

Newsletter



St Edmund's
Nursery School and
Children's Centre

January 2018

Dear parents and carers,

Sian Hudson – our new
Head of School



Welcome back. I hope you all had a restful break and hopefully, like me, you are ready to get back to the usual routine. We would like to welcome Sian Hudson who will take over from Lindsay as Head of School at St Edmund's and will also remain Head of School at Lilycroft. It will feel strange without Lindsay but we know she will enjoy her much deserved retirement.

30 hours

If both parents are both working and your child is 3 1/3 they are likely to be eligible for an additional 15 hours of nursery education. There is more information about how to apply in this newsletter or you can ask Zieadh at Reception.

Severe weather

This is the time of year when we can expect frost and ice and even snow. It is important for children to experience all different types of weather and we will continue to offer outdoor play every day. Please ensure your child is well wrapped up for playing outdoors. Staff will keep an eye on children to make sure they are not getting too cold. We feel it is important that we stay open even if it snows. The Pulse radio and Bradford Schools Online - www.bso.bradford.gov.uk/Schools/Home will give up to date information regarding school closures. If we are not listed in either of these places than we are open as usual.



Photographs

Every child has their very own Record of Achievement and we want this to be a special record of your child's time with us. If you have a photograph of your child you would like to be included in their file you are very welcome to email it to office@stedmundsbradford.org.uk. You do not need to include your child's name but please make sure to include their class/room and key person.

Children's Centres

Although we fully understand the financial pressures the council is facing we are very concerned about their plans to drastically reduce the Children's Centre offer in Bradford. We have been running Children's Centres since 2007 and have seen at first hand the crucial role they play in supporting families with young children. The key element of success is the relationships the staff build with individual families and we feel this is likely to be lost in the new service. Please respond to the consultation and have your say before it is too late.

'Better Together' day

Finally, our annual 'Better Together' day is fast approaching. This year it will take place on Friday 9th February. We have decided to organise the day in a different way this year – more details to follow soon.



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

Important! To all parents/carers of children who will be 4 before August 31st

Primary school admissions for September 2018 are due to be completed and returned by 15th January. If you still need support, please see reception staff.

Parents Together

Come along to meet other parents at our Parents Together session on Tuesday 9th January 9.00 - 11.30.

Sharing Stories

Sharing Stories is a chance for all parents/carers to come into nursery and take part in a special workshop with their children.

Red and Yellow Classes - 22nd and 29th January (Billy Goats Gruff)

Blue and Green Rooms - 5th and 12th March (Oh Dear)



Girlington Growers

Girlington Growers will be getting together once again on Saturday 3rd February 10.30 – 1.00, where we will have another tidy, planting session and refreshments. Bring your children for a great family get together, where we can continue keeping Girlington greener and cleaner.



World Book Day – Friday 2nd March

Come with us to Waterstones in the city centre for special storytime, and to spend the book vouchers.

Healthy Living Week

Healthy Living Week will be held week beginning 19th March. Look out for events during the week.

Pamper Night



Our lovely pamper night for Mums will once again take place on Thursday 22nd March.

Limited tickets will be £5 per person and will be available from Monday 19th February.

Come along and treat yourself!

Holiday dates

Don't forget that holiday dates can be found on our website www.stedmundsbradford.org.uk

News from Birth to 2s

We had a brilliant time over the Christmas period with parties, presents and a visit from Santa!

We also really enjoyed our visit from the nocturnal animals – children were encouraged to take part at their own level and it was an exciting and interesting experience for children and adults alike.

As always at Nursery, we will be encouraging the children to have fun and take part in new experiences both inside and out. Please make sure that you bring a warm coat, gloves and a hat to Nursery every day. We are hoping for some more snow!

At home too - go outside with your children as often as you can – wrap up warm and enjoy the exciting experiences of wind, snow, frost and ice together. Talk about what you can see and the things you are doing and take a photo to include in your child's file.

Please check to make sure your child has enough spare clothes, nappies and wipes at Nursery – thank you.



