

NEWSLETTER 15

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are already in the month of May. Time is passing quickly and there is always so much to be done. That is why I thought it was such a joy to take time to honour Our Lady on Thursday 6th May, when the whole school walked to Ladywell Convent for the May Procession, Mass and picnic. The children all brought a small bunch of flowers to put on the statue of Our Lady at her shrine on Minster Field. Thank you to Miss Longmire for organising such a special event for our school, and thank you to the Sisters of Ladywell Convent for accommodating us.

Our Year 6 pupils will be taking their end-of-Key Stage Two SATs next week and we wish them all the very best of luck as they have worked very hard to prepare themselves as fully as they can.

The Governors would like to bring to your attention that the school follows and adopts child protection procedures as advised by both Surrey County Council and the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton. A copy of our school's Child Protection Policy is available from the school office.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Ann Ramiz
Interim Headteacher

FUTURE EVENTS THIS TERM	TERM DATES
<p>Mon 10th May Start of SATs Week Wed 12th May 2.15pm Parents' Forum Mon 17th May Class and Leavers' Photographs Tue 18th May YR to Dapdune Wharf; Y5 to High Ashurst Wed 19th May Y4 to Sayers Croft (back Fri 21st) Thu 20th May Y6 walk to Mass at St Edmund's church 7.30am parish AGM Fri 21st May Y5 Assembly Fri 28th May INSET DAY: school closes for the half-term holiday Mon 7th June Children return after half-term holiday Thu 10th June 2.50pm Storytime I Mon 14th Jun Y6 leave for Isle of Wight (back Fri 18th) Y3+4 to Science Museum Thu 17th Jun Y3 walk to Mass; 2.50pm Storytime II + uniform sale Fri 18th Jun Y4 Assembly Tue 22nd Jun Whole-school trip to Ladyland Farm Thu 24th Jun 2.50pm Storytime III Tue 29th Jun 1.30pm Induction PM Wed 30th Jun 9.30pm Induction AM Fri 2nd Jul Y3 to Wintershall Sun 4th Jul 10.15am Going Forth Mass; 12pm PSA BBQ</p>	<p>Summer term: Mon 19th Apr-Fri 23rd July 2010 Half-term May 31st-4th June 2010</p> <p>INSET Days Friday 28th May 2010 Monday 12th July 2010</p> <p>Induction Programme Storytime I Thurs 10th June 2.50pm Storytime II Thurs 17th June 2.50pm (uniform sale) Storytime III Thurs 24th June 2.50pm Induction PM Tue 29th June 1.30-2.55pm Induction AM Wed 30th June 9.30am-12.05pm</p> <p>Next Term's Start Date: 6th Sept: children return to school 2nd and 3rd Sept will be INSET DAYS</p>

May 7th, 2010

Important Information

APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2011 INTAKE

The school would like to remind all parents of children whose fifth birthday falls between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012 that if they wish their child to attend St Edmund's they must ensure that they fulfil the application process correctly by completing the school's own application form as soon as possible, but no later than October 2010. All those who have completed a St Edmund's application form will automatically be alerted to the Surrey County Council application procedure which is now done mainly on-line. Failure to comply with the application process, particularly with regard to the application deadline, could result in your application not being considered.

SUMMER UNIFORM: Just a little reminder as to what correct school summer uniform is.

GIRLS: Summer uniform for all girls is the navy and white stripe dress from Marks & Spencer (reference number T766424). However, girls in Years 5 and 6 may wear a grey skirt along with a white short-sleeved shirt from Marks & Spencer (reference number T765988). Girls should wear short socks in either white or navy blue. Footwear needs to be sensible, with sandals being of a sensible nature which doesn't leave toes vulnerable!

BOYS: ALL boys may wear the white school embroidered polo shirt (available from the school office) along with grey shorts (or trousers if preferred). Socks should be grey, either long or short.

PE KIT! ALL children have their **full PE kit** in school by Monday of next week at the very latest. Thank you.

EARRINGS: Please could we appeal to you to ensure that if it is your intention to have your daughter's ears pierced, that this is done right at the start of the summer holidays. This is because children are NOT permitted to take part in PE whilst wearing earrings. Therefore, children must be able to take their own earrings out and store them safely for PE lessons. We would equally like to take this opportunity to say that neither are we permitted to put sticking plasters over earlobes which have just been pierced.

ST EDMUND'S PARISH: The next children's Mass in the parish is on Sunday 9th May. If you are keen to be involved please contact Miss Donlon. We need readers, people for the Offertory Procession and many more! Many thanks, Frances Blackett.

VOTE FOR US! Here is a plea from some of our Year 6 dancers: our Street Dance Group has entered a local competition called Surrey's Got Talent – and out of 120 entrants we have been shortlisted in the top 20. But we need your vote to get any further. To see our dance, go to: <http://www.youtube.com/user/surreysgottalent#grid/user/16B22AC5872CDAD6> Please vote for our dance group by e-mailing: talent@surreycc.gov.uk with the name "Guildford Truестyles T21 Dance Jo Read". The ten acts with the most votes will go through to the final where we would give a performance in front of a panel of judges.

LATE COLLECTIONS! If we could continue to appeal to you to ensure that you are at school **BY 3.30PM** to collect your child(ren). Being late does cause inconvenience, particularly if staff need to get away on time. We do thank you for your cooperation with this.

RECEPTION CLASS PLAYGROUND: Just a little reminder that the Reception Class playground is only for use by Reception Class children during the course of the school day. Please try and resist the temptation of allowing younger pre-school siblings to play there whilst waiting for the end of the school day.

FREE SCHOOL DINNERS From 6th April 2010 children whose parents are in receipt of the following support payments are entitled to receive free school meals. If you feel that you may be entitled to avail yourself of free school meals for your child(ren), then please get in touch with Mrs Facey in the school office.

- Income Support (IS)
- Income Based Job Seeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided that annual income is less than £16,900 and are not in receipt of Working Tax Credit
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Income Related Employment Support Allowance

CASH NOT, PLEASE!

Please could we respectfully remind you that we do prefer all payments, of whatever sum, to be paid by cheque. If, however, you do wish to make a payment by cash, you must personally bring this to the office where you will be issued with a receipt. If you send cash into school via your child, you do so at your own risk!

BUS/TAXI QUERIES: Please note that the telephone number for any queries relating to school transport is: **0300 200 1004**

Money Matters: first half of Summer Term 2010

Dinners	£53.20—28 days at £1.90 / day up to the end of the half term, cheques payable to "Surrey County Council"
Governors' Fund	£20 per family per TERM, cheques payable to "A&B Diocesan Trust St Edmund's" or Standing Order
Outings:	Please make cheques payable to "St Edmund's School Fund"

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