

Newsletter 24: Friday 15th March 2019

Dear Parents,

New website – we are very excited to let you know that our new and improved website will be going live at some point on Monday. We feel confident that the new website will look good and be more user-friendly. One of the added bonuses of this change is that it will translate well when being accessed on a tablet or phone. We are very much hoping that you will find it easy to navigate and that you will bear with us whilst we get used to how to edit it and keep it up to date.



Lent Masses – it was, once again, lovely to see a number of parents and their children at this morning's 8.15am Lenten Mass (held in the school hall). These lovely Masses will continue until Friday 29th March.

Mrs Nicholls – going home today (to the eldest in family) is the latest newsletter which Mrs Nicholls is sending out for her charity, Les Amis-Burkina Faso.



Premier League Premier Stars – as pupils from our Year 3 and 4 classes were some of the first to enter into a Premier League Writing Stars writing competition, we have been given a book bag filled with fantastic poetry books from authors including Joseph Coelho and Julia Donaldson. These have been specially picked by the National Literacy Trust to help us to nurture our pupils' love of poetry. The competition is now closed, with the winners due to be announced before the end of March. Thank you to Mrs Robson for organising Year 3 and 4's participation in this competition.

Little Red Missio Boxes – please watch out for these which went home last week. We would be grateful if you would do your best to get these back to us by the end of this term with 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 last week 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. The closing date for nominations is 22nd March.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day – the children did very well today to go without their snack by way of both raising money for CAFOD and to better understand what it is like to feel hungry. 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.



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.stedmundschool.co.uk/page/default.asp?pid=124>

PSA Notices



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.



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.

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)		DATES FOR THIS TERM continued	
Fri 15 Mar	2.15pm PSA meeting at school	Thu 18 Apr	8pm Maundy Thursday Mass, St Joseph's
Tue 19 Mar	Y6 to Wintershall	Fri 19 Apr	10am Hot Cross Bun Service, St Edmund's 3pm The Lord's Passion, St Joseph's
Wed 20 Mar	6pm Y2 Infant Singing at Rodborough	Sat 20 Apr	12pm + 2.30pm Passion Play on Guildford High Str 8pm Easter Vigil at St Joseph's
Fri 22 Mar	8.15am Lenten Mass; 9.05am Y5 Assembly 3.30pm PSA Film Show	Sun 21 st Apr	Easter Sunday; parish Masses as usual
Tue 26 Mar	3pm Rock Steady Concert	Mon 22 Apr	Easter Monday – school closed
Wed 27 Mar	Hydestile Animal Rescue in school (Y3)	Tue 23 Apr	Children return to school
Thu 28 Mar	9:10am KS2 walk to St Edmund's, Croft Road	Fri 26 Apr	3.30pm Y4 Cake Sale
Fri 29 Mar	8.15am Lenten Mass 9.05am Y2 Infant Singing (Y2 parents only) 3pm Mothers' Day Celebration YR	Mon 29 Apr	Y3 swimming lessons begin International Day
Tue 2 Apr	Rise Theatre in school	Tue 30 Apr	Y1 to Painshill Park
Wed 3 Apr	2pm Easter Egg Hunt 7pm Passion Play in school	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)	
Thu 4 Apr	9.30am End of Term Mass	REMAINING INSETS: 14 th June 2019	
Fri 5 Apr	2pm close for the Easter Holiday		

Ethos Statement 20: I try to appreciate the beauty and wonder of the world around me.

We pray together: Father, you and you alone are the creator and giver of all that is good. Help us to respect and appreciate the wonder and beauty of everything that you have created. AMEN

The Pope Speaks:

Jesus, when he responds to the tempter, does not engage in dialogue. He responds to the three challenges with the Word of God. He shows us the remedies: an interior life, faith in God and the certainty of his love. Personal dignity can be lost if we allow ourselves to be corrupted by the idols of money, success and power in order to achieve self-assertion.



Money Matters: second half of the Spring Term 2019

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