

Newsletter



St Edmund's
Nursery School and
Children's Centre

Summer Term 2017 2

Dear parents/carers,

It's hard to believe we are already in the last term of the school year. Time goes by so quickly! If your child is leaving us to move to primary school you will soon be given information about the arrangements for visiting their new school and for the staff to visit the children here.

As always we have lots of exciting things planned for the next few weeks so keep an eye on the notice board and texts.



Staff update

We will soon be saying goodbye to Mehruk who is currently working in our Birth to 2 room but has also covered in other rooms, we wish her all the best for the future. We are looking forward to welcoming back Noshaba in Green room who will soon be returning from maternity leave. Also congratulations to Salma from Green room who recently gave birth to a baby boy.

We have been busy recruiting some new admin posts so you will soon see some new faces on reception and in the offices.

Girlington Growers

Amanda and I and some of our parents and local residents along with St Philip's Church have been very busy over a couple of Saturday mornings in May litter picking and planting spring plants around Washington Street. We gave away some window boxes filled with plants to people who live opposite the school. Litter is a real problem in the area and is making the streets around the school look really awful. Please can you all make an effort to remind people to throw their litter in the bin and not on the streets?

Free school

As many of you will know, sadly, we were unsuccessful last summer in our application to open a 4-19 Free School (primary and secondary). However the good news is that we are planning to apply again as soon as the general election is over. We feel our current bid is much stronger than last year and we have support from Lord Andrew Mawson who is liaising with the local authority on our behalf and William Nabarro who has links to the Department of Education. Although nothing is guaranteed we are optimistic about the outcome. Keep an eye on our website for news.

Finally this month we are thinking about all our families who are fasting during Ramadan. We hope you are blessed with peace and a time for reflection and renewal.

I would also like to wish all our children, families and staff a warm, sunny and happy summer.

Anne-Marie

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A.M. Merifield', written over a dotted line.

Anne-Marie Merifield, Executive Headteacher

Parental Involvement News – Amanda Jordan



As usual there are lots of activities for families going on at St Edmund's throughout the term that you are welcome to join in with – story time on Mondays 8.45 to 9.15 and Fridays 12.45 to 1.15 and singing sessions on Wednesdays at 8.45 and 12.30. Please come and join in!

Book Fair 12th – 15th June



The Scholastic Book Fair is running once again in the entrance area from Monday 12th to Thursday 15th June. You'll find a wide range of lovely books suitable for your child and our nursery will earn free books for every book that's bought.

We really appreciate your involvement in this event and if you are able to support and have a little spare time could you please see Amanda.

2 Year Old Places

We still have some early education places for eligible 2 year olds starting in September. You may be eligible if you have a child who was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015, and you have an income of less than £16,190. Please see staff at reception for more information, or an eligibility check.



Ramadan

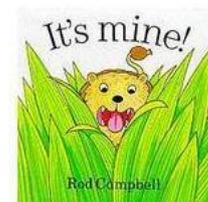
Many of our staff and parents are fasting for Ramadan. We would like to wish everyone Ramadan Mubarak. At the end of Ramadan on 25th or 26th June families will be celebrating Eid Ul-Fitr.

Save the date!

Once again we will be celebrating Eid Ul-Fitr with our fabulous Eid Party. It will be on Thursday 6th July 6.00 – 8.00. Watch out for further information as we have some very special plans this year.

Sharing Stories

Blue and Green Rooms will be sharing Rod Campbell's book "It's mine!" from 17th – 21st July.



School holidays

Nursery will close on Tuesday 25th July for the summer holidays, re-opening again on Tuesday 5th September. Our extended provision, and the children's centre will be open all summer, except for the bank holiday on Monday 28th August.

Next year's holiday dates are all on the website www.stedmundsbradford.org.uk in the information section.



On time every day!

One of the best things you can do for your children is to make sure they attend nursery on time every day. Don't forget to call us on **01274 543282** before 9.00am (morning children) or 1.00pm (afternoon children) if your child can't come to nursery.

News from Birth to 2s

In Birth to 2s we have been outside a lot, including a trip to the park. All the children are enjoying the new water feature that we have in nursery.



We would like to welcome Mohammed Umar and Musa to the Birth to 2s room, and wish Arissa a happy birthday. We would also like to welcome Josie to the staff team. Josie will be working every day except



Thursday.



Don't forget to bring in sun hats and sun cream, and some spare clothes for when your child gets wet!

News from Blue and Green Rooms

Last half term as part of Road Safety Week, children in Blue and Green Rooms enjoyed the Road Safety Puppet Show. In Blue Room we also went shopping to the supermarket, looked at the environment and talked about what we could see. In the warm weather just before half term the children enjoyed the paddling pool, and a special ice cream treat. Blue Room would like to welcome Yasmine, Tatiana, Farhaan, Mary-Jane, Noorayni, Owais and Zaidan. We would also like to welcome a new member of the staff - Hafsa Ali who has come from Birth to 2s. Hira and Nabila will also be helping in Blue Room this term.



