



St Edmund's and St Joseph's Catholic Primary Schools



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Now that the end of term has arrived, it is a joy to look back over the year and celebrate all the wonderful events and achievements we have shared. It has been another busy year in the life of St Edmund's with some of the highlights being residential with year 5 & 6, musical performances at The Apex and Snape, our Platinum OPAL award and Catholic School Inspection report. All of these are the result of the hard work and dedication of the staff who have made sure the children have the opportunity to learn and be successful in all sorts of ways. It is a privilege to be part of such an amazing team.

Thanks to the Friends of St Edmund's for their hard work raising money to support the trips and visits that enrich the curriculum. They have also contributed to the OPAL programme so that we could install the sand pit. The summer fair was great fun, and I was very proud of the year 6s for designing and running their stalls. I was very pleased with my hair braid courtesy of the yr 6 girls!

Behind the scenes, the governors have continued to work hard on behalf of the school. Their commitment to supporting the school is an important part of our school's success. As we move into the Our Lady of Walsingham Trust in September, we will be looking to recruit some new governors in September. Please consider the role and look out for the application forms after the holidays.

We are all looking forward to the holidays and appreciate the kind words, messages and gifts that you have sent. Our excitement at the prospect of time to relax and recuperate is tinged with sadness as we say farewell to friends and colleagues; Mrs Cassidy, Mrs Davies, Ms Kocemba, Mrs Barlow and Mrs Copeman. We will miss them and thank them for the contribution they have made to St Edmund's during their time at the school. It will seem strange not to see them in September. We wish them well in their new adventures. I know you will join me in thanking them for being part of our school and supporting the children and families with love and kindness.

Thank you for your patience and support this year. For those of you who will not be returning as part of the St Edmund's family in September, I wish you well for the future and a safe and enjoyable summer.

I look forward to welcoming you back after the summer. May the holidays be a time of joy and peace for you and your families. School returns on Thursday 3rd September (except early years children), although staff will be back earlier.

God Bless.

Mrs Maria Kemble
Executive Headteacher

"We learn together in God's love by encouraging and supporting one another."