News from Blue and Green Rooms



Everyone had loads of fun during our Christmas celebrations! The children enjoyed parties, Christmas songs and a visit from Santa who brought a present for us all.

A warm welcome to the new children and families who have joined us this year in Blue and Green classes and good luck to those children who are all grown up and have moved up to Red and Yellow classes.

We would also like to welcome some new members of the staff team – Haleema and Kolsuma who are our new apprentices.

This half term at Nursery we will be talking about and experiencing the changes in the environment around us - particularly the weather. Let's hope we get some more snow! As we plan around children's interests, please let us know if there is anything that your child has enjoyed doing at home so that we can build on the experiences at Nursery. Don't forget to take photos of the things you do together to include in your child's file.

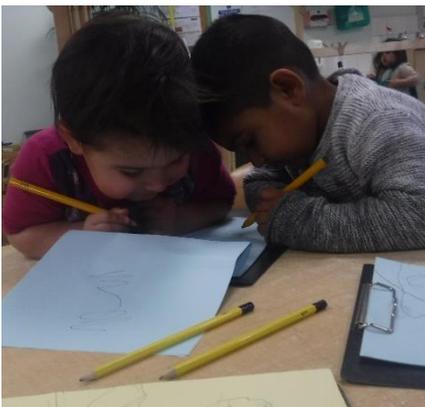


Talk, talk talk! Communication, speech and language in all its different forms is key to your child's development. Talk to your child about everything including what they have been doing at Nursery and their friends and teachers. Your child's key person will be able to help you if you're not sure – just ask and we can give you some prompts.

Whenever possible encourage your child to have a go at putting on their own coat, hat and other outdoor clothing – it is a really important skill to learn as we work together to increase their independence. Please also check your child's basket and make sure we have spare clothes (that still fit!), nappies and wipes – thank you.

Our wonderful Lending Library is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday – please make sure you make good use of it and borrow books and resources often.

The children of working parents are now entitled to 30 hours of free early education, the term after their 3rd birthday. If you think you might be eligible next term, go to www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/ and apply for a code ASAP to confirm your child's place after Easter.



News from Red and Yellow Classes



In Red and Yellow Class we are moving on to look at traditional tales. Our core story is The Three Billy Goats Gruff but we will be sharing many traditional stories such as Little Red Riding Hood, The Three Little Pigs and Goldilocks and The Three Bears. The children will be acting out these stories and retelling these using puppets, small world figures and resources they have made themselves.

We will also be telling stories without books or props and discussing how stories are shared within families. If you have stories that are special to your family we would love to hear them.

You will be invited to join us for Sharing Stories from 22nd January.

Over their time in Red and Yellow Class every child has the opportunity to go to Chellow Dene for an outdoor learning experience. We would love for you to join us when it is your child's turn. Please ask your child's key person for more information.



30 hours early education

Did you know that some 3 and 4-year-olds are entitled to 30 hours free early education a week? Eligibility criteria for the new entitlement has been set by HMR. Your child is likely to be eligible if both parents are working (or the sole parent is working in a lone parent family).

You can apply for 30 hours free childcare in a single online childcare service application at: www.childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk.

If you think you might be eligible for 30 hours free childcare, please let us know as soon as possible.

News from the Children's Centre

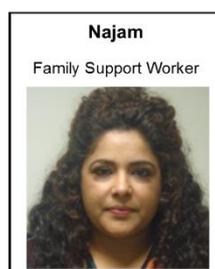
Happy new year from the West Bradford Cluster. We hope you have all had a good Christmas, and are ready for the new year. 2017 has been a very busy year and we have really enjoyed meeting so many amazing children and families. Some of the things that stand out from 2017 are the picnics, farm visits, library visits, summer trip to the seaside, malleable play and many, many more.

To end the year we organised an end of year party that was a huge success, with over 70 children attending. Thank you to all the parents/carers we have seen in the past year and we hope to see you all in 2018.



