

Information for parents Spring 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term! Our wonderful children have settled very well back into school routine and are enjoying their learning. Many thanks for your feedback regarding some of the changes that have taken place since January. Your views will always be heard and I truly appreciate the support that you continually give.

Lent

“Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ’s victory over death.”

- Pope Francis



Leaflet Missal

We are now officially in the season of Lent. As a Catholic school we approach the Lenten season with great anticipation. Lent is a time for helping others, praying more and for self-sacrifice. We are working to prepare ourselves for Jesus’ resurrection on Easter. Just like during Advent when we waited for Jesus’ birth, during Lent we are waiting for His rising. By helping others, praying and sacrificing, we grow closer to God. Discuss as a family what you will be doing for Lent. The church asks us to participate in three acts during Lent—prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Please talk to your child about the Stations of the Cross. Besides praying more (we will also learn the Our Father) and doing kind deeds, we will be carry out a Lenten Appeal for the families affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

Enrichment clubs

These have now started and will continue up to the Easter holidays. We are proud to be offering a variety of clubs at the moment that include: cooking, phonics, art, coding, ball skills & multisports, singing and sewing.

Staff Leaving

At the end of April, both Ms Holly Simms and Ms Hannah Libby will be leaving St Edmund’s and will be moving on to new adventures. On behalf of the whole of the St Edmund’s community, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to both members of staff for everything they have done to support the learning and development of children in or school. I would also like to wish both colleagues well and wish them the best of luck for their future endeavours.

A special message from both Ms Simms and Ms Libby:

“It is with great sadness that I would like to share the news that I will be leaving St Edmund's at the end of April. My partner has been offered a job in Switzerland and so we will be moving there as a family.

Mr Antonis Antoniou will be supporting the work of the Early Years unit working alongside our experienced current members of the leadership team.

I have enjoyed working at our school immensely over the years and will miss everybody that makes up our school community. I will plan to come back to visit soon!”

Holly Simms

"It's with true sadness that I write you this letter to say that I will be leaving St Edmund's at the end of the Spring term. It has been a wonderful privilege working with your children over the past six years and I have enjoyed seeing their confidence and independence grow in many different areas over my time here. However, I currently don't live close to the school and I wish to seek employment closer to my home and family.

I am also very grateful for getting to know all of the parents and colleagues that make this school a wonderful community to be a part of and I will remember all of the support that has been given to me.

I wish you and your families the best of luck for the future."

Miss Libby

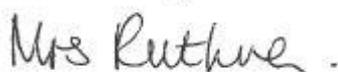
New Staff

As you are aware as Executive Headteacher, I work across two schools – St. Monica's Catholic Primary School, Hoxton and here at St Edmund's. I also carry out work on behalf of Ofsted as an Inspector therefore I may not be on site all the time. Please note, I can be reached via email or please do make an appointment to meet with me via the school office, I would be delighted to see you all. I would also like to introduce Mr Antonis Antoniou. As from March 2023, he has been appointed as the Head of School here at St Edmund's. The Governing Body have agreed that when I am not on site, Mr Antoniou will act on my behalf to lead and manage the school alongside the Senior Leadership Team. Please do feel free to make an appointment to see him should you wish to discuss any aspects of school. Please refer to Mr Antoniou's introductory letter.

As part of our continual curriculum development, our children will learn Spanish. I am delighted to welcome Mr Marcos who will be teaching Spanish across our school. Mr Marcos is a qualified teacher, originally from Spain and currently lives in London. He has worked across a number of schools in East London and is delighted to join our school community. We also welcome Mr Bennett and Mr D'Auvergne who will also be joining us. Mr Bennett will be overseeing our PE lessons and Mr D'Auvergne, Music. The children have already received taster sessions and are very excited at the prospect of learning more!

Many thanks for your continued support and I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Kind Regards,



Mrs Ruthven

Executive Headteacher