

Newsletter 23: Friday 8th March 2019

Dear Parents,

Lent – thank you very much to Fr David for coming to help us get Lent off to a wonderful start with our Ash Wednesday Mass. It was lovely to welcome so many parents and grandparents; thank you for coming. We do encourage as many of you as possible to attend our 8.15am **Friday Lenten Masses**, the first of which was this morning. Thank you, once again, to Fr David for celebrating our Lenten Masses for us.



A busy week! – our Year 2 children had a fascinating time at Brooklands Museum. On Tuesday our Year 1 children had a lovely time walking down to Godalming where they had a picnic and then took part in the Mayor's pancake races. Very luckily, the weather was lovely. On Monday the children of Years 5 and 6 were really excited to have a visit by a policeman and policewoman; they learned a lot about what it takes to be a member of the police force. The biggest excitement was taking a look at the police car and getting to turn on the siren and flashing blue lights. Then on Wednesday, Zach's mum brought her police car to visit the lucky children of Reception Class as part of their topic: 'People who help us'.

Little Red Missio Boxes – please watch out for these which will be going home with your child today. We would be grateful if you would do your best to get these back to us by the end of this term with all your loose change / cash. **Please don't include foreign coins if at all possible.** If you are interested in knowing more about the work of Missio, then go to their website: <https://missio.org.uk/>



Parent Governor – sent out earlier today was information about an election for a parent governor. Please read the information carefully and consider whether you or some other parent might be interested in joining the Governing Body of St Edmund's School.



Y2 Pedals – our Year 2 children are looking forward to their 'Pedals' training on Monday. Therefore, please remember to bring your child's bike/scooter plus helmet to school on Monday.

Year 4 Bikeability – please don't forget to return your child's consent form. If we don't have it by first thing on Tuesday, we do regret that your child won't be able to take part.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day – Friday 15th March is CAFOD's Lent Fast Day when children are asked not to bring any snacks into school but to make a donation to CAFOD instead. Please take a moment to have a look at the CAFOD website (<https://cafod.org.uk/>) in order to get a good idea of the wonderful work it does around the world.



Football – well done to our Years 4-6 football players who took part in a tournament on Tuesday of this week. Particular congratulations to one of our two Year 4 teams which came first!



Marie Curie Daffodils – the lovely daffodil flower badges for raising funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care are now on sale in the office. Please buy a daffodil to support this wonderful charity.

We love to read! – what a fun week we have had celebrating World Book Day and reading. Thank you to everyone who contributed to Monday's book sale, the final sum for which is close to £90. It was great to see the many photographs coming to school showing our children reading their books in strange and unusual places. Mrs Shorten and Mrs Norton are pleased to announce the two overall winners: Harrison (Year4) and Anna (Reception). Thank you to all of you who made such an effort to help your child dress up as a book character for the day. Everyone did so well that it really was quite a task to whittle it down a winner in each class. We are delighted to announce the two overall winners as being: in KS1 Rafferty (Y1) and in KS2 Amelie (Y5).



PSA Notices

Girls' Night In – thank you to everyone who contributed to the Girls' night In! What a fun night it was. So many said that it was just what they needed after a long week. If you would like to see more events like this one, then please consider joining as a year group rep or event runner/organiser.



St Edmund's and the PSA are organizing an **'International Day'** on 29th April. If you or your family would like to contribute ideas, food and/or items from your culture please get in touch either with the school or the PSA as soon as you can.

The PSA would like to kindly remind parents that absolutely **no items containing nuts** should be contributed to Bake Sales. Thank you for your understanding.

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>

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.



Paying for things? – just a little reminder that if you are coming to the office to pay for something in cash, please 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.

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)

Mon 11 Mar	9.30am Pedals training for Y2
Tue 12 Mar	9am-12.15pm Bikeability for Y4 (+ Wed 13 th)
Wed 13 Mar	Y1 to Painshill Park
Thu 14 th Mar	Y5 tree-planting at Ladywell Convent
Fri 15 Mar	8.15am Lenten Mass; CAFOD Fast Day 2.15pm PSA meeting at school
Tue 19 Mar	Y6 to Wintershall
Wed 20 Mar	6pm Y2 Infant Singing at Rodborough
Fri 22 Mar	8.15am Lenten Mass; 9.05am Y5 Assembly 3.30pm PSA Film Show
Tue 26 Mar	3pm Rock Steady Concert
Wed 27 Mar	Hydestile Animal Rescue in school (Y3)
Thu 28 Mar	9:10am KS2 walk to St Edmund's, Croft Road
Fri 29 Mar	8.15am Lenten Mass 3pm Mothers' Day Celebration YR
Tue 2 Apr	Rise Theatre in school

DATES FOR THIS TERM continued

Wed 3 Apr	2pm Easter Egg Hunt 7pm Passion Play in school
Thu 4 Apr	9.30am End of Term Mass
Fri 5 Apr	2pm close for the Easter Holiday
Mon 22 Apr	Easter Monday – school closed
Tue 23 Apr	Children return to school
Fri 26 Apr	3.30pm Y4 Cake Sale
Mon 29 Apr	Y3 swimming lessons begin International Day
Wed 1 May	3pm RSE talk to Y5 parents

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 : 14th June 2019

The Pope Speaks:

The fatigue of crossing the Lenten desert, the trials, the temptations, the illusions, the mirages ... all of this serves to build strong and solid hope. May Lent be a beneficial time for the pruning of falsehoods, of worldliness and indifference.



Money Matters: second half of the Spring Term 2019

Dinners (KS2 ONLY):	£66.70 (29 days at £2.30 between Tue 26 th Feb to Fri 5 th Apr 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

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