

# Newsletter 5: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parents,

**Commissioning Service** – we were very pleased to be joined by three governors for this morning's Commissioning Service during which many of our children pledged to undertake specific roles within the school for this academic year. We wish them every success with their responsibilities.

**Mrs Brodbin** – many congratulations to Mrs Brodbin who has been a member of staff for 25 years this term! Thank you for your dedicated service over so many years.



**Welcome** – to Mrs Odeh who has just started work as a TA in Year 5. We are sure that you will join us in giving her a warm St Edmund's welcome.

**Celebration of Grandparents 2.30pm 4<sup>th</sup> October** – we are really looking forward to welcoming lots of grandparents to this afternoon's celebration. The children have been very busy preparing entertainment for them. Thank you, also, to those of our parents who will be helping in supplying cakes and serving the refreshments.

**School Mass** – we look forward to seeing you all at the 10.15am Mass in Milford on Sunday for what will be our very last School/Parish Mass with Fr David before he leaves the parish. We wish him every possible happiness as he moves to Arundel Cathedral where he takes up his new post as Dean of the cathedral. Children attending this Mass should do so in school uniform.

**Father Jonathan** – on Wednesday of this week we were delighted to welcome Fr Jonathan How who joins the parish as the new parish priest imminently. We look forward to his playing an important part in the life of our school.



**Pokémon / Sainsbury's / football cards** – please note that these may now only be brought to school on Fridays. Therefore, they are not allowed in school Mondays to Thursdays.

**Not behind the shed please!** – please could children waiting to come into school remain with their parents by the playground gates until they are allowed into the playground. We also appeal to you to disallow your children from going behind the caretaker's shed whilst waiting for the start of school. It is neither the safest nor cleanest of places!



**Dyslexia Awareness Week 7-15 October** – Dyslexia is a condition which affects many children and adults. On **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm**, Cassian (Y5) will be running a **cake sale** to raise funds for the Helen Arkell charity, a charity which does wonderful work for those who suffer from Dyslexia. Please ensure that your child brings a bit of cash to school on that day to enable them to support the cake sale.

**CAFOD Harvest Fast** – thank you to everyone who entered into the spirit of today's CAFOD Harvest Fast day. All the money raised by not buying/bringing a snack today will be given to CAFOD (<https://cafod.org.uk>)



**Harvest Celebration** – please note that the date for our Harvest Liturgy is 2.30pm on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October in the school hall. We will be writing to you nearer the time to let you know what we'd like you to bring to school for the celebration. All the goods will be taken up to the Godalming Food Bank at St Mark's Community Centre on Franklyn Road.

**Parent Consultations** – we have organised two after-school opportunities on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October where Classteachers are offering 10-minute consultation slots during which you can discuss your child's progress. Children in Years 5 and 6 are encouraged to attend with their parents. If you are a Parentmail user, you will be able to book your appointment online from 6am on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October. If you are not a Parentmail user, then please pop into the school office from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October and the staff can help you to book your appointment.



**The PSA Disco** – please see attached flier for booking your child into the forthcoming disco.

**Christmas Market Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk)

**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.

**Free Music Fun!** – you may be interested in ‘Music Kids’ a free and friendly children’s choir (mainly primary school age children) held every Friday 6-6.45pm at the Godalming United Church. It is organised by Barbara Keene. For more details, please contact Barbara on 01483 421268 or [thekeenes@btopenworld.com](mailto:thekeenes@btopenworld.com)

**The Pen Shop is back** – our new Year 6 children have been busy setting up the Pen Shop. On Monday and Friday lunchtimes they will be selling: 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. Please ensure that your child does not bring unduly large amounts of cash to school as nothing costs more than 40p.



**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 that there will be no session for the School Mass (6/10), during half-term on 3/11 or 24/11.

