

# Newsletter



St Edmund's  
Nursery School and  
Children's Centre

## September 2017

Dear parents/carers,

A big welcome to all our new families and welcome back to our returning families. September is always an exciting and busy time of year. We do hope all our new children settle quickly, please talk to your child's key person if you have any concerns.

We have lots of exciting events and activities planned for the Autumn term so, along with the information in this newsletter, keep an eye out for text messages and notices telling you what is happening and when. Also please make sure we have an up to date mobile phone number so you don't miss out on the text messages.

Our Children's Centre Plus provision is changing: The local authority is moving to a fully delegated budget for our resourced provision for children with complex needs. During the transition period we will have a few changes of staff, initially this will be in Red and Yellow Classes with Julie and Verity moving to another setting and Hafsa Malik and Henna Khan in Yellow Class and Sohail Shapel and Hafsa Ali in Red Class replacing them. From April there will also be changes in Blue Room. We are using our budget to pay for more staff in order to better meet the needs of the children. Ermina Kesedzic will continue as our specialist teacher and Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Co-ordinator (SENDCO). Other than the staff changes, you will see little change as we continue to provide the very best education and care for our children. We will also have a new name, Early Years Enhanced Specialist Provision. Do talk to Ermina if you have any questions.

Last October St Edmund's entered into the Big Draw competition, the largest drawing festival in the world. The theme was conkers and spiders. We are delighted to announce that our children won an award. On 25th July Ermina and Lou travelled to London with Ibrahim Mir, Adam Khan and their mums to pick up this amazing award. Ibrahim and Adam were most definitely the stars of the whole show, receiving the biggest applause from the audience as they climbed the stage to pick up their well-deserved prize. The work of St Edmund's children is displayed at Cartwright Gallery. We are very proud of our young artists.



We want you and your child to have a really special experience at St Edmund's. Please do talk to us if you have any suggestions as to how we can improve, we are always willing to listen.



Anne-Marie Merifield, Executive Headteacher

# Parental Involvement News – Amanda Jordan



As Parental Involvement Worker I want to provide lots of ways for you to get involved at St Edmund's, in the life of the school and in the learning process of your children. Being part of your child's school day has a significant impact on your child's experience of education.

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** and **Thursdays** 8.45 to 9.15am and 12.45 to 1.15pm, and singing sessions on Wednesdays at 8.45am and 12.30pm. Please come and join in!

## Lending Library

The lending library is open during story times (Mondays and Thursdays at 8.45 and 12.45). We have lots of lovely resources available to borrow.

## New Number Sacks course starting



Number Sacks is a 10 hour course to introduce parents with young children to lots of fun ways to incorporate maths into everyday life. The Number Sacks course will run every Thursday morning 9 - 11am from 21st September. To book onto the course, speak to a member of staff or call the cluster office on 01274 544922.



On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September we are holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning to raise money for cancer support. Drop in between 9.00 and 11.00 am, or 12.45 and 2.30 pm for coffee and cakes.



We are in the process of setting up a Facebook page for our nursery school, to let parents know about what is going on, and to celebrate our children's achievements. If you are on Facebook, why not follow us? Search for "St Edmund's Nursery School", and like the page.

I am usually in the corridor to "meet and greet" you from 8.45 to 9.15 am and 12.30 to 1.00 pm. I'll be able to tell you about any news, and about events that are taking place. If you need help or information I'll do my best to assist you.



The school photographer will be here on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October for family and individual photos.

**Us, Our World, Our Community Week** will run from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Watch out for information about fun events coming soon.

Don't forget that this year's holiday dates, along with lots of other useful information, can be found on our website [www.stedmundsbradford.org.uk](http://www.stedmundsbradford.org.uk).

## News from Birth to 2s

We have said hello to many new children this term – Ayesha, Bartosz, Fajr, Alex, Sarah, KJ, Meerab, Haadiya, Rawa and Aminah. Welcome to everyone, and happy birthday to Meerab.



In our Birth to 2s room, young children are encouraged to explore water, paint, messy materials. At this age they put things into their mouths, this is part of their learning and the materials we use are safe.

We will be having lots of outdoor trips this term, including going to the park. Please make sure your child has appropriate clothes for the weather.

## News from Red and Yellow Classes (3 – 4s)

Our topic in Red and Yellow class this half term is **'Ourselves'**.



We have lots of new children joining us and we will be learning all about each other. We will be talking about what we like and don't like, what we look like and all the things that make us unique. Our more familiar children will be helping to teach new children the routines within their class.

We will also be talking about our family and each class will be displaying family photos. If you have not yet given your key person a photo please email one to [office@stedmundsbradford.org.uk](mailto:office@stedmundsbradford.org.uk).



Our core-story this half term is Owl Babies by Martin Waddell. This is a lovely story where three baby owls are feeling worried and scared when they can't find their mum. Through this story we learn to talk about different feelings and this story also supports the concept that mummy always comes back.

