

Newsletter 3: Friday 20th September 2019

Dear Parents,

Year 6 – we are very excited at the prospect of our Y6 trip to Bude in Cornwall next week. The weather forecast looks a bit mixed, though we are sure that bad weather isn't going to get in the way of the children having a very active week learning a lot of new skills and having a great time. The programme includes body boarding, abseiling and surfing (see above, last year's Year 6). Bon voyage, and tell us all about it when you get back, Year 6!



Reception Class 'Meet the Teacher' – please don't forget that Year R parents are invited to go to the Reception classroom after pick-up on Monday to listen to Mrs Watson explain everything that the children of YR will be doing this year. Also, please don't leave the meeting without having taken the Data Collection Sheet for your child (which Mrs Watson will give to you at the meeting). Check the Data Collection Sheet for accuracy of information and return it to the office if there is anything which needs to be changed / amended.

School Mass – it won't be long before we are getting ready for this term's School/Parish Mass which will be on **Sunday 6th October, 10.15am at St Joseph's in Milford**. Please consider the possibility of your child playing an active role in the Mass by offering to do a reading or a Bidding Prayer, or by taking part in the Offertory Procession or acting as a welcomer. **We are also looking for children to sing at this Mass.** They will be singing hymns which they already know well from school. This will be the last parish Mass celebrated for us by Father David before he leaves us later in October. Please come and help us to make it a very special Mass and happy memory for Fr David.

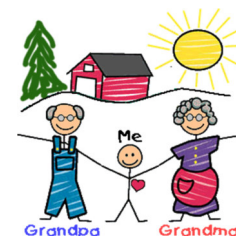


PSA Film Show Friday 27th September – if your child would like to attend this, and you have not already made your booking, please be reminded that the deadline for making your booking is Wednesday of next week.

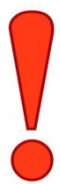
Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.
Proverbs 22:6

Home is a Holy Place, 2.30pm Tuesday 1st October – we do encourage you to attend what is a really important annual talk to be given by Mrs Katherine Bergin, the Diocesan Advisor for Marriage & Family Life. Mrs Bergin is an excellent and inspiring speaker with years of experience of helping families to create peaceful and faithful family lives.

Celebration of Grandparents 2.30pm 4th October – as many of you will recall, last year this event attracted so many people that we were not able to accommodate everyone in the hall safely. This was partly due to the number of our parents who accompanied the grandparents to the event. This year we are going to have to ask that our parents do not come into the hall, but rather leave / drop the grandparents at school. For those who would like to be there, we will be recording the event, and a DVD will be available to purchase. We do thank you for your understanding.



Double yellows! – some of our parents are parking on the double yellow lines outside the school. Please could we take this opportunity to remind you that doing so is illegal. It makes driving and crossing roads more difficult and dangerous for other road users.



A mix up of shoes! – a pair of shoes belonging to a child in Year 2 has been inadvertently picked up by another child, possibly someone who does the same after-school football club. He has been left with a pair of shoes which are too small for him. Therefore, please could we appeal to you to check that your child is wearing their own pair of shoes.



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 on this link. <https://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/blog/?pid=14&nid=10>

Children’s Liturgy – these take place during Mass every Sunday at St John’s (Farncombe) 8.45am and St Joseph’s (Milford) 10.15am. Please note there will be no session on 29th September at St John’s, nor at St Joseph’s during FHC Masses on 15/9 and 24/11, School Mass on 6/10, or during half-term on 3/11 .

IMPORTANT DATES	
THIS TERM	THIS TERM cont ...
Mon 23 Sep Y6 leave for Bude 3.35pm YR Meet the Teacher	Wed 6 Nov 9.30am Open Morning for prospective parents
Fri 27 Sep 3.30pm PSA Film Show (ends 5.15pm)	Wed 13 Nov Y2 to Hampton Court Palace YR Seaside workshop (in school)
Mon 30 Sep Start of ‘Little Way Week’	Fri 15 Nov 9.05am Y3 Assembly
Tue 1 Oct 2.30pm Home is a Holy Place talk	Fri 22 Nov Y4 to New Victoria Theatre, Woking
Wed 2 Oct Y3 to Butser Ancient Farm	Sat 30 Nov 11am PSA Christmas Market (ends 2pm)
Thu 3 Oct 9.05am Commissioning Service	Wed 4 Dec 2pm KS1 Christmas Performance
Fri 4 Oct CAFOD Harvest Fast Day 2.30pm Celebration of Grandparents	Thu 5 Dec 9.30am KS1 Christmas Performance
Sun 6 Oct 10.15am School/Parish Mass	Fri 6 Dec 3.30pm Film Show
Tue 8 Oct KS2 School Council to Houses of Parliament	Wed 11 Dec 2pm Y5+6 Christmas Performance
Wed 9 Oct Life Bus in school	Thu 12 Dec 6pm Y5+6 Christmas Performance
Fri 11 Oct 9.05am Y4 Assembly 3.30pm PSA second hand uniform	Fri 13 Dec 5.30pm KS1 Disco (ends 6.40pm) 6.50pm KS2 Disco (ends 8pm)
Tue 15 Oct Y5 to Chertsey Museum	Tue 17 Dec 3pm Rock Steady Concert
Thu 17 Oct Y4 to Poppy Factory	Thu 19 Dec 9.30am Y3+4 Service of Readings & Carols
Fri 18 Oct 3.30pm Cake Sale (Y2) 5.30pm KS1 Disco (ends 6.40pm) 6.50pm KS2 Disco (ends 8pm)	THIS YEAR’S DATES (2019-2020)
Mon 21 Oct Parent Consultations 3.40-6.30pm	AUT: 4 Sep-20 Dec 2019 (half-term w/c 28 Oct)
Wed 23 Oct Parent Consultations 3.40-6pm	SPR: 6 Jan-3 Apr 2020 (half-term w/c 17 Feb)
Fri 25 Oct 3.30pm close for half-term	SUM: 20 Apr-22 Jul 2020 (half-term w/c 25 May)
	INSET DAYS 2019-2020
	Wed 4 Sept & Mon 4 Nov 2019
	Fri 14 Feb, Fri 12 June & Wed 22 July 2020

Ethos Statement 2: I can say one good thing about myself.

We pray together: Father, you created us not only to love others, but to love ourselves. Help us to be grateful for how you have created us and help us to make the best of ourselves by remaining close to you . We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

The Pope Speaks: Discernment is valuable because it invites us to be farsighted, to contemplate events and not to make hasty judgments. Discernment is an art that does not provide standardised solutions and allows for contemplation. Discernment is an exercise of spiritual intelligence, carried out by God’s children who see traces of the Father’s presence throughout history. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us obtain the habit of discernment.



Money Matters: first half of the Autumn Term 2019

Dinners (KS2 ONLY): £86.95 (37 days at £2.35; Thu 5th Sept to Fri 25th 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

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