

Newsletter 6: Friday 11th October 2019

Dear Parents,



Celebration of Grandparents – this was a wonderful celebration much enjoyed by all the grandparents who were able to come. Thank you to all those parents who had asked to come, but whom we were unable to accommodate. Having just the grandparents made for a considerably easier, less squashed event much appreciated by us everyone. All grandparents were given a card with a special prayer: *“Loving Father, we pray for all grandparents. Help them to reflect your unconditional love in their relationship with their families. Grant them the gifts of wisdom and patience to enable them to support their families and to encourage, advise and inspire their children’s children. May they be for their grandchildren a safe refuge of consistency, offering witness to all of a life which is inspired by Gospel values, enriched by prayer and fuelled by hope of the eternal kingdom. Amen”.*

Harvest Liturgy – thank you for all the goods which were brought to school for this afternoon’s 2.30pm liturgy. Parents are very welcome to join us for what will be the last Harvest Liturgy before Fr David leaves the parish. All the food goods will be taken up to the Godalming Food Bank at St Mark’s Community Centre on Franklyn Road.



Year 6 applications for secondary school – please be reminded that the deadline for making your online application to Surrey County Council is fast approaching. Although the deadline is 31st October, SCC has recommended making the application by 25th October which is the Friday we break up for the half-term holiday.



Photos – on Monday your child brought home the contact sheet showing some of the photos which were taken of your child in school recently. There was also information about how to order the photos online. Please note that the deadline for ordering the photos is **22nd October** after which postage and packing costs will apply.

Surrey Ad – a photograph of our Reception Class children will be published in this weekend’s Surrey Ad.

School Mass – thank you to everyone who attended this term’s School/Parish Mass last Sunday. We were delighted to see so many of you. A big well-done to all those children who volunteered to play an active role in the Mass; your help was much appreciated.

Parents’ Forum – this forum meets once each half term on a Wednesday afternoon, normally at 2.15pm. Ideally there should be two reps from each class. As you can see from the grid below, there are some gaps. Please be in touch with the office or Mrs Higgins if you would be interested in being a rep for Reception, Years 3, 4 or 5. The next meeting is **Wednesday 23rd October**.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Ms Bryant Ms Flick	Mrs Elias Mrs Ayres	Mrs Turner	Mrs Groome	Mrs Panzini	Mrs Chare Mrs Rees

CAFOD Harvest Fast – thank you to everyone who brought a donation to school for this special day of fasting. This raised almost £100 which we will be sending to CAFOD.

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!

Parent Consultations – we have organised two after-school opportunities on Monday 21st October and Wednesday 23rd 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 14th October. If you are not a Parentmail user, then please pop into or call the school office from Monday 14th October and the staff can help you to book your appointment.



Weekday Masses in the parish – Fr Jonathan 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 Jonathan has commitments elsewhere.

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

Christmas Market 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

The Pen Shop – Monday and Friday lunchtimes: 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.stedmundschool.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 during half-term, on 3/11 or 24/11.

IMPORTANT DATES

THIS TERM

Fri 11 Oct	3.30pm PSA second hand uniform
	3.30pm PSA Halloween Costume sale
Mon 14 Oct	3.30pm PSA Halloween Costume Sale
Tue 15 Oct	Y5 to Chertsey Museum
Thu 17 Oct	Y4 to Poppy Factory
Fri 18 Oct	3.30pm Cake Sale (Y2)
	3.30pm PSA Halloween Costume Sale
	5.30pm KS1 Disco (ends 6.40pm)
	6.50pm KS2 Disco (ends 8pm)
Mon 21 Oct	Parent Consultations 3.40-6.30pm
Wed 23 Oct	2.15pm Parents' Forum
	Parent Consultations 3.40-6pm
Fri 25 Oct	3.30pm close for half-term
Mon 4 Nov	INSET DAY – school closed
Tue 5 Nov	Children return to school
Wed 6 Nov	9.30am Open Morning for prospective parents
Wed 13 Nov	Y2 to Hampton Court Palace
	Y1 Seaside workshop (in school)
	9.05am RSE talk (parents of all year groups)
Fri 15 Nov	9.05am Y3 Assembly
Tue 19 Nov	3.30pm talk to Y5 parents re Bude
Wed 20 Nov	2.30pm St Edmund's Day Mass
Fri 22 Nov	Y4 to New Victoria Theatre, Woking

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Fri 29 Nov	PSA Mufti Day (sweets)
Wed 4 Dec	2pm KS1 Christmas Performance
Thu 5 Dec	9.30am KS1 Christmas Performance
Fri 6 Dec	PSA Mufti Day (bottles)
	3.30pm Film Show
Sat 7 Dec	11am PSA Christmas Market (ends 2pm)
Tue 10 Dec	2pm Y5+6 Christmas Performance
Thu 12 Dec	6pm Y5+6 Christmas Performance
Fri 13 Dec	Christmas Lunch TBC
	5.30pm KS1 Disco (ends 6.40pm)
	6.50pm KS2 Disco (ends 8pm)
Tue 17 Dec	9.30am End-of-Term Mass
	3pm Rock Steady Concert
Wed 18 Dec	Class parties PM
Thu 19 Dec	9.30am Y3+4 Service of Readings & Carols

THIS YEAR'S DATES (2019-2020)

AUT: 4 Sep-20 Dec 2019 (half-term w/c 28 Oct)
 SPR: 6 Jan-3 Apr 2020 (half-term w/c 17 Feb)
 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 5: I know what to do if I see someone being hurt.

We pray together: Father, help us to remember that you command us to take especial care of the weak, the vulnerable and anybody who is suffering. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

The Pope Speaks: The feast which is Sunday cannot be understood without the Word of God. Do I pay attention to the Word of God? Do I let it touch my heart, or do I stand there staring at the ceiling thinking of other things, with the Word going in one ear and out of the other?



Money Matters: second half of the Autumn Term 2019

Dinners (KS2 ONLY):	£79.90 (34 days at £2.35; Tues 5 th Nov – Fri 20 th Dec 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.stedmundschoolpsa.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.stedmundschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2,3&pid=14&viewid=1
Copies of the newsletters	http://www.stedmundschool.co.uk/page/?title=Newsletters&pid=93
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Attachments: Koosa Kids flier