In Green Room Tobias, Muntaha, Musa, Salahudeen, Isla, Maryam, Salayha, Anaiya and Subhaan have all settled and we are pleased to welcome Roman back.

Congratulations to Salma on the birth of her baby.

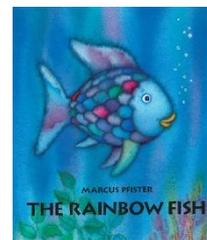
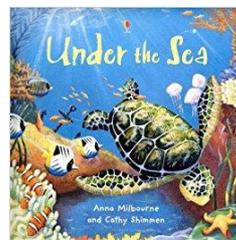




Children in Green Room will be doing lots of gardening over the next few weeks – planting flowers and vegetables and picking fruit. Why not grow something at home like a bean or a sunflower?

News from Red and Yellow Classes

This half term red and yellow class will be exploring the sea. Our core story is a non-fiction book 'Under the Sea' by Anna Milbourne but we will also be reading 'Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister.



We will be discussing what lives under the sea. We will also be sharing our own experiences of trips to the seaside or aquariums. If you have any photos from family visits to the seaside or to sea life centres, please can you share these with us.



We will have a role play beach and a role play under the sea area for children to develop their understanding within this topic. If you could donate any shells, sunglasses, sun hats, goggles etc they would be greatly appreciated.



We will end this topic with a summer fun day where families will be invited to join us for summer day activities such as eating ice-creams, playing hook a duck and hopefully a barbecue.

West Bradford Cluster Dads' Club



Saturday 24th June 11.00 - 1.00:

Bug hunting at Farnham Road Children's Centre, Farnham Road BD7 3JE.

Saturday 29th July: Bradford Festival

Meet at 11.00 outside the City Library in City Park for street entertainment at its very best. All free - just bring a picnic!

Saturday 5th August: Ironman Challenge at Allerton Children's Centre:

Keep the date free for a repeat of last year's very successful Ironman Challenge.

Saturday 12th August Bradford Classic Car Show:

Meet at 11.00 outside the City Library in City Park. We'll have a great day out looking at all the old cars, and enjoying paddling in the mirror pool.

How to contact us: Qaiser 07483 974896 or Hafeez 07484 056393.





Tuesday 18th July 10.00 - 4.00: Men in the Early Years Conference at the National Science and Media Museum, Bradford

We are delighted to be organising a national conference about the importance of dads, grandads, step-dads, uncles and male practitioners in the lives of young children. The conference is on Tuesday 18th July at the Science and Media Museum in Bradford. If you would like to attend, we have some free places for men living or working in West Bradford. We are also looking for volunteers. Contact Hafeez Rahman on 07484 056393 for more information.

News from the Children's Centre



Our events last half term all went well; we have continued to see good attendance at our Stay and Play sessions. We have had lots of fun in the sun over the past few weeks. We have been playing in water, exploring soil and plants and spending lots of time in our outdoor area.

Over the half term holidays we enjoyed a creative play session and a picnic and games at Chellow Dene Wetlands. Thank you to everyone who attended, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

This half term we are pleased to welcome Isma Munir to the children's centre team, she has previously been working in children's centres in South Bradford. We have lots of fun activities taking place this term. We will be celebrating National Bookstart Week from 5th-11th June. This year's book is Everybunny Dance and we'll be celebrating by having a Bunny Disco with a carrot hunt. We hope you can join us on Thursday 8th June 1-3pm for this event.

The Fire Department will be attending Stay and Play on Thursday 15th June 1-3pm, they will be delivering a session on staying safe at home and on the road.

June is National Smile Month, we will be focusing on oral hygiene on Tuesday 20th June in our Stay and Play session 9-11am and during Baby Stay and Play 1-3pm.

We would like to wish our families a Happy Ramadan, the Stay and Play Eid parties will take place on Tuesday 4th July during Stay and Play (0-4 years) 9-11am and Baby Stay and Play (Under 2s) 1-3pm.

All parents and carers are welcome at any of our timetabled sessions:

Timetable	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning 9.00 - 11.00		Stay & Play (0 - 4) Advice Appointments 9.30 - 1.30		Adult learning course & crèche	Sharing Together
Afternoon 1.00 - 3.00	Course for parents with crèche	Baby Stay & Play (under 2s) Health Visitor Clinic	Legal Advice Sessions	Stay & Play (0 - 4)	Baby Massage (1.00 - 2.30)

Please remember to keep your phones in your bags and not use them in the crèche. If you would like to take photos of your child in sessions please ask to borrow our camera.



Don't forget to like us on Facebook to keep up with the latest news. We are listed as "West Bradford Cluster". If you would like to talk to a member of the children's centre team please ask at reception or call 01274 544922.