

Newsletter

June 2018



Dear parents and carers,

It's hard to believe that we are in the final half term of the year. It feels like only yesterday we were welcoming everyone back in September! For many of our children and families the next few weeks will be about the transition from St Edmund's to primary school. This year 115 children are leaving to go to 22 different schools. We hope the move goes smoothly and we will make sure we support you as much as we can.

We are sure that you and your child will have many happy memories of their time at St Edmund's and will take those memories with them to their next school.

We will also be saying goodbye to Adam Garrett from Yellow Class as he is leaving to continue his career teaching Year 1 in a Bradford primary school. Adam trained with us and has worked at St Edmund's for two years so it is a good time for him to move onto pastures new and develop his teaching experience. We wish him lots of luck for the future.

The good news is that this has enabled us to give the opportunity to two of our staff to train as teachers, Lucy in Red Class and Dina in Yellow will begin their training in September. Lucy will be a member of our SCITT (School Centred Initial Teacher Training) and Dina, who has a teaching qualification in Latvia, will hopefully convert this to become qualified to teach in the UK. Ann-Marie in Red class will also be taking on a new challenge in September, supporting Ermina with our Early Years Enhanced Specialist Provision. This will mean that there will be some new faces in the rooms when we return after the summer break.

Finally, we would like to say a huge thank you to June Throp who is retiring in July after 28 years at St Edmund's. June is currently working in our Birth to 2s room, but over the years has worked with all our children and even some of our parents! Although June does not want a big fuss, please pop into Babies to say goodbye and wish her a lovely retirement.

Let's hope that the weather continues to be good as we move into the summer – we certainly deserve it after the winter we had.

May I take the opportunity to wish all our Muslim families Eid Mubarak. I hope to see some of you at our Eid Party in a couple of weeks' time.

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

We had a very busy day on Saturday 12th May, with a 50 Things launch at the Media museum from 10am -12 noon, and then joined more families for our Girlington Growers event at St Philip's, where we tidied, planted and had the opening of the church garden, with our ongoing support from ward officer Masood Gondal. We also had a visit from our 3 local councillors, Arshad Hussain, Fozia Shaheen and Kamran Hussain.

Sharing story sessions are to be held through July for both 2 to 3's and 3 to 4s, the books that are to be gifted are Brown Bear, Brown Bear and Squash and a Squeeze.

Wednesday 20th June 6.00 – 8.00pm: Eid party. All families are invited to our Eid Party, where there will be food, a band and a disco. Tickets available at reception.

Monday 16th July: Parents celebration party. More information coming soon.

Holiday dates. Nursery will close for the summer holidays on Wednesday 25th July, and re-open for the autumn term on Tuesday 4th September. All holiday dates are on the website www.stedmundsbradford.org.uk in the information section.



Launch of 50 things to do before you're five!

A group of 17 people travelled from Bradford to the national launch of 50 things to do before you're five at the Houses of Parliament. The launch was hosted by Naz Shah, MP for Bradford West. It was a very exciting day for us all, Iqra and her mum Nafeesa got to meet Diane Abbott MP.

The 50 things app can be downloaded from Google Play and the App Store. Start ticking off your 50 indoor, outdoor, seasonal, home-based and out-and-about activities, that are not only fun but will get your little one off to a flying start with their learning and language development.

Holiday care: Did you know that all parents/carers are able to book extended provision during the school holidays? The session times and costs are:

8.45 - 11.45 am: £13.00

11.45 - 12.45: £5.50 (includes lunch)

12.45 - 3.30 pm: £13.00

Let reception know by 13th July if you would like to book any sessions.



We have a Facebook page! To keep up with all the news from St Edmund's search for St Edmund's Nursery School.



For lots of inspiration and ideas for interesting, fun things to do with your children, have a look at '50 Things to do Before You're 5'.

Pick up a poster and some stickers in the corridor here at St Edmund's or check out the App which has an explanation of all the activities and a facility to save photos of your child doing them!

We would love some pictures for your child's file too. These can be emailed to office@stedmundsbradford.org.uk for your child's key person.

News from Birth to 2s

Meerab is now a big sister – congratulations to the whole family on the birth of your beautiful baby girl! And Hashim Ahmed has turned one!



The sunshine was very welcome towards the end of last half term and we made the most of it by taking lots of activities outside. We played in the water, planted more herbs in our little garden and got creative with large scale painting and collage.

In the holidays, we took the children to City Park. Experiencing water on such a large scale is so much fun! We are really lucky in Bradford to have such an amazing feature in our city centre and on a warm, sunny day there is no better place. We highly recommend that you take your children there often. Try taking a lightweight ball, placing it on one of the fountains and watching it shoot into the air! #44 Fountains of Fun is one of the 50 things to do before you're five. Download the app, and get lots more ideas for what you can do when you're there!



