

Newsletter 4: Friday 27th September 2019

Dear Parents,

Year 6 – wow, what a wonderful time they seem to have had, despite the rather changeable weather. The children of Year 6 will soon be on their way home and we are looking forward to hearing about their Cornish adventure when we see them again next week.



Little Way Week – next week is ‘Little Way Week’ and is inspired by St Thérèse of Lisieux, the patron saint of mission. As a child, St Thérèse dreamed of being a missionary. With age she understood that very few of us are called to make big and radical gestures, but that through small, loving actions we too can deliver God’s love to the world. At the age of seven, Thérèse joined The Society of the Holy Childhood, known to us now as Mission Together. It was as a member of the Holy Childhood that Thérèse grew in faith and admiration for the work of the missionaries. Little Way Week is designed to strengthen the link between home, school and parish. St Thérèse’s feast day is on 1st October.



School Mass – thank you for the offers of help which have been received. To date there are no offers of help from Year 6. If you are a parent of a Year 6 child, then please encourage them to take part. As we mentioned in our previous newsletter, 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 a happy memory for Fr David.

Want to change dinner arrangements? – please ensure that if you wish to change your child’s dinner arrangements you give the office a week’s notice in writing. Thank you.

PSA Items

Please note that the date for the **Christmas Market has changed** and is now **Saturday 7th December** (11am to 2pm). Details will soon be given regarding what each class will be doing for the market. In the meantime, if you have ideas for raffle prizes, external stalls or anything else, please email the PSA on stedmundspsachair@gmail.com



A quick and easy way in which to raise funds for the PSA is to log on to or download the **Easyfundraising** app and enjoy some guilt-free online shopping with leading retailers. Here is the link: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

Be in it to win it! If you want the chance to win some cash, then buy a **St Edmund’s Lottery** ticket this term, with 40p in every £1 going towards school funds. Here’s the link to more information: www.yourschoollottery.co.uk



One of the ways in which the PSA helps the school is by providing and serving refreshments at key school events. One such forthcoming event is the **Celebration of Grandparents** (4th October at 2.30pm). Please would you consider baking a home-made cake and leaving at the school from 3rd October. Many thanks!

Home is a Holy Place, 2.30pm Tuesday 1st October – please do your best to support the excellent work being done by Mrs Katherine Bergin in the diocese by attending this talk. We look forward to seeing you.



Celebration of Grandparents 2.30pm 4th October – just a little reminder that we are asking that our parents do not come into the hall for this event, 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.

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

Gate into the KS2 playground – this gate will very soon be kept locked until the member of staff on duty in the morning opens it at 8.55am.

CAFOD Family Fast – also on 4th October is this year’s CAFOD Harvest Fast day. Being a little bit hungry helps us to understand what it is like for those who do not have enough to eat every day. Therefore, children should not bring their morning snack with them on that day. Instead, please could the children bring to school what money you save by not buying/bringing a snack. This will be given to CAFOD (<https://cafod.org.uk>)



Double yellows – some of our parents are still parking on the double yellow lines outside the school. Please could we take this opportunity to remind you that doing so is illegal.

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 ...
Fri 27 Sep 3.30pm PSA Film Show (ends 5.15pm)	Wed 13 Nov Y2 to Hampton Court Palace
Mon 30 Sep Start of ‘Little Way Week’	YR Seaside workshop (in school)
Tue 1 Oct 2.30pm Home is a Holy Place talk	Fri 15 Nov 9.05am Y3 Assembly
Wed 2 Oct Y3 to Butser Ancient Farm	Fri 22 Nov Y4 to New Victoria Theatre, Woking
Thu 3 Oct 9.05am Commissioning Service	Sat 30 Nov 11am PSA Christmas Market (ends 2pm)
Fri 4 Oct CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	Wed 4 Dec 2pm KS1 Christmas Performance
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	Sat 7 Dec 11am PSA Christmas Market (ends 2pm)
Wed 9 Oct Life Bus in school	Wed 11 Dec 2pm Y5+6 Christmas Performance
Fri 11 Oct 9.05am Y4 Assembly	Thu 12 Dec 6pm Y5+6 Christmas Performance
2.30pm Harvest Celebration	Fri 13 Dec 5.30pm KS1 Disco (ends 6.40pm)
3.30pm PSA second hand uniform	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)	THIS YEAR’S DATES (2019-2020)
6.50pm KS2 Disco (ends 8pm)	AUT: 4 Sep-20 Dec 2019 (half-term w/c 28 Oct)
Mon 21 Oct Parent Consultations 3.40-6.30pm	SPR: 6 Jan-3 Apr 2020 (half-term w/c 17 Feb)
Wed 23 Oct Parent Consultations 3.40-6pm	SUM: 20 Apr-22 Jul 2020 (half-term w/c 25 May)
Fri 25 Oct 3.30pm close for half-term	INSET DAYS 2019-2020
Wed 6 Nov 9.30am Open Morning for prospective parents	Wed 4 Sept & Mon 4 Nov 2019
	Fri 14 Feb, Fri 12 June & Wed 22 July 2020

Ethos Statement 3: I can say how I feel.

We pray together: Father, you have given us the gift of feelings. Help us to take as much care over the feelings of others as we do over our own. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

The Pope Speaks: Wealth can lead us to build walls, create divisions and discriminate. Jesus, on the other hand, invites his disciples to change course: “to become friends with wealth”. It is an invitation to understand how to transform goods and wealth into relationships, because people are worth more than things and count more than the wealth they possess.



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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