



Dear Parents,

As I informed you in the last newsletter we had our Rights Respecting School assessment visit last Thursday. The assessor spent the whole day in school with us looking at the work that we have done over the past two terms to teach the children about the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child. She was taken on a Learning Walk by our Yr6 school councilors in order to point out evidence of the work we have been doing as well as other aspects of our school that support the rights, such as our learning characteristics, extra curricular clubs and learning conversations. The assessor had meetings with Mr Francis, the RRS leader and the leadership team. She also met with staff representatives and a governor and also a group consisting of children from every class across the school. She was extremely complimentary about all the work that we have been doing and in particular how confidently the children were able to talk about the RRS work that they had been doing. We have received our assessment report this week which includes lots of really positive comments such as, *'Children confidently explained how they knew about their rights'*, *'There was particular attention in the school to ensuring that all pupils felt welcome in the school, and this was reflected in what we heard from leadership and from pupils'* and *'Children overwhelmingly said that other children respected each other's rights'*

We were delighted that by the end of the day the assessor had agreed that we had met all the requirements to be awarded with the Silver Rights Respecting School Award. We are now going to continue working towards gaining the Gold award. Thank you to Mr Francis for all his hard work in leading this project and for supporting the staff too.



## GoRaise

Last week you should have received an email informing you about GoRaise and providing you with a link to click on. This is a fantastic, quick and easy means of gaining additional funding for the school with no additional cost to you or us. We have already had 34 parents sign up (free of charge) with a few of those parents starting to spend money via the GoRaise page. Already this week we've raised £2.24! Apart from clicking on the GoRaise APP or logging onto their webpage, your online shopping experience is no different. A quick search for the store you wish to shop at, one click and then you're ready to start your shop, just as you would have done and we receive a percentage of the money that you spend. GoRaise links with over 3000 retailers including Tesco direct, B&Q, Waitrose, Ebay, M&S, Boots, John Lewis, Next, Argos, online florists, holiday companies and many more. Thank you to those of you who have already signed up. If you haven't already done so, please do and help us to be able to provide more for our children. To sign up visit <https://www.goraise.co.uk/st-edmunds-and-st-josephs-catholic-primary-schools/> or click on the GoRaise link at the bottom of the school website.



### No Pens Day!

Today we are all putting down our pens and pencils in order to promote and strengthen our use of other forms of communication, with much of our day focusing on spoken language. Keep an eye out in the next newsletter to find out more about what happened in our No Pens Day.



## Polite parking request

The daily battle with traffic congestion and a shortage of available parking near to the school on Westgate Street is an ongoing issue that we appreciate your support with in order to keep it to a minimum and help keep our children safe. We have had a local Westgate Street resident visit school this week regarding cars parking outside their house and leaving their engines running for long periods of time. Please can I ask that if you arrive early to drop off or collect your child and you are remaining sat in your car for a period of time that you switch off your engines in order that we do our best to minimise disturbance and pollution for our local residents. We consider it really important that we maintain a positive relationship with all people that are part of our school and local community.

Thank you in advance for your help and cooperation with this matter.

## People who help us - Bernie visits Early Years!

As part of the current learning in Early Years, finding out about people who help us, they invited Bernie in to talk to them about his role as our school Crossing Patrol Officer. He shared lots of information about how he helps us and also reminded the children of some of the things that they can do to help assist him in keeping them safe, such as ensuring they only ever cross the road in front of him, that they wait safely on the pavement until he indicates to them that it is safe for them to cross. He also talked about how important it is that the

zig-zagged area outside the school is left clear of parked cars so that he has a clear view of Westgate Street and can ensure there is no oncoming traffic. The children then had a number of questions that they wanted to ask him. Next week they are looking forward to coming in dressed up and discussing other people that help us. They then head to the fire station on Friday to investigate the role of a firefighter.

Thank you for sparing the time to join us in Early Years Bernie.



## Assessment Information

Thank you to those parents who joined us on Tuesday evening to learn more about the assessments that take place in KS1. A Pdf version of the PowerPoint is now available on the Helpful Download page on the school website. We have also uploaded a copy of the '2017/18 Teacher Assessment Frameworks' for both KS1 and KS2. These are the sets of criteria that the staff have to use to assess your child to identify whether or not they are working at the 'Expected standard'. You may find it of benefit to familiarise yourself with these so that you have a clear understanding of what your child is expected to demonstrate by the end of Yr2 or Yr6.

## Diary Dates

Wed 7th Feb	EY Someone who helps us dress up day
Fri 9th Feb	EY trip to the fire station
<b>Wk beg 12th Feb - HALF TERM</b>	
Wk beg 26th Feb	
Book Week inc the Book Fair	
Wk beg 26th Feb, 5th Mar, 12th Mar	
Learning Conversations	
Fri 9th Mar	Yr5 Science Sleepover
Fri 23rd Mar	Easter Egg Hunt and Bingo
Thur 29th Mar	Last day of term
<b>Fri 30th Mar - Tue 17th April - Easter break</b>	
Wed 18th April	Children return to school