

# Newsletter

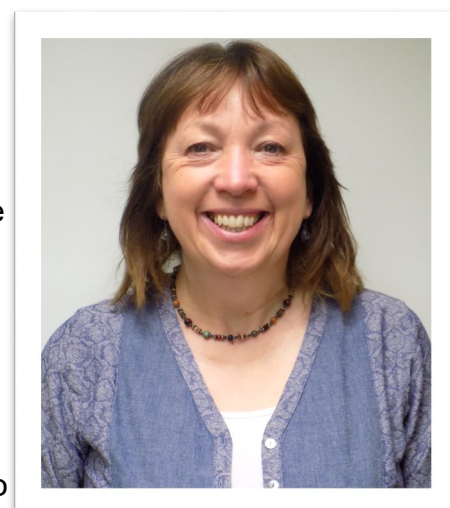
## November 2018



**St Edmund's**  
Nursery School and  
Children's Centre

Dear parents and carers,

This half term is always very busy and as you will see reading through this newsletter, there are lots of special activities and events for you and your child to enjoy. The run up to the Christmas holidays is always really exciting! By the time you receive this Newsletter many of you will have already attended the launch of 50 Things to do before you're 5 Bonfire night party. We had a great evening with lovely food, lots of fun and of course fireworks!



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](http://www.bradford.50thingstodo.org/app/os#!/50-things-to-do-before-youre-five)

The consultation to formally federate with Lilycroft Nursery School ended last week. We are pleased to report an overwhelmingly positive response from both schools and other stakeholders. The current governing body will, therefore, be dissolved and on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 a new governing body, the Lilycroft and St Edmund's Nursery Schools' Federation will be formed. We are looking for a new parent governor for the federated governing body. Please talk to either Amanda or myself if you are interested.

We are proud to announce that the seven staff we have supported through their Foundation degree and through the BA top up have all passed and are now graduates. We would like to congratulate them on their hard work and achievement. Research shows that a highly qualified staff team improves outcomes for children so ultimately we all benefit from their achievement.

### **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.

Have a great half term.

Anne-Marie Merifield, Executive Headteacher

# 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 Tuesdays 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 have had a fabulous fun week to launch our 50 Things to do before your 5 Project, launching with #16Whee, Bang, Whizz with 150 attending our launch party on Monday evening, with many other exciting events through the week.

Please come along and find out more information about 50 Things to do before you're 5 from Amanda.



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.



## Lending Library

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



Children In Need Fund raising will be taking place on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November** where your child can bring contributions and wear their Pyjamas.

Bradford Baby week – please see leaflet for events and join Amanda for Messy Play sessions on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November and Yeadon Tarn trip on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Bookings taken at reception.



Scholastic HALF PRICE Book Fair will take place from **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December until Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December**.

Our Christmas Fair is on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Tickets will be on sale from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Limited places

## Parents Together meeting

Join us for a coffee morning on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December for a chat and get together.

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).



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 Birth to 2s

Ayrah and Imran have both started to walk and Khadeejah is now laughing and playing at Nursery. Well done all of you we are very proud!

A very Happy Birthday to Muhammad Nuh who has just turned 1!

Also - a warm welcome to Salahuddin and Abdul Rehman who are new to 0-2s.



Lauren



Huma



Noshaba

As always we will supporting students starting out in their career in early education and would like to extend a welcome to them too.



Our Nursery Rhyme of the month is "3 Little Speckled Frogs". Pick up a copy from your key person and don't forget to sing it as often as you can at home, again, again and again! Nursery rhymes are lots of fun for our youngest children and are also a great way to develop all those essential early communication, physical and social skills. The more often you can sing together, the better!

As the weather gets colder and autumn turns to winter, please make sure that your child has warm clothes at nursery (jumper, coat, hat, gloves) so that they can continue to play out. It is good for children to be outside in all weathers as it provides them with different, exciting experiences. Children do not catch colds from being outside in cold weather, more from being cooped up inside with other people who have colds!

Get out and about as often as you can with your child. Make the most of local parks and green spaces, but even a walk to the shops or around the local streets can be a brilliant learning experience. Remember to put your phone away and talk to your child about what you are seeing, hearing, feeling and smelling! Whatever you've been up to at home or out and about – we would love to hear about it. Make sure you take some pictures for your child's file too – these can be emailed to your key person who will print them out and stick them in for you.



Thank you for your continued support and interest. Please make sure that you ask your key person if you have any questions or need advice about early education or your child's health and wellbeing - we will always do our best to help.

# News from Blue and Green Rooms

We have been very busy in Blue and Green rooms over the last few weeks! Our new children and families have settled in well and already they have been taking part in lots of exciting learning experiences.



Fascination and wonder at the nocturnal animals!



Getting creative in the Studio -Story Telling with Rachel and 'The Big Draw' event with Lou.



Autumn has been brilliant!! We have enjoyed carving pumpkins, collecting leaves, sticks and conkers – using all of our senses to explore and discover.



**Important Reminder** - Please could you take some photos of the things you and your child have been up to at home or when you're out and about . You can email photos to your key person who will print them out and stick them in your child's file. Children absolutely love showing off pictures of themselves and their family to their teachers and their friends and it encourages lots of talk too!

## Dear Zoo



Rod Campbell

## Sharing Stories

Our Sharing Stories book this term is **"Dear Zoo!"** by Rod Campbell.

You and your child are invited to join us on one of the following dates to listen to the story and make some props.

Monday 19th November  
Wednesday 21st November  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November

All children attending will be given the book.

Sessions are at:  
9.00am (each day)  
12.45pm (each day)  
3.00pm (Wed. only)  
5.00pm (Thur. only)



## News from Red and Yellow Classes

In Red and Yellow class we have just started a new and exciting topic called 'In the Night'. On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October Tom came to our nursery with some very exciting nocturnal animals. This provided a hands on experience for children to meet animals who are awake when we are asleep. Thank you to all the parents who came to join us.

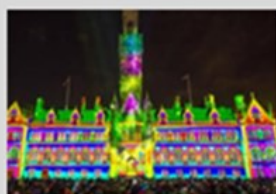


Through this topic we will be talking about light and dark. The children have a dark den in their classroom. We also watched some fireworks on 5<sup>th</sup> November.



There are lots of events in Bradford at this time of year linked to light and dark, such as 'Illuminate Bradford':

### Illuminate Bradford at City Park



City Park, Centenary Square, Bradford,  
BD1 1HY tel: 01274 431276  
[www.cityparkbradford.com/illuminate](http://www.cityparkbradford.com/illuminate)

The Illuminate Bradford Festival is a magical animated light show beamed onto key Bradford City Centre landmarks, including the magnificent City Hall!

Fri 30 Nov - Sun 2 Dec  
2018

Free entry

If you go to any of these events we would love to see your photos. Please send these to [office@stedmundsbradford.org.uk](mailto:office@stedmundsbradford.org.uk) so that children can talk about their experiences in class. We will also be discussing the bed time routine and the morning routine with children. Our Core Story is 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. You have all been invited to our Sharing Stories; we look forward to seeing you all there. Also this half term we have our first trip to Nell Bank. This will be an amazing opportunity for children to experience a real Bear Hunt with their family. Nell Bank is fantastic place and we are very excited to be going there with you.