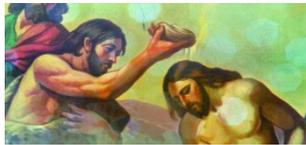


Newsletter 16: Friday 11th January 2019

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to welcome our new caretaker, Mr Judge, to our school community. Mr Judge has been busy around the school learning the ropes and finding his way around. We are sure that you will all extend him a very warm welcome.



The Season of Christmas draws to a close this Sunday when the Church celebrates the **Feast of Baptism of the Lord**. From Monday of next week the Church reverts to 'Ordinary Time' which will last until Ash Wednesday 6th March.

School Mass – this term's school Mass will be the 10.15am Mass at St Joseph's in Milford on Sunday 27th January. As ever, we invite children from all year groups to get involved with the Mass by offering their services as a reader, a welcome or in the Offertory Procession.



APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019 INTAKE



Do you know anyone who would like a place at St Edmund's? Please be reminded that if your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 you must ensure that you meet the application deadline of Tuesday of next week, **15th January 2019**. As well as applying online to Surrey County Council it is necessary to complete a school Supplementary Information Form (SIF) which is available from the school office or from the website.

Talking of Admissions – we have a space in our Year 1 class which we would like to fill. If you know anyone who might be interested in this, please tell them to get in touch.

ParentMail app – have you downloaded the app? As more letters and forms are sent out on ParentMail, using the app is the easiest way to pick up messages on your phone or tablet without having to log into your emails each time. Search for ParentMail in your app store.



RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) – parents of children in Year 6 who are interested in knowing how we cover RSE are invited to attend a talk to be given by Mrs Hua at 2.30pm on Wednesday 16th January.

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>



St Michael's Catholic Primary in Burkina Faso – further to last week's newsletter, thanks to your generosity over Christmas and the Mufti fundraising day last term, we will be sending our friends in Burkina Faso the sum of £1,000. We will follow this up with a trip to visit them next month. Left is a picture of the boys enjoying the footballs we took them in 2015.

Wellness Week – begins next Friday 18th January! There is more information on the website under 'News and Events' then 'Outings & Events, letters and other useful things'.



Year 2 Infant Singing – every year our Year 2 class takes part in the 'Infant Singing' section of the Godalming Music Festival. This year it takes place on the evening of Wednesday 20th March. Please could we ask you to get this date into your diary now. Thank you.



Be inspired by a Franciscan Friar of the Renewal – we would like to invite anyone who is interested to hear the wonderful Franciscan Friar of the Renewal, **Father Tansi**, who is coming to the school tomorrow. He is going to speaking to the parents and children on the First Holy Communion programme and we would like to give the opportunity to anyone else who'd like to come. Father Tansi will also be sharing some of his personal journey as well as showing footage of the basketball playing friars he knows! He is also a recognised

musician with his own produced album. So please do come if you are free, 3-4.15pm at St Edmund's school. Any queries please contact Mrs Chare on louisechare@hotmail.co.uk

Club Forms – we have had very good feedback from parents who have found it very easy to sign their child up for clubs using the Forms facility in Parentmail. Sign-up forms and information for externally run clubs are on the school website along with an overview of all the clubs this term.

Paying for things? – just a little reminder that, if you are coming to the office to pay for something in cash, you ensure that you bring it to the office as **correct cash** and **in an envelope** clearly marked as to what the cash is for.



Also, if you are paying for things online, could we ask you to consider paying by card rather than Paypal Express. This is because Paypal Express is much more expensive for us. Thank you.

Music! – there are lots of opportunities for children who enjoy music and who play an instrument to get involved with making music with fellow musicians. Going out with this newsletter are two fliers from Surrey Arts giving lots of information about the various things going on.

Weekday Masses in the parish – Fr David would love to welcome you to the parish weekday Masses. Starting at 9.30am and lasting just 25 minutes, they are in Milford on Wednesdays and Fridays, and in Godalming on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please keep an eye on the parish newsletter as Masses are subject to change from time to time if Father David has commitments elsewhere.



The Pen Shop (Mon + Fri) – 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.

DATES FOR THIS TERM (items highlighted are new)

Fri 11 Jan	3.30pm Y1 Cake Sale
Tue 15 Jan	Application deadline for YR intake 2019
Wed 16 Jan	2.30pm RSE talk to Y6 parents
Fri 18 Jan	Start of Wellness Week
Mon 21 Jan	Surrey Uni in school for Y5&6
Fri 25 Jan	9.05am Year 1 Assembly
Sun 27 Jan	10.15am School Mass at Milford
Fri 1 Feb	3.30pm Year 2 Cake Sale
Tue 5 Feb	Choir to the o2 Arena
Fri 8 Feb	9.05am Year 4 Assembly
Mon 11 Feb	Year 3 to Winchester Science Museum
	3.40pm Parent Consultations (ends 6.30pm)
Wed 13 Feb	3.40pm Parent Consultations (ends 6.10pm)

DATES FOR THIS TERM continued

Fri 15 Feb	Year 4 to GLive; 3.30pm close for half-term
Mon 25 Feb	INSET – school closed
Tue 26 Feb	Children return to school
Thu 28 Feb	3.40pm Mrs Hua talk for Y6 parents about SATs
Fri 1 Mar	3.30pm Y3 Cake Sale
Wed 6 Mar	Ash Wednesday (start of Lent)
Thu 20 Mar	Y2 Infant Singing at Rodborough

THIS YEAR'S DATES (2018-2019)

SPR: 3 Jan-5 Apr 2019 (half-term w/c 18 Feb)
SUM: 23 Apr-24 Jul 2019 (half-term w/c 27 May)

REMAINING INSETS : 25th Feb and 14th June 2019

Ethos Statement 13: I try to love others as I love myself.

We pray together: Father, you command us to love others to the extent that we love ourselves. Grant us the grace to do this, especially for those with whom we don't get on. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN



The Pope Speaks: How many times, even as a church, have we tried to shine with our own light. We are not 'the sun' of humanity; we are the moon which, despite its shadows, reflects the true light, the Lord. He is the light of the world. Him, not us.

Money Matters: first half of the Spring Term 2019

Dinners (KS2 ONLY):	£73.60 (32 days at £2.30 between Thu 3 rd Jan to Fri 15 Feb 2019)
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
PSA Website:	www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk

Confused by educational jargon?	Try our glossary or Frequently Asked Questions pages under "School Information"
Still confused?	Then info@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk or 01483 414497
Dates for the year ahead	http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=This+Year%27s+Dates&pid=91
Copies of the newsletters	http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=2
Clubs booking forms	St Edmunds Catholic Primary School - Clubs and Activities

Attachments: two Surrey Arts fliers