

Newsletter 1: Friday 6th September 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school – we hope that everyone enjoyed a happy and restful summer holiday. We extend a big warm welcome to Esther (Y3) and Sophie (Y4) who joined us this week, and to our new Reception Class children who join us next week. It is lovely to see all the children back at school looking very smart in their school uniform. If the weather is warm, children may wear the school summer uniform until the October half-term holiday.



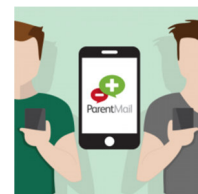
Also, a warm welcome to our new members of staff: Mrs Sherwin (TA in Year 1), Mrs Smith (trainee teacher in Year 2) and Miss Simmons who will be teaching Year 3 (on Friday) and Year 4 (on Monday). We are sure that you will join us in welcoming them warmly to our St Edmund's School community.



Thank you! A big thank-you to you all for the many gifts which were given to staff members at the end of last term. We do assure you that we never take these for granted and are always extremely touched by your kindness and thoughtfulness. Thank you all very much indeed.

School Photos – the photographer will be coming in to take photos of individuals on **Thursday 19th September**. We look forward to all children coming to school extra smart that day!

Parentmail Forms – this is a reminder to you that we are using the 'Forms' facility in ParentMail more often, especially for school-run clubs and outings. Keep an eye out for the various events and other items which will now be sent to you via Forms. It is an extremely easy way by which to sign you child up for events and to give consent for outings and clubs.



"Meet the Teacher" Tuesday 17th Sept (Y1-5 3.35pm and 3.55pm; Y6 3.50pm only) and on Monday 23rd Sept (Reception Class 3.35pm) – this an opportunity for you to hear about what your child will be doing in school this year. There are two identical sessions per class for those with more than one child here. Just proceed to the classroom of your choice after pick-up. On Tuesday 17th September children of school age can be left in the hall where they will be supervised. If you cannot attend, important information will be sent to you and also put onto the school website under School Information and then Meet the Teacher.

Parking – please do your best to park legally and with consideration towards our neighbours. Please could we especially ask you not to park too close to the crossroads where Busbridge Lane intersects with Park Road / The Drive as doing so makes it extremely difficult for drivers using what is a very busy crossroads. Please also do not park anywhere near the little roundabout down the Fairway or on the corner down The Paddock. We do thank you all for your cooperation.

Clubs – a list of clubs is now available on the school website. Also on the website are the various sign-up letters for the clubs which are **not** run by school staff. For school-run clubs you will need to look out for alerts in ParentMail Forms and sign your child up from there.

DAY	WHAT	LEAD BY	FOR WHOM	TIME	FROM	END
Mon	KS2 Choir	Mrs Higgins	Y3-6	3.30-4.30pm	TBC	9 th Dec
	Coding	Marta	Y2-6	3.30-4.45pm	9 th Sept	16 th Dec
Tue	Sewing	Marta	Y2-6	3.30-4.45pm	10 th Sept	17 th Dec
Wed	Prayer Group	Sr Anne	All	12.45-1.15pm		
	Netball	Mrs McCarthy	Y5+6	3.30-4.45pm	11 th Sept	16 th Oct
	Athletics	Planet Active	YR-4	3.30-4.30pm	11 th Sept	11 th Dec
	Art	Mrs Fulford	Y3-6	3.30-4.45pm	11 th Sept	23 rd Oct
	Tennis	Tennis England	Y1-6	3.35-4.35pm	18 th Sept	20 th Nov
Thu	Basketball	Kidz-B-Ballin	Y3-6	7.45-8.45am	26 th Sept	5 th Dec
	Indoor Athletics	Mrs McCarthy	Y5+6	3.30-4.45pm	12 th Sept	12 th Dec
	Football	Planet Active	YR-4	3.30-4.30pm	12 th Sept	12 th Dec
Fri	Cross Country	Mrs McCarthy	Y3-6	7.50am	13 th Sept	15 th Nov TBC
	Wowza!	Trinity Trust Team	Y3-6	3.35-4.30pm	13 th Sept	13 th Dec
	Judo	Academy Judo Services	Y3-6	3.40-4.40pm	13 th Sept	13 th Dec

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 clicking [here](#).



