

St Edmund's Catholic School News

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A message from Mr Wilson

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that everyone had a good half term break. The students seem to have returned to school renewed and reinvigorated, which is good news as we have a busy term ahead! Our Movember Campaign was launched during assembly this week, and our House Dodgeball Tournament will be taking place in the gym every lunchtime next week. I am particularly looking forward to our annual celebrations for the Feast of St Edmund on 16th November, and to the school Pantomime Production of *Aladdin* which takes place in school from 29th November – 1st December. Tickets are available from the school Reception and I would urge you to buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment!

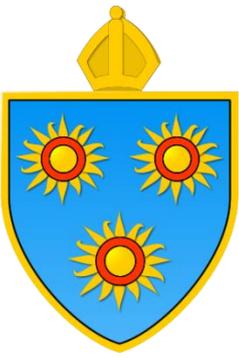
 Over the next few weeks some of the students will be selling poppies and other small items in support of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Students can give a donation for a paper poppy; all other items are £1. Poppies will be available at lunchtimes and can be worn in school. Thank you in advance for your support for the Poppy Appeal.

I would like to invite you all to come along to our next Parent Forum Meeting on Monday 13th November between 5.30pm and 6.30pm and enjoy a glass of wine and some nibbles and an informal small group chat. The focus for this Forum will be on Reporting. It would be wonderful to welcome as many of you as possible to school to discuss your expectations regarding school reports. I look forward to meeting you and hearing your thoughts.



Dates for your diary:

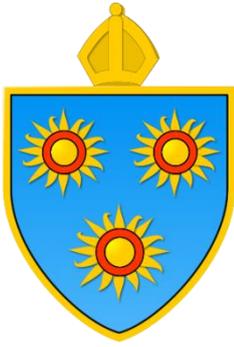
- Wednesday 8th November
 - Monday 13th November
 - Thursday 16th November
 - Friday 24th November
 - Wednesday 29th November
 - Wednesday 6th December
 - Monday 11th December
 - Wednesday 13th December
 - Thursday 14th December
 - Friday 15th December
- Year 10 Subject Consultation, 4pm-7pm
 - Parent Forum Meeting, 5.30pm-6.30pm
 - Year 11 Help Your Child Revise Workshop 6.45pm
 - St Edmund's Day Celebrations
 - Movember Tag Day (£1)
 - Opening Night of Aladdin
 - Year 8 Retreat to Whitstable
 - Christmas Concert, 6.30pm
 - Certificate Evening, 6.45pm
 - Christmas Dinner
 - Christmas Bazaar and Christmas Jumper Day
 - House Parents' Reception and Last Day of Term



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On Thursday 28th September we celebrated our Deanery Harvest Activity Day with Year 6 pupils from St Augustine's, Hythe; St Joseph's, Aylesham; St Mary's, Deal; St Richard's, Dover; and Stella Maris, Folkestone. Year 7 were delighted to welcome the Year 6s and spend the day with them celebrating the Harvest. The students enjoyed music, drama and food workshops as well as prayer and reflection on the Gospel used at the Mass: the feeding of the 5,000. Special thanks to Fr Duncan and Fr John for being with us during the day and celebrating Mass. It was lovely to see former students Miss Manton (now a Year 6 TA at St Richard's) and Miss Moore (now Year 6 Class Teacher at Stella Maris). Thank you to the pupils who brought along donations for the Dover Foodbank, and to everyone involved in a highly successful day. Check out our Facebook page for more photos from the day: St Edmund's Catholic School, Dover





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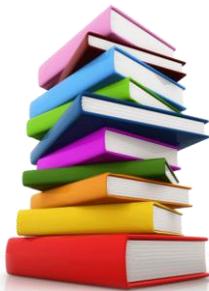
On Thursday 16th November we celebrate the Feast of St Edmund of Abingdon. Year 7 have been learning about the Saint our school is named after. How much do you know about our Patron Saint? Test your knowledge!

Who was Saint Edmund named after and why?

Which University did he go to?

Where was he Archbishop of?

Check your answers by logging onto the school website and going to "Parent Info" then "Year 6 Transition" where you can read all about St Edmund in the web version of our Year 7 Welcome Booklet.



The English Department is looking for parent volunteers to come into school and take part in our accelerated reading programme. If you can spare half an hour to read with students on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning between 8.30am and 9am (during the school term), please email Mr Liam Renihan, who is leading this project. All volunteers will need to complete a DBS check, which the school will organise and pay for. You can contact Mr Renihan via email:

lrenihan@st-edmunds-dover.kent.sch

ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Presents
Aladdin
29th Nov—1st Dec 2017
6.30pm
St Edmund's School Hall

Tickets available from the school office

Adult £5
Child £3

Written by James Barry
<http://www.lazybeescripts.co.uk>

A traditional panto story adapted for a small cast, packed with jokes, slapstick and magic.