

Newsletter 32: Friday 24th May 2019



Dear Parents,



Golden Jubilee – we were so delighted to welcome back to St Edmund's many ex-members of staff and parents for this special celebration. Bishop Richard and Father David celebrated a beautiful Mass. Thank you very much indeed to those of our current parents who did so much to make it such a success: the donation of cakes and helping to serve the refreshments. Your help and support really was invaluable.



First Holy Communion – it was, once again, really wonderful to see so many of our children make their First Holy Communion last Sunday. This was an important step in their faith journey, and we share their joy. It was an added pleasure to see them receive Communion at our Golden Jubilee Mass on Thursday.

Section 48 (RE) Inspection 4th June – thank you very much for the questionnaires which have been returned so far. There is still time to return yours if you have not already done so.

Air quality – there have been many recent articles in the media concerning the dangers of air pollution to children, and that there are particular risks of poor air quality around schools at drop-off and pick-up. This is due to the concentration of cars at school at these critical times of the school day. We would like to think of ways of improving the air quality around our school and would ask you to do the same. For instance, parked cars should always have their engines turned off rather than be left idling; parents could consider parking their car in another part of Busbridge and then walking to school.

Golden Boot – we will, once again, be taking part in the Golden Boot challenge. This important challenge promotes walking to school if you live at such a distance to be able to do that. Alternatively, do consider 'park and stride' which means parking much further away from the school and then walking the remainder of the way. We collect the data every day of the challenge to see which class has achieved the greenest and most environmentally friendly way of getting to school. The challenge is for the whole of June. Please do your best to take part and thereby improve the air quality of the area.



University of Surrey Research Project – the parents of KS2 children should have received information about a survey being undertaken by Surrey University. If you are interested in taking part in the survey, then please return the form next week. 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 here: <http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/blog/?pid=14&nid=10>

Children's Liturgy – every Sunday at the 8.45am Mass in Farncombe until the summer holidays; every Sunday at the 10.15am Mass in Milford except for 2nd, 9th June and 7th July. The last session before the summer holidays is Sunday 21st July at Milford.

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.

IMPORTANT DATES

Fri 24 May	3.30pm close of half-term	Thu 27 Jun	Y3 and 4 to Woking Mosque
Half term Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May		Fri 28 Jun	9.30am Sports Morning; 3.30pm YR Cake Sale
Mon 3 Jun	Children return to school	Sat 29 Jun	11am PSA Summer Fair (ends 1pm)
Tue 4 Jun	Chertsey Museum toy workshop Y2	Tue 2 Jul	2.30pm Musical Concert
Fri 7 Jun	MUFTI day for St Michael's	Fri 5 Jul	9.05am Y2 Assembly
	9.15am Breakfast Alpha, Four Elms GU7 1PA		9.15am Breakfast Alpha, Four Elms GU7 1PA
	3.30pm Cake Sale Y6	Sun 7 Jul	10.15am School Mass
Thu 13 Jun	9.05am FHC/Y4 Assembly; Y1 to Pizza Express	Mon 8 Jul	Y6 Away Day
Fri 14 Jun	INSET day – school closed	Tue 9 Jul	1.30pm Induction PM for new intake
	9.15am Breakfast Alpha, Four Elms GU7 1PA	Wed 10 Jul	2.30pm Strawberries & Pimms
Mon 17 Jun	MUFTI (sweets); Y6 Bikeability (all week)	Thu 11 Jul	Y6 Induction Day at St Peter's
Tue 18 Jun	Y4 to Roald Dahl museum		Moving Up Day; 9.30am Induction AM
Thu 20 Jun	Godalming in Bloom judging day	Fri 12 Jul	9.05am YR Assembly; PSA Disco
Fri 21 Jun	9.15am Breakfast Alpha, Four Elms GU7 1PA		9.15am Breakfast Alpha, Four Elms GU7 1PA
	Y4 to Life of Christ at Wintershall	Thu 18 Jul	7pm Y6 Leavers' Play
Mon 24 Jun	MUFTI (bottles)	Fri 19 Jul	9.15am Breakfast Alpha, Four Elms GU7 1PA
Tue 25 Jun	YR to Bocketts Farm		3.30pm Cake Sale Y1
		Mon 22 Jul	10am Leavers' Mass at Ladywell
		Tue 23 Jul	3pm Rock Steady Concert
		Wed 24 Jul	2pm close for summer term

The Pope speaks: Peace, the peace of Jesus, teaches us to go forward in life. It teaches us to endure. To endure ... a word we don't understand well, a very Christian word it means to carry a burden. To endure, to carry the burden of life, the difficulties, the labour, everything, without losing peace; but rather bearing the burden and having the courage to go forward. This can only be understood when there is the Holy Spirit within, who gives us the peace of Jesus. The person who lives this peace never loses their sense of humour. They know how to smile at themselves, at others; even when things are dark they know how to smile at everything. The peace of Jesus in daily life, the peace of Jesus in tribulations and with that sense of humour which helps us breathe easier. May the Lord grant us this peace that comes from the Holy Spirit, this peace that comes from Him, and which helps us to endure the many difficulties in life.



Money Matters: second half of the Summer Term 2019

Dinners (KS2 ONLY):	£85.10 (37 days at £2.30; Mon 3 rd June to Wed 24 th July 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
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