

Newsletter 1: Friday 7th September 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school – we hope that everyone enjoyed a happy and restful summer holiday. We extend a big warm welcome to Jack and Ben who joined our Year 3 class this week, and to our new Reception Class children who join us next week. It is lovely to see all the children back at school looking very smart in their school uniform. If the weather remains warm, children may wear the school summer uniform until the October half term holiday.

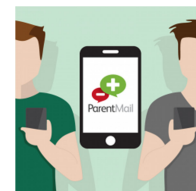


Thank you! A great big thank-you to you all for the many gifts which were given to staff members at the end of last term. We do assure you that we never take these for granted and are always extremely touched by your kindness and thoughtfulness. Thank you all very much indeed.



NSPCC Online Safety Workshop – you will hopefully all have seen our message which went out yesterday giving details of a very important workshop which is being led by the NSPCC regarding the online safety of your children. It takes place at 2pm on Wednesday 19th September and lasts for an hour. The details we sent out should appear in the 'Forms' facility of Parentmail.

Parentmail Forms – we have begun to use a new Parentmail facility called 'Forms'. It is this facility which may have already alerted you to the KS2 Young Voices Choir and the NSPCC talk (above). Do keep an eye out for the various events and other items which will now be sent to you via Forms. We do hope this will be easy to use and will mean that you no longer have to print out and return paper reply slips.



“Meet the Teacher” Monday 17th Sept (Y1-6, 3.35pm and 3.55pm) and on Monday 24th Sept (Reception Class 3.35pm) – this an opportunity for you to hear about what your child will be doing in school this year. There are two identical sessions per class for those with more than one child here. Just proceed to the classroom of your choice after pick-up. Children of school age can be left in the hall where they will be supervised. If you cannot attend, important information will be sent to you and also put onto the school website under [‘Meet the Teacher’](#).

Parking – please do your best to park legally and with consideration towards our neighbours. You will have noticed the yellow lines on the corner of The Paddock – please do not park too close to any driveway or junction. Also, do not park or stop on the yellow zig-zags or yellow lines outside the school. Another area which has already attracted a complaint this week is parking too close to the corners of the crossroads where Busbridge Lane intersects with Park Road/The Drive. Thank you all for your cooperation.

Clubs – a list of clubs is now available on the school website along with all the necessary letters you will need in order to register your child with the various clubs. **We will not be sending out letters** – you will need to look at the website and download whichever letters you need to register your child before handing the completed forms in to the school office. There will be hardcopies of all the letters available from the school office.

DAY	WHAT	LEAD BY	YRS	TIME	FROM	END
Mon	KS2 Choir	Mrs Higgins	Y3-6	3.30-4.30pm	1 st Oct	10 th Dec
	Sewing	Marta	Y2-6	3.30-4.45pm	10 th Sept	17 th Dec
Tue	Yoga	Mrs Amos	Y4-6	8.00-8.30am	11 th Sept	11 th Dec
	Sewing	Marta	Y2-6	3.30-4.45pm	11 th Sept	18 th Dec
	Creative Writing	Ms Cassidy	Y5+6	3.30-4.30pm	18 th Sept	TBC
Wed	Yoga	Mrs Amos	Y1-3	8-8.30am	12 th Sept	12 th Dec
	Recorder	Mrs Hubble	Y2+	12-1.00pm	12 th Sept	TBC
	Prayer Group	Sr Anne	All	12.45-1.15pm	12 th Sept	TBC
	Netball (UP TO half-term)	Mrs McCarthy	Y5+6	3.30-4.45pm	12 th Sept	17 th Oct
	Indoor Aths (AFTER half-term)	Mrs McCarthy	Y4	3.30-4.30pm	31 st Oct	12 th Dec
	Multi-Sport	Planet Sport	Y1-6	3.30-4.30pm	12 th Sept	12 th Dec
	Art	Mrs Fulford	Y3-6	3.30-4.30pm	12 th Sept	19 th Dec
	Tennis	Tennis England	Y1-6	3.35-4.35pm	19 th Sept	21 st Nov
Thu	Basketball	Ball-Up Sports	Y3-6	7.45-8.45am	27 th Sept	6 th Dec
	Indoor Athletics	Mrs McCarthy	Y5+6	3.30-4.30pm	13 th Sept	13 th Dec
	Football	Planet Sport	Y1-4	3.30-4.30pm	13 th Sept	13 th Dec
Fri	Cross Country	Mrs McCarthy	Y3-6	7.50am	14 th Sept	Date in Nov
	Wowza!	Trinity Trust Team	Y3-6	3.35-4.30pm	14 th Sept	TBA
	Judo	Academy Judo Services	Y3-6	3.40-4.40pm	7 th Sept	14 th Dec
	Spanish	Spanish Amigos	YR-6	3.30pm-4.15pm	21 st Sept	30 th Nov

Headteacher's Blog – every Friday Mrs Higgins writes about what has been happening in school during the week in her Headteacher's Blog in the website. Do remember to have a look every week to keep yourselves up to date by clicking [here](#).