**Y5+6 Christmas performance** – please note that this has changed and is now 2pm on 10<sup>th</sup> December.

IMPORTANT DATES	
<b>THIS TERM</b>	<b>THIS TERM cont ...</b>
Sun 6 Oct 10.15am School/Parish Mass	Fri 22 Nov Y4 to New Victoria Theatre, Woking
Tue 8 Oct KS2 School Council to Houses of Parliament	<b>Fri 29 Nov PSA Mufti Day (sweets)</b>
Wed 9 Oct Life Bus in school	Wed 4 Dec 2pm KS1 Christmas Performance
Fri 11 Oct 9.05am Y4 Assembly	Thu 5 Dec 9.30am KS1 Christmas Performance
2.30pm Harvest Celebration	<b>Fri 6 Dec PSA Mufti Day (bottles)</b>
3.30pm PSA second hand uniform	3.30pm Film Show
Tue 15 Oct Y5 to Chertsey Museum	Sat 7 Dec 11am PSA Christmas Market (ends 2pm)
Thu 17 Oct Y4 to Poppy Factory	<b>Tue 10 Dec 2pm Y5+6 Christmas Performance</b>
Fri 18 Oct 3.30pm Cake Sale (Y2)	Thu 12 Dec 6pm Y5+6 Christmas Performance
5.30pm KS1 Disco (ends 6.40pm)	Fri 13 Dec 5.30pm KS1 Disco (ends 6.40pm)
6.50pm KS2 Disco (ends 8pm)	6.50pm KS2 Disco (ends 8pm)
Mon 21 Oct Parent Consultations 3.40-6.30pm	Tue 17 Dec <b>9.30am End-of-Term Mass</b>
Wed 23 Oct <b>2.15pm Parents’ Forum</b>	3pm Rock Steady Concert
Parent Consultations 3.40-6pm	Thu 19 Dec 9.30am Y3+4 Service of Readings & Carols
Fri 25 Oct 3.30pm close for half-term	
Wed 6 Nov 9.30am Open Morning for prospective parents	<b>THIS YEAR’S DATES (2019-2020)</b>
Wed 13 Nov Y2 to Hampton Court Palace	AUT: 4 Sep-20 Dec 2019 (half-term w/c 28 Oct)
YR Seaside workshop (in school)	SPR: 6 Jan-3 Apr 2020 (half-term w/c 17 Feb)
<b>3pm RSE talk (parents of all year groups)</b>	SUM: 20 Apr-22 Jul 2020 (half-term w/c 25 May)
Fri 15 Nov 9.05am Y3 Assembly	<b>INSET DAYS 2019-2020</b>
<b>Tue 19 Nov Talk to Y5 parents re Bude (time TBC)</b>	Wed 4 Sept & Mon 4 Nov 2019
<b>Wed 20 Nov 2.30pm St Edmund’s Day Mass</b>	Fri 14 Feb, Fri 12 June & Wed 22 July 2020

**Ethos Statement 4:** I can laugh and have fun.

**We pray together:** Father, you made us to be joyful. Help us to know that true joy comes from always being at one with you. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

**The Pope Speaks:** if technological advancement became the cause of increasingly evident inequalities, it would not be true and real progress. If mankind’s so-called technological progress were to become an enemy of the common good, this would lead to an unfortunate regression to a form of barbarism dictated by the law of the strongest.



**Money Matters: first half of the Autumn Term 2019**

<b>Dinners (KS2 ONLY):</b>	£86.95 (37 days at £2.35; Thu 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept to Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2019)
<b>Governors’ Fund:</b>	£20 per family per term, cheques payable to “A&B Diocesan Trust St Edmund’s”
<b>Outings:</b>	Cheques payable to “St Edmund’s School Fund” or pay online via PMX ParentMail
<b>PSA Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk">www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk</a>

<b>Confused by educational jargon?</b>	Try our glossary or Frequently Asked Questions pages under “School Information”
<b>Still confused?</b>	Then <a href="mailto:info@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk">info@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk</a> or 01483 414497
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