

# Newsletter 5: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents,

**Celebration of Grandparents** – we have had a wonderful time welcoming lots of grandparents to school for our special celebration of grandparents afternoon. Thank you to each class for working hard to prepare their song or poem, and thank you to the parents who were helping us to look after the grandparents by serving the refreshments. The DVD will be available soon – just pop into the office to pick up an order form.



**School Mass** – we are very much looking forward to seeing you all at the 10.15am Mass on Sunday at St Joseph's in Milford. Please could all St Edmund's children attending the Mass wear smart school uniform.



**Poppy Fields at Guildford Cathedral** – 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> October from 6.30pm there is a stunning projection of poppies filling Guildford Cathedral for two nights only, as part of a unique light and sound installation to commemorate the WWI Centenary. Click on this link for more information: <https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/news/2018/popy-fields>

**CAFOD Fast Day** – thank you for the donations which have amounted to £63.06.

**Life Bus** – this arrives next week and the children are all looking forward to their special time in the bus. Please note that **parents are invited** to their own session, and this will be at **9am on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October**. Please do come along if you are available to do so – the session is just 15 minutes long.

**Reception Class in the Surrey Advertiser** – the photograph of this year's Reception Class children is scheduled to be included in the issue of the Surrey Ad which comes out today.



**Harvest Celebration** – please note that the date for our Harvest Liturgy has changed and will now take place at 10.30am on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October in the school hall. We will be writing to you nearer the time to let you know what we'd like you to bring to school for the celebration. All the goods will be taken up to the Godalming Food Bank at St Mark's Community Centre on Franklyn Road.

**Parent Consultations** – we have organised two after-school opportunities on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October where Classteachers are offering 10-minute consultation slots during which you can discuss your child's progress. Children in Years 5 and 6 are encouraged to attend with their parents. If you are a PMX Parentmail user, you will be able to book their appointment online from 6am on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018.



**Helping your Reception Class child to read** – at 9.05am on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October Mrs Watson will be giving a talk to parents of Reception Class children about how to help their children along their reading journey, what we do in school to support their reading and how the school reading scheme works.



**The Pen Shop is back** – our new Year 6 children have been busy setting up the Pen Shop. On Monday and Friday lunchtimes they will be selling: ordinary pencils 10p; push pencils 30p (KS2 only); rubbers 5p; short rulers 10p; long rulers 15p; handwriting pens 25p; glue sticks 40p; sharpeners 25p; reading records 25p; homework diaries 30p and highlighters 50p. Please ensure that your child does not bring unduly large amounts of cash to school as nothing costs more than 40p.

**Book Fair** – thank you to everyone who came to support the book fair. It was nice to see so many of our children taking an interest in reading. We are very pleased to let you know that the sale of books has resulted in a commission of £110.96 which will be used to enhance our library.



**PSA Items** – on 9<sup>th</sup> November (6.30pm) there will be a **Barn Dance**. Tickets are now on sale from today at 8.30am at a cost of £8 per person, or £20 for a family; see Classlist or Facebook for details. Also, entries are now open for the **Virtual Pet Show**, a fundraising effort for the refurbishment of the library. The PSA is looking for £50 fund-matching donors as well, so please do get in touch with the PSA if you can help. Please note that the school and the PSA are not accepting book donations. Some key dates: Virtual Pet Show forms due 10<sup>th</sup> October; Barn Dance 9<sup>th</sup> November; Christmas Market 1<sup>st</sup> December 11am to 1.30pm.

**Changing dinner arrangements?** – please ensure that, if you wish to change your child’s dinner arrangements, the office needs a week’s notice. Thank you.

**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 going here: <http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/default.asp?pid=124>

**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.

<b>DATES FOR THIS TERM (items highlighted are new)</b>		<b>DATES FOR THIS TERM continued</b>	
Sun 7 Oct	10.15am School Mass at St Joseph’s	Tue 30 Oct	Children return to school
Tue 9 Oct	School Council to Westminster	Mon 5 Nov	3.30pm Y6 children talk to Y5 parents re Bude
Wed 10 Oct	Life Bus in school (+ 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct) <b>Y6 Sponsored Silence 11am-12pm</b>	Tue 6 Nov	Y2 to Hampton Court
	Virtual Pet Show forms due	Wed 7 Nov	9.30am Open Morning for prospective parents
Fri 12 Oct	9.05am Y3 Assembly 2.15pm PSA EGM + Virtual Pet Show <b>3.30pm Second Hand Uniform sale</b>	Fri 9 Nov	9.05am Y2 Assembly; 6.30pm PSA Barn Dance
	5.30pm KS1 Disco (ends 6.40pm) 6.50pm KS2 Disco (ends 8pm)	Sat 10 Nov	Cross-Country competition in Cranleigh
Mon 15 Oct	3.40pm Parent Consultations (ends 6.30pm)	Wed 14 Nov	Chertsey Museum here re Y1
Tue 16 Oct	Y5 to Chertsey Museum	Tue 20 Nov	9.30am St Edmund’s Day Mass
Wed 17 Oct	<b>10.30am Harvest Liturgy</b> 3.40pm Parent Consultations (ends 6pm)	Wed 21 Nov	2.30pm RSE talk to parents
Fri 19 Oct	<b>9.05am Talk on Reading (YR parents)</b> Y4 to Poppy Factory MUFTI Day for St Michael’s in Burkina Faso 3.30pm close for the half-term holiday	Thu 22 Nov	Y3-6 walk to 9.30am Mass at St Ed’s
Mon 29 Oct	<b>INSET – school closed</b>	Sat 1 Dec	PSA Christmas Market 11am-1.30pm
		Wed 5 Dec	Flu vaccinations for Years R-5
		<b>THIS YEAR’S DATES (2018-2019)</b>	
		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)	
		<b>INSETS</b> : 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2018, 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb and 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	

**Ethos Statement 4:** I can laugh and have fun.

**We pray together:** Father, you made us to be joyful. Help us to know that true joy comes from always being at one with you. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

**The Pope Speaks ...**

He calls us not to think according to the categories of ‘friend or enemy’ or ‘us or them’, ‘who’s on the inside/who’s on the outside’, but to go beyond. To open the heart so as to recognise God’s presence and his action, even in unusual and unpredictable areas and in people who are not part of our circle.



<b>Money Matters: first half of the Autumn Term 2018</b>	
<b>Dinners (KS2 ONLY):</b>	£73.60 (32 days between Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept to Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2018)
<b>Governors’ Fund:</b>	£20 per family per term, cheques payable to “A&B Diocesan Trust St Edmund’s”
<b>Outings:</b>	Cheques payable to “St Edmund’s School Fund” or pay online via PMX ParentMail
<b>PSA Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk">www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk</a>
<b>Confused by educational jargon?</b>	Try our glossary or Frequently Asked Questions pages under “School Information”
<b>Still confused?</b>	Then <a href="mailto:info@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk">info@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk</a> or 01483 414497
<b>Dates for the year ahead</b>	<a href="http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=This+Year%27s+Dates&amp;pid=91">http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=This+Year%27s+Dates&amp;pid=91</a>
<b>Copies of the newsletters</b>	<a href="http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/news/?pid=3&amp;nid=2">http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/news/?pid=3&amp;nid=2</a>
<b>Clubs booking forms</b>	St Edmunds Catholic Primary School - Clubs and Activities