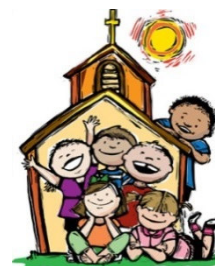


Message from the PSA – a warm welcome back from the PSA. Below are this term's dates of things going on which we would love you to support. If you are new to the school and would like to join the PSA please get in touch with Mrs Golding. We would love to welcome you to the committee. We are particularly looking for two reps for Reception Class.

Notes please – please ensure that your child knows, before you leave them at school in the morning, who will be collecting them if it is not going to be yourself. The office staff are happy to pass on messages in the case of an emergency change of plan. Also, remember to pop a note into your child's bag if he/she is to be collected by someone other than yourself. We cannot release your child to another parent at pick-up time if we don't have your permission in writing. We thank you for your attention to this.

Dinner money – dinner money for this half term is £73.60 for those children in Key Stage Two who receive a school dinner. Children from Reception to Year 2 receive free school dinners. Please ensure that you keep your account in credit as the term progresses.

School Mass – this term's School/Parish Mass will be on **Sunday 7th October**. As ever, we would dearly love as many of our children to play an active role in the Mass by offering to do a reading or a Bidding Prayer, or the Offertory Procession or as a welcomer.



DATES FOR THIS TERM (items highlighted are new)		DATES FOR THIS TERM continued	
Tue 4 Sept	INSET school closed	Tue 9 Oct	School Council to Westminster
Wed 5 Sept	INSET school closed	Wed 10 Oct	Life Bus in school
Thu 6 Sept	Children return to school	Fri 12 Oct	9.05am Y3 Assembly
Mon 10 Sept	3.30pm talk to Y6 parents re Bude	Mon 15 Oct	3.40pm Parent Consultations (ends 6.30pm)
Mon 17 Sept	3.35pm Meet the Teacher Y1-6	Tue 16 Oct	Y5 to Chertsey Museum
	3.55pm Meet the Teacher Y1-6	Wed 17 Oct	3.40pm Parent Consultations (ends 6pm)
Wed 19 Sept	2pm NSPCC workshop for parents	Fri 19 Oct	Y4 to Poppy Factory
Thu 20 Sept	Photos (individuals)		MUFTI Day for St Michael's in Burkina Faso
Fri 21 Sept	9.05am Y5 Assembly		3.30pm close for the half-term holiday
	5.30pm KS1 disco; 6.50pm KS2 disco		
Mon 24 Sept	Y6 leave for Bude (back Fri 28 th)		
	3.30pm Meet the Teacher Year R		
Mon 1 Oct	Book Fair in school all week		
Wed 3 Oct	Y3 to Stonehenge		
Fri 5 Oct	Celebration of Grandparents Day		
	3.30pm PSA Film Show		
Sun 7 Oct	10.15am School Mass		

THIS YEAR'S DATES (2018-2019)
 AUT: 4 Sep-19 Dec 2018 (half-term w/c 22 Oct)
 SPR: 3 Jan-5 Apr 2019 (half-term w/c 18 Feb)
 SUM: 23 Apr-24 Jul 2019 (half-term w/c 27 May)

INSETS : 4th, 5th Sept, 29th Oct 2018; 25th Feb and 14th June 2019.

We pray together: Father, as we embark upon a new school year we ask you to help us to do our best in all things, but mostly in being the people you want us to be. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

The Pope Speaks ...

Sunday is not the day to erase the other days, but to remember them, to bless them and make peace with life. Sunday is the day to make peace with life by saying: life is precious! Life is not easy and sometimes it is painful, but it is precious.



Money Matters: first half of the Autumn Term 2018

- Dinners (KS2 ONLY):** £73.60 (32 days at £2.30 per day between Thu 6th Sept & Fri 19th Oct 2018)
- Governors' Fund:** £20 per family per term, cheques payable to "A&B Diocesan Trust St Edmund's"
- Outings:** Cheques payable to "St Edmund's School Fund" or pay online via PMX ParentMail

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For copies of this newsletter: <http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=2>

For after-school clubs booking forms please visit: [St Edmunds Catholic Primary School - Clubs and Activities](#)