Dear Parents and Carers

Christmas is fast approaching and this marks the end of Term 2 at St. Edwards. We have been extremely busy with a number of different special events throughout November; here are a few to share with you all.

Rav Rakkar, a Junior Quantity Surveyor from Peer Land and Developments, visited St Edward’s on Friday 8th November to present our poster competition winners with their prizes during our celebration assembly. Rav’s company is in the process of building a new care home next to the Little Oyster Care Home at The Leas, Minster. Peer Land and Developments asked our children to design a poster to represent construction. The winner’s artwork will be displayed on the scaffolding surrounding the site whilst the work is being carried out. Each of our winners received a £15 book voucher. The company has also, very generously, donated £250 towards resources for our school. Our Eco Committee are very much looking forward to visiting the site in the New Year, to see the building works that are being carried out. Well done to all of the winners.

On Monday 11th November, our Year 2 visited the Cenotaph to pay our respects for Remembrance Day. The children planted poppies and prayed quietly, before the 2 minutes silence.
Also, it is a delight to announce that St. Edward’s children have been awarded a Platinum Literacy Mark for their work in developing Reading. We have achieved this through your support with Buster Book Club every Monday. We thank you for reading with your children and hope that we continue to be recognized for all of the amazing efforts you children achieve.

It’s not only reading that has proven to be successful this month, Maths across the school has also been very impressive as well. All of the children have taken part in varies activities from making maths games to swapping classes, with different teachers to find out how to solve different number problems. The children loved working across the school and we hope it is a day that won’t forget!

Due to personal circumstances Mrs Wood has decided reduce her working days and will be part time from January. I am sure you would like to join us in saying “thank you” to Mrs Wood for all her dedication and hard work during the last two terms.

From January, Year R will be taught by Miss Pataria, an experienced EYFS teacher. Miss Pataria is looking forward to joining the St Edward’s family and will be in school on Tuesday 10th December so that the children can get to meet her. She will also be available after school to talk to the Year R parents. I am sure that you will all be very supportive of her and that your children will continue to have a really enjoyable education.

Mrs O’Sullivan (Year 4 teacher) is currently absent from school due to illness. We all wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to her coming back to school in the near future.

Finally, thank you to everyone who supported our Children in Need event. We helped raise a £174 which is great amount of money for wonderful causes. The children enjoyed a day of “Keep fit” assemblies and laughing at staff who had dressed up! Even Bryn joined in with the special day!
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| Tuesday 3rd | Year R and Year 6 NHS height and weight check.  
              2.15pm Tea and Coffee with Mrs Flain |
| Friday 6th | PTA meeting 2:15pm  
              Christmas Enterprise Market 3:30pm and Christmas Raffle to be drawn |
| Tuesday 10th | Year 6 Carol singer at Tesco’s 10am  
                Miss Pataria (New Year R teacher) will be in to meet the Year R children and parents |
| Wednesday 11th | Year 6 Carol singer at Age UK |
| Thursday 12th | Year 5 Dementia Café at Oasis Academy |
| Friday 13th | Year R and Key Stage 1 Nativity- 09:00am and 2:30pm |
| Monday 16th | Whole school trip to the Panto. Children must be in school by 8.30am, as the coaches will be leaving promptly at 9am.  
              **There will be no clubs running this week.** |
| Tuesday 17th | Christmas Jumper Day  
               Christmas Dinner Day – letter to follow.  
               Father Christmas visit  
               Year 6 Carol singer at Tesco’s – 10am |
| Wednesday 18th | Whole school Mass 10am |

**Last day of Term 2- school closes at 2:30pm**

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and look forward to welcoming you all back to school  
**Monday 6th January 2020.**