On 2nd October we will be visited by some very special birds. Look out for your invite!

## News from Blue and Green Rooms (2 to 3s)

We would like to welcome all our new children who have joined us this term, including Yusuf, Raeesa and Bobby who have joined Blue Room from our Baby Room, and Yahya, Zakariya, Alaizah, Khadija, Joice and Sophia who have joined Green Room.



In our staff team, Henna has moved to Yellow Class, and Hafsa and Hafsah have moved to work with children with additional needs.



We have got some great resources outside for the children to use this term. Our "loose parts" area allows children to be real builders, and use their imagination to construct things like towers, walls and cars, or find out about how tubes roll.

Ask your child if they played out today!

Sharing Stories is another lovely way for parents and carers to get involved in nursery. Our book this term is going to be **'That's Not My Monkey'**, a touchy feely book that all the children will enjoy. Sharing Stories week is 27<sup>th</sup> November to 1<sup>st</sup> December, please put the date in your diary.

Our Sharing Stories session last term was "It's mine" by Leo Lionni. Lots of parents joined us for a special story session followed by a workshop where we made masks.



Our lending library will start on 18<sup>th</sup> September. We have lots of lovely books for you to borrow to read with your child.

Don't forget to bring some spare clothes in for your child to use if they need them. We like to have a change of clothes for each child just in case.



### 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 the Children's Centre

We hope you have had a brilliant summer and a good Eid. In the children's centre we have been busy, and although the weather hasn't been great we didn't let that stop us from having fun outside. We had many local trips, an end of summer party and a successful trip to Filey beach.



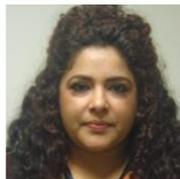
We have so much planned for the term ahead, from Halloween parties to Christmas parties and so much more in between. Keep your eyes peeled for more information in due course.

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

St Edmund's Children's Centre					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning 9.00 - 11.00	Outreach and home visits	Stay & Play (0 - 4) Midwife Clinic	Outreach and home visits	Adult learning course & crèche Advice Clinic	9.30 - 11.00 Sharing Together Portage Group
Afternoon 1.00 - 3.00	Adult learning course with crèche Course for parents offsite EU Advice Clinic	Baby Stay & Play (under 2s) Health Visitor Clinic	EU Advice Clinic Outreach and home visits	Stay & Play (0 - 4)	1.00 - 2.00 Baby Massage Outreach and home visits

## The St Edmund's Children's Centre team:

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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 Aaliyah on 01274 544922.

# Dads' Club with Qaiser and Hafeez



Qaiser or Hafeez will be at the St Edmund's Children's Centre Stay and Play session **every Thursday 1.00 - 3.00**. Dads, uncles, grandads and male carers are all welcome – bring your child along to join in the many activities we have on offer. Come and join us for one of our Saturday sessions:



**Saturday 30th September 11.00 - 1.00**

Food Tasting and Sensory Play

At Lidget Green Children's Centre, Birks Fold BD7 2QN (in Lidget Green Primary School). Challenge your senses and try something new!



**Saturday 28th October 11.00 - 1.00**

Cinema matinee

At St Edmund's Children's Centre, Washington St BD8 9QW

Join us to watch a special movie together, with popcorn and snacks.



**Saturday 25th November 11.00 - 1.00**

Arts and Crafts

At Farnham Road Children's Centre, Farnham Road BD7 3JE (in Farnham Road Primary School). Painting, drawing, cutting, sticking, collaging...

**All dads, uncles, grandads and male carers are welcome!**

Call Qaiser 07483 974896 or Hafeez 07484 056393

## Train to be a teacher with the Bradford Birth to 19 SCITT led by St Edmunds!



We aim to train the next generation of outstanding primary and secondary Bradford teachers, would you like to be part of this? Our schools are committed to providing the highest standard of education for the young people in the Bradford District. We are keen to recruit trainee teachers who share the same commitment and a real passion for working with children. We will provide training of the highest quality, all of which takes place in Bradford schools and is delivered by outstanding current practitioners in a diverse and stimulating range of schools and settings.

We deliver a bespoke training package which will make the most of your knowledge and skills. After a year's successful training, you will be recommended for Qualified Teacher Status, and can work straight away as a teacher.

Our training programmes are delivered in many great schools throughout the Bradford area. You will be training by listening to and observing inspiring practitioners. What's more, you'll get the opportunity to practise your skills in a safe and supportive classroom environment.

At Bradford Birth to 19 SCITT we understand how daunting it is to go into your placement school in the first week of the course. We pride ourselves on the nurturing and supportive way we work together with you to ensure you are successful in gaining your QTS (and PGCE).

Contact Bradford Birth to 19 on 01274 494898.

