

Newsletter

January 2019



Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back. I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year break. The Christmas holidays is a really special time for me and is like no other holiday, I get to spend some quality time with my extended family doing things we don't usually do such as playing silly games on Christmas day!

Day to day life is so hectic that it is important to remind ourselves what really matters – our family, the relationships we have and build with others, appreciating the world we live in and encouraging our children to enjoy the simple things in life.

As always we are looking forward to the new term and all the exciting experiences and opportunities it will bring for you, our children and our staff.



Better Together on 15th February will have a different format this year. We are going to have workshops and talks throughout the morning and afternoon with the title 'Chatter Matters'. We will have lots of things to give away too – more details to follow.

The first meeting of our newly federated Governing Body, known as the Lilycroft and St Edmund's Nursery Schools' federation, took place on Thursday 10th January. We are currently updating our website and our leaflet with the photographs and names of the Governing Body so do check the website in a few weeks. We will also have the names and photographs on a notice board in both schools. We would like to welcome Saira Riaz, our new St Edmund's parent governor.

This new arrangement will have no day to day impact on the staff and children in either school but will support the strategic leadership of the schools leading to efficiencies in time and resources.



Lucy, our Red Class trainee teacher, will be spending the next few weeks at Parkwood Primary School undertaking her second placement. We would like to welcome the trainee teacher, Leah Virr, from Fagley Primary School who will take Lucy's place.

We would like to congratulate Muhammed Bilal in Green room for securing a place on our SCITT (school centred initial teacher training) from September. Bilal will be moving to Lilycroft to begin his training, although we are sad to lose him from St Edmund's we are glad that we have been able to keep him within our federation.

Congratulations also to Lubna from Blue class who was awarded Apprentice of the year from college and to Sana from Green who was awarded traineeship of the year.

On Friday 4th January we said goodbye to Sam Gallagher from Green room, Sam has worked at St Edmund's for many years in different roles so she thought it was time for a change. Sam loves working with children with additional needs so has moved to take up the role of a Special Needs Assistant in a primary school.

We would also like to welcome Zile Huma, our new cleaner who is covering for Gosia whilst she goes off to have a new baby.

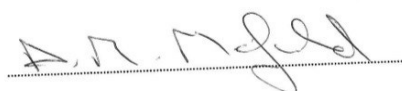
Let's hope for some snow this term, although it can make life difficult for the adults, for the children, playing in the snow is a magical experience.

Take care and keep warm – but get wrapped up and get outside – it's good for you!

Reminder

Local residents continue to complain about some of our parents double-parking and blocking their cars in. The residents are unable to get their cars out when they are trying to go to work. Please remember to park considerately when bringing your child to School. Unfortunately we will have no choice but to report illegal parking to the police.

Anne-Marie Merifield Executive Headteacher



We are excited to formally launch 50 Things to do before you're 5. This initiative was created by St Edmund's and has already been sold to six other local authorities. It is a Bradford wide initiative so make sure you download the App and create some special memories and join in with the fun!

www.bradford.50thingstodo.org/app/os#!/50-things-to-do-before-youre-five

Please could you share photos or videos of your children reading books at home. They may be looking at a book on their own or reading with a sibling, parent or family member. We would love for you to share these with us by sending through to:

office@stedmundsbradford.org.uk.

Parental Involvement News – Amanda Jordan



Welcome to all our new families. 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!



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Story Time With Amanda

Monday and Thursday morning 8.45am

Monday and Thursday afternoon 12.45pm.

Come along for a story with your child.

Reading, talking and singing with your child is a simple way to learn new words and ideas as they grow.

50 things to do before you're five

10 Sharing Books
06 Rhyme Time

"A community who live and learn together"

St Edmund's
Parents Together Group

Let's get together again on

Wednesday 16th January
9.00am onwards.

Have your say
Over tea, coffee and biscuits.

With your help, we will be able to give the parent/carers of St Edmund's a voice to benefit all our families in the future.

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.

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.




Our Community litter pick and planting

Saturday 9th February 10.30am-1.00pm
Meeting at St Philips Church, Thorn Street.
Refreshments available.



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.

 Our Facebook page lets parents know about what is going on in nursery, and celebrates our children's achievements. If you are on Facebook, why not follow us? Search for "St Edmund's Nursery School", and like the page.

News from Baby Room (0-2s)

Happy New Year to all our children and families!!

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



A very warm welcome to Abdullah who is new in the Baby Room - he is settling in well, getting used to routines and learning to play independently and with his teachers and friends.



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 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.

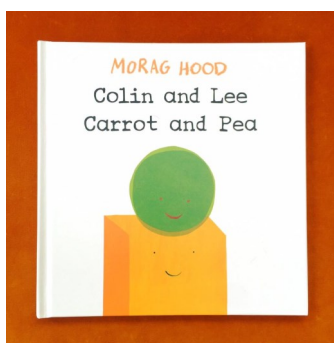
News from Blue and Green Rooms (2-3s)

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.



Last term - 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. Some of us also enjoyed a trip to Yeadon Tarn on a wild wet day in November!

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 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.



Our core story this term is 'Colin and Lee Carrot and Pea'. As well as Rachel the story teller visiting to read it to us all, we will be reading it lots in the classroom and looking forward to our Sharing Stories session when we will be inviting all parents and carers to join their children for a fun session where everyone will receive a copy of the book to keep! Look out for dates early next half term.

Don't forget - books are available for you to borrow from class libraries whenever you like. The more often you can spend time sharing a book with your child, the better - it will really make a difference to their learning, both now and in the future!

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.

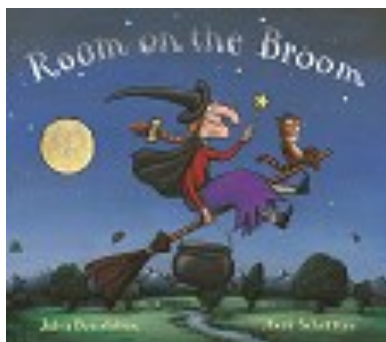
Please check your child's basket and make sure we have spare clothes (that still fit!), nappies and wipes – Thank you.

News from Red and Yellow Classes

This half term in Red and Yellow class we are focusing on story telling. **#10 Sharing Books.**

Our new topic is 'Let's Pretend'. **#15 Dressing Up**

Through this topic both staff and children will be acting out and retelling familiar stories and making up our own stories. We will explore different ways to tell stories- through books, puppets, toys, songs or just with our words.



Our core-story is 'Room on the Broom'. This story will support our imaginative play. We will also be making lots of potions and creating our own magic spells.

17 Hocus Pocus Potions.

Thank you to everyone who came to join Rachel, our story teller as we shared this book with her.



We will be looking at stories from different cultures and would love for you to come and share your stories with our children. Please speak to your child's key person about this.

We would love to see how you tell stories at home.

Please could you send any photos of your child sharing a story to:
office@stedmundsbradford.org.uk so that they can show these to other children in the class.

