week. Thank you Sue for all the effort you make with these special lunches.







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

Wednesday 6th November – 9.30am – 11.30am - open morning for prospective parents

Tuesday 12th November – Crucial Crew trip year 6

A national programme teaching Year 6 pupils about road and cycle safety, hand washing hygiene, fire safety, crime reduction and

unknown substance awareness.

Tuesday 19th November – 2.30pm – Big Speech assembly

Are the best things in life free?

Wednesday 11th December – school Christmas lunch









Heart of Gold





In Beech class Ivy has received the Heart of Gold for the value of Kindness. Ivy has demonstrated her kind nature by helping others in class and on the playground. Ivy has been a good thoughtful friend to new pupils, helping them feel settled. Well done Ivy.



This week in Rowan class our Heart of Gold for kindness goes to Francisco. He is such a kind and caring member of our class and will always put others before himself. Francisco enjoys working as part of a team and always listens to everyone's ideas. He will always try to help others if they need it and try to make sure everyone is included at break and lunch times. You are an excellent role model in Rowan class, well done Francisco!



Heart of Gold this week in Oak class goes to Dillon. Dillon understands the term kindness. During our class assembly, Dillon said kindness comes from happiness and it needs to be shared with others. Dillon clearly demonstrates this in class and is an excellent role model.