This half term we are looking forward to our Eid Party on Monday 18th June – donations of food very welcome!

We will be spending lots of time outdoors so please remember to bring a hat to nursery for all those lovely sunny days.



News from Blue and Green Rooms

Welcome to Khubayb who has started his visits in Blue Room. We would also like to welcome Amelia's new baby sister and offer congratulations to the whole family!

Well done to all the children who have started toilet training and well done the parents/carers too for sticking at it, even when it's not that easy! If you feel that your child is ready to start toilet training, please talk to your key person who will be able to offer advice and support.

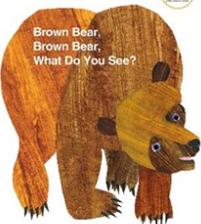
We had great fun last half term on our Peppa Pig Muddy Puddle Walk – lots of families joined us (and Peppa!) for a walk to the local park, splashing in puddles and finding clues on the way. The Zoolab visit was also really exciting! The children enjoyed seeing and touching lots of different animals - a real life learning experience to remember and talk about. We made the most of the sunshine and enjoyed planting and watering, playing in the sand and water and relaxing



Have a look in your child's file and encourage them to talk about the photographs of all the things they have been doing at Nursery.

Eid Parties will be on **Monday 18th June** – donations of food are welcome!

Bill Martin Jr / Eric Carle



Our Sharing Stories sessions will take place on Monday 2nd July. Please come along and take part with your child, listen to the story 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?' and receive a free copy of the book for your child to take home and keep. Don't forget, you can borrow books from our library whenever you like. Sharing a book with your child for a few minutes every day will make a real difference to their language development, learning and life chances.

We are all looking forward to some more sunshine and lots of fun outdoors at Nursery. As always we would encourage you to get out and about locally with you child as often as you can, to experience all the sights, sounds and smells of the city and our wonderful parks, woods and nearby countryside.

Reminders:

If both parents/carers in your family work (or one in a single parent family), your child may be entitled to 30 hours free early education, starting the term after their 3rd birthday. If your child is moving up to Red or Yellow class in September and you think this may apply to you, please enquire at the front desk for more details.

Please check your child's basket every day in case there are any wet clothes to take home. Please bring a sun hat to nursery with your child's name written clearly inside – for them to wear when they play outside.

News from Red and Yellow Classes

This half term we are moving onto our exciting topic 'Who Lives on a Farm?' A huge thankyou to all the families who came to join us on Thursday 7th June where we met lots of exciting farm animals at our nursery.



Please remember to book on our trip to Hesketh Farm from 11th June as tickets will be selling out fast. We are really looking forward to ending our school year with an exciting visit to a farm where children can gain the experience of a real farm. We can meet animals, go on a tractor ride, collect eggs, drive go-karts, enjoy a picnic lunch and much more! Red Class trip is on Tuesday 17th July and Yellow Class will be going on Thursday 19th July.

Our core story is 'A Squash and a Squeeze' where we will meet lots of farm animals and a lady who has a problem with her rather small house! We will be inviting you to join our final sharing stories of the year from Tuesday 19th June.

We will be ending an incredible year with our leaving ceremony on Wednesday 25th July where parents of all children who are leaving will be invited to join us to say our goodbyes.



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



The children's centre team are doing a great job of keeping things during this period of uncertainty. Bradford Council will be running all the children's centres in Bradford from 1st October, including the one here at St Edmund's.

Our staff will find out in July and August if they will be employed in the new Prevention and Early Help Service. As soon as we hear more from the Council about their plans for the autumn we will let you know.

Rodičovské posedenie pri káve

The new group for our Eastern European parents is going well, we have been making picture frames, bath bombs and dancing!

Term-time timetable:

All families are welcome to join us at our Stay and Play sessions, where we have a wide variety of activities available including sand and water, arts and crafts, and rhyme time.



St Edmund's Children's Centre					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning 9.00 - 11.00	Outreach	Stay & Play (0 - 4) Midwife Clinic	Outreach	Advice Clinic	9.30 - 11.00 Sharing Together Portage Group
Afternoon 1.00 - 3.00	EU Advice Clinic	Baby Stay & Play (under 2s) Health Visitor Clinic	Rodičovské posedenie pri káve	Outreach	Outreach

Summer trips

Bradford Council are running 3 trips this summer. Buy tickets on **Monday 23rd July 8.30 - 10.00 am** in crèche.

Yorkshire Wildlife Park – Thursday 9th August

£24 adult, £21 child (3-15 years), £12 child (2 years and under)

Pick up point - Lidget Green Children's Centre



Blackpool/Blackpool Pleasure Beach – Thursday 16th August

Coach transport only £12 - any age, plus Pleasure Beach wristband if required £18

Pick up point - St Edmund's Children's Centre

Scarborough – Thursday 30th August

Coach transport only £12 - any age

Pick up point - Crossley Hall Children's Centre

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