Timetable – Spring 2018

St Edmund's Children's Centre					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning 9.00 - 11.00	Outreach	Stay & Play (0 - 4) Midwife Clinic	Outreach	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 with crèche EU Advice Clinic	Baby Stay & Play (Under 2s) Health Visitor Clinic	EU Advice Clinic Outreach	Stay & Play (0 - 4)	Baby Massage Outreach



We are sad this term to say goodbye to Aaliyah who was our admin apprentice based in the Cluster Office. Aaliyah will be helping out at some sessions in the future, so we won't lose touch altogether.

If you would like to talk to a member of the children's centre team please ask at reception, pop into the Cluster Office or call 01274 544922.

Changes to Children's Centres

You may have heard that Bradford Council is planning changes to children's centres across Bradford. They want to bring children's centres into a 0 - 19 Prevention and Early Help Service, managed by the Council, which means that we will no longer run the children's centre here at St Edmund's. The proposal includes a cut of £13.3 million to the budget for children's centres and the other services included in the proposal, which will lead to many children's centre staff losing their jobs.



You can have your say by coming to a consultation meeting:

Monday 15th January 10.30 – 12.00 Manningham Library

Monday 15th January 1.00 - 2.30 Allerton Children's Centre

Tuesday 16th January 10.00 – 11.30 Princeville Primary School

Or fill in the online consultation survey at www.bradford.gov.uk/consultations

Dads' Club with Qaiser and Hafeez



Saturday 27th January 11.00 - 1.00

Creative Story Telling

At Crossley Hall Children's Centre, Shuttleworth Lane BD8 0JP (at the back of Crossley Hall Primary School).

Come and create your own story or join in with the stories that we will make up as a group.



Saturday 24th February 11.00 - 1.00

Baking

At Allerton Children's centre, Avenel Rd, BD15 7PQ (at the back of Ley Top Primary School)

Let's get our baker's hats on and make a delicious treat.

Saturday 24th March 11.00 - 1.00



Mixed Sports Session

At Princeville Children's Centre, Princeville St BD7 2AG (at the back of Princeville Primary School)

Variety of different sports activity including cricket, football and basketball. Join us for a fun and physical day.

How to contact us:

Hafeez 07484 056393, Qaiser 07483 974896





Nurturing Course

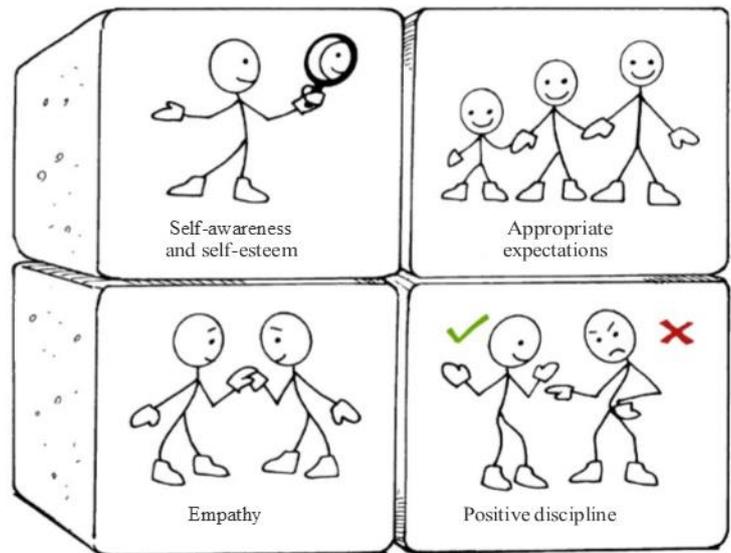
A 10 week course for parents

Spring 2018

Children are rewarding, stimulating and fun, but looking after them can be stressful and challenging.

The Nurturing Programme helps deal with those challenges so that you can have a calmer, happier life.

A tried and tested programme, it helps us think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel.



During the spring term, the course will run at St Edmund's on Monday afternoons 1.00 – 3.00pm starting on Monday 5th February.

Please call 01274 544922 to reserve a place.

Free crèche places are available.



Did you know we have a Facebook page where we will post news, information about events and photos of what has been going on. Like or follow it to keep up!

Facebook: St Edmund's Nursery School

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