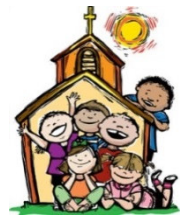
Message from the PSA – a warm welcome back from the PSA. Below are this term's dates of things going on which we would love you to support. If you are new to the school and would like to join the PSA please get in touch with us by emailing stedmundspsachair@gmail.com as we would love to welcome you to the committee. We are particularly looking for two reps for Reception Class.

Fri 20 th Sept	8.30am Breakfast Sale (Y6)	Sat 30 th Nov	11am-2pm Christmas Market
Fri 27 th Sept	3.30pm Film Show	Fri 6 th Dec	3.30pm Film Show
Fri 18 th Oct	3.30pm Cake Sale (Y2)	Fri 13 th Dec	5.30-6.40 KS1 Disco ; 6.50-8pm KS2 Disco
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Notes please – please ensure that your child knows, before you leave them at school in the morning, who will be collecting them if it is not going to be yourself. The office staff are happy to pass on messages in the case of an emergency change of plan. Also, remember to pop a note into your child's bag if he/she is to be collected by someone other than yourself. We cannot release your child to another parent at pick-up time if we don't have your permission in writing. We thank you for your attention to this.

Dinner money – dinner money for this half term is £86.95 for those children in Key Stage Two who receive a school dinner. Children from Reception to Year 2 receive free school dinners. Please ensure that you keep your account in credit as the term progresses.

School Mass – this term's School/Parish Mass will be on **Sunday 6th October**. As ever, we would dearly love as many of our children to play an active role in the Mass by offering to do a reading or a Bidding Prayer, or the Offertory Procession or as a welcomer.



IMPORTANT DATES

THIS TERM	THIS TERM cont ...
Mon 9 Sep YR start part-time	Thu 17 Oct Y4 to Poppy Factory
Mon 16 Sep YR with us full-time	Mon 21 Oct Parent Consultations 3.40-6.30pm
Tue 17 Sep 3.40+3.50pm: Years 1-5 Meet the Teacher	Wed 23 Oct Parent Consultations 3.40-6pm
	Thu 24 Oct Harvest Liturgy time TBC
Thu 19 Sep School photographer (individual photos)	Fri 25 Oct 3.30pm close for half-term
Fri 20 Sep 9.05am Y5 Assembly	
Mon 23 Sep Y6 leave for Bude	THIS YEAR'S DATES (2019-2020)
	AUT: 4 Sep-20 Dec 2019 (half-term w/c 28 Oct)
Wed 2 Oct 3.35pm YR Meet the Teacher;	SPR: 6 Jan-3 Apr 2020 (half-term w/c 17 Feb)
Wed 2 Oct Y3 to Butser Ancient Farm	SUM: 20 Apr-22 Jul 2020 (half-term w/c 25 May)
Thu 3 Oct 9.05am Commissioning Service	
Fri 4 Oct CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	INSET DAYS 2019-2020
	Wed 4 Sept & Mon 4 Nov 2019
Sun 6 Oct 2.30pm Celebration of Grandparents	Fri 14 Feb, Fri 12 June & Wed 22 July 2020
Tue 8 Oct 10.15am School/Parish Mass	
Tue 8 Oct KS2 School Council to Houses of Parliament	
Wed 9 Oct Life Bus in school	
Fri 11 Oct 9.05am Y4 Assembly	
Tue 15 Oct Y5 to Chertsey Museum	

We pray together: Father, as we embark upon a new school year we ask you to help us to do our best in all things, but mostly in being the people you want us to be. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

The Pope Speaks: The love of God is simple, silent and discreet. It does not overpower us or force itself upon us. It is not strident or flashy. It is a love that is free and freeing; a love that heals and raises us up. The love of the Lord has more to do with raising up than knocking down, it has more to do with reconciling than forbidding. I know that you believe in this love that makes reconciliation possible. And because you believe in this love, I am certain that you are hopeful and that you will not fail to walk joyfully in the way of peace.



Money Matters: first half of the Autumn Term 2019	
Dinners (KS2 ONLY):	£86.95 (37 days at £2.35; Thu 5 th Sept to Fri 25 th Oct 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/calendar/?calid=1,2,3&pid=14&viewid=1
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