

# Newsletter 20: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Dear Parents,

**Young Voices** – the Key Stage 2 choir sang at the O2 Arena on Tuesday night with the Young Voices Choir of over 8,800 children. It was an amazing concert; the children sang a wide range of songs from folk to pop and a wonderful finale of songs from ‘The Greatest Showman’. The parents and teachers enjoying singing along to ‘Gold’ and ‘True’ with special guest Tony Hadley from Spandau Ballet!



**Parental Survey** – going out in ParentMail Forms on Monday will be our annual parental survey which we invite you to complete online. There are just a few easy tick-box questions, and then the facility to make longer comments should you wish to. Please do take a few minutes to complete the form, the results of which will help us to celebrate our successes and identify areas for improvement.

**Interim Reports** – going home with the children today is their Interim Report which will be discussed at the parent consultations next week. Please look out for it in their school bag.



**Parent Consultations** – there remains just a handful of parents who have not yet signed up for a Parent Consultation appointment. If this applies to you, then please call the office on Monday morning.

**Visit to St Michael’s in Burkina Faso** – very sadly, Mrs Nicholls’ trip to Burkina Faso has had to be cancelled due to the recent escalation in the threat by Islamic jihadists to European travellers in the country. Mrs Nicholls is extremely disappointed as she has been travelling annually without any problems since 2005, and will miss having the opportunity to catch up with St Michael’s School and also her many projects over there ([www.les-amis-bf.org.uk](http://www.les-amis-bf.org.uk)).

**PSA Meeting** – the next PSA meeting will be held at 8pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at the Inn on the Lake.

**Writing Competition** – once again children have the opportunity enter into the BBC Radio Two’s ‘500 Words’ writing competition. If you would like more information, then please visit this website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0orfvk1>



**Mayor’s Pancake Races 2019** – on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March we will be taking our Year 1 children down to Godalming town centre to take part in the ‘Annual Mayor’s Pancake Races’. The races are held in Crown Court and are always great fun! A letter giving more details will go home nearer the time.

**Year 6 SATs talk** – has moved from 28<sup>th</sup> February to **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** at 3.40pm in the Year 6 classroom. This is open to all Year 6 parents and their Year 6 children.



**Thinking of Teaching?** – Godalming Learning Partnership, in collaboration with Winchester University, is now recruiting teacher trainees through the School Direct programme to start in September 2019. If you have thought about getting into teaching, then visit our Get Teaching website (<http://www.getteaching.org/Our-Teacher-Training-Offer/Our-Programme/>) for information about how to train as a teacher whilst based in one of our Godalming schools. Applications for the Schools Direct Programme are now open.

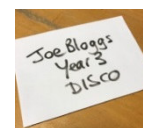
**Girls Night In ... is back!** – come and watch ‘Girls Trip’ on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm in the school hall. Tickets will go on sale on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January. See Classlist or the PSA Facebook page for more details.



**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>

**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.

**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.



<b>DATES FOR THIS TERM (items highlighted are new)</b>		<b>DATES FOR THIS TERM continued</b>	
Fri 8 Feb	5.45pm PSA Masquerade Disco	Fri 22 Mar	8.15am Lenten Mass
Mon 11 Feb	Year 3 to Winchester Science Museum 3.40pm Parent Consultations (ends 6.30pm)		9.05am Y5 Assembly 3.30pm PSA Film Show
Wed 13 Feb	2.15pm Parents' Forum 3.40pm Parent Consultations (ends 6.10pm) <b>8pm PSA meeting at Inn on the Lake</b>	Thu 20 Mar	Y2 Infant Singing at Rodborough
Fri 15 Feb	Year 4 to GLive; 3.30pm close for half-term	Tue 26 Mar	3pm Rock Steady Concert
Mon 25 Feb	<b>INSET – school closed</b>	Wed 27 Mar	Hydestile Animal Rescue in school (Y3)
Tue 26 Feb	Children return to school	Fri 29 Mar	8.15am Lenten Mass 3pm Mothers' Day Celebration YR
Fri 1 Mar	3.30pm Y3 Cake Sale ; 7.30pm Girls Night In	Wed 3 Apr	2pm Easter Egg Hunt 7pm Passion Play in school
<b>Tue 5 Mar</b>	<b>Y1 to Godalming for Annual Mayor's Pancake Race</b>	Thu 4 Apr	9.30am End of Term Mass
Wed 6 Mar	<b>Ash Wednesday (start of Lent)</b>	Fri 5 Apr	<b>2pm</b> close for the Easter Holiday
Thu 7 Mar	World Book Day 3.40pm Mrs Hua talk for Y6 parents about SATs	<b>THIS YEAR'S DATES (2018-2019)</b> SPR: 3 Jan-5 Apr 2019 (half-term w/c 18 Feb) SUM: 23 Apr-24 Jul 2019 (half-term w/c 27 May)	
Fri 8 Mar	8.15am Lenten Mass at school	<b>REMAINING INSETS : 25<sup>th</sup> Feb and 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019</b>	
Mon 11 Mar	Pedals training for Y2		
Tue 12 Mar	Bikeability for Y4 (+ Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> )		
Wed 13 Mar	Y1 to Painshill Park		
Fri 15 Mar	8.15am Lenten Mass; CAFOD Fast Day		

**Ethos Statement 17:** I listen to what you say; I show that I am listening to you

**We pray together:** Father, help us to never stop listening out for your voice and for what you are trying to tell us, because the world will know that I am listening to you when I do your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

**The Pope Speaks:** Whether it is for interior struggles or for the interior state of the soul, the author of the Letter to the Hebrews says, "You need only perseverance". Yes, but why do I need to persevere? Because after doing the will of God you receive what He promises. Perseverance brings us to the promise.



**Money Matters: second half of the Spring Term 2019**

**Dinners (KS2 ONLY):** £66.70 (29 days at £2.30 between Tue 26<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk)

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