

# Newsletter 19: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020

Dear Parents,

**Chinese New Year** – on Tuesday the children in Reception Class dressed in red to mark this special day for the Chinese. They had a fun time in the school hall in the afternoon taking part in dragon activities (right). Also, for those who have school dinners, the kitchen staff put on a special Chinese-themed lunch that day.



**Reindeer Run** – thank you so much to everyone who sponsored the children to raise money for the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice in December. A total of £2,221.60 was raised by the children at school, and added to Stan's amazing sum of £3,100, we have a very grand total of **£5,321.60**.

**Y6 Booster Classes** – please note that there is no booster class on Weds 5<sup>th</sup> February.

**University of Surrey workshops** – also on Tuesday, the children of Year 6 were visited by representatives from Surrey University who had come to lead science-themed workshops. In one, they discovered how to pass electricity through a banana; in another, they were shown how to design a piano on paper and then, using graphite pencils, how to create notes/sounds. They were also experimenting with differing materials and how they work as conductors.



**Bricks** – Mr Judge, our Caretaker, is keen to build an insect home/table in the prayer garden. He is going to need about 40 clean bricks. If you are able to help in this respect, please email the school office and let them know how many bricks you'd be able to donate. Thank you.



**Morning Drop off** – please continue to ensure that **no child is left unaccompanied** before 8.40am. Thank you for your attention to this.

**Parent Consultations** – don't forget to watch out for the email on Monday to let you know that the booking lines are open. Having made your booking you should then be able to amend/change it subsequently if necessary. There will, of course, be the facility for those who do not use ParentMail to book an appointment – just look out for the hardcopy letter which will be sent home today with your child.



**Young Voices** – we are getting very exciting about our choir's trip to the O2 Arena in London on Tuesday! The children in the KS2 choir have been working hard since September to learn all the songs and dance moves and are looking forward to putting it all into action along with thousands of other primary school children.



**School Mass** – this term's school Mass will be the 10.15am Mass at St Joseph's in Milford on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February**. Thank you very much for all the offers of help we have now received – these were much appreciated.

**Safer Internet Day** – on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February we will be focusing on how to help our children to use the internet safely. For more information please visit the Safer Internet Day website:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/SID2020>



**Any previously loved FHC clothes?** – do you have any First Holy Communion clothes that you would like to sell or, perhaps, donate? Depending on the uptake, the FHC team is thinking of running a stall which parents can browse during the course of the FHC session in March. The split would be 70/30, with 30% of takings going towards the school funds. If you are interested, please email [communionatsteds@gmail.com](mailto:communionatsteds@gmail.com), stating what you wish to sell and for how much you would like the team to sell the item.

**Paying for things?** – just a little reminder that, if you are coming to the office to pay for something in cash, you ensure that you bring it to the office as **correct cash** and **in an envelope** clearly marked as to what the cash is for.



Also, if you are paying for things online, could we ask you to consider paying by card rather than Paypal Express. This is because Paypal Express is much more expensive for us. Thank you.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**THIS TERM** (highlighted items are newly added)

Fri 31 Jan 5.30pm PSA KS1 Disco (ends 6.40pm)  
6.50pm PSA KS2 Disco (ends 8pm)  
Tue 4 Feb Young Voices at O2 Arena  
Fri 7 Feb 9.05am Y2 Assembly  
**2.45pm PSA meeting**  
PSA Film Night for parents  
Sun 9 Feb 10.15am School/Parish Mass  
Mon 10 Feb Y1 to Rural Life Centre  
Y3 to Winchester Science Museum  
3.40-6.30pm Parent Consultations  
Tue 11 Feb **Safer Internet Day**  
Wed 12 Feb 2.15pm Parents' Forum  
3.40-6.00pm Parent Consultations  
Thu 13 Feb PSA Cake Sale (YR); 3.30pm close for half-term  
Fri 14 Feb **INSET – school closed**

**17-21 Feb HALF TERM**

Mon 24 Feb Children return to school  
Wed 26 Feb 2.30pm Ash Wednesday Liturgy  
Fri 28 Feb Y4 to Rydes Hill School for Stations of the Cross (AM only)  
Tue 3 Mar Y2 Pedals Training  
Thu 5 Mar World Book Day  
3.30pm SATs talk to Y6 parents  
Fri 6 Mar CAFOD Lent Fast Day  
9.05am Y5 Assembly  
Sat 7 Mar Swimming Gala  
Thu 12 Mar Y4 Bikeability (+ Fri) (changed dates)

**THIS TERM cont ...**

Fri 13 Mar CAFOD assembly and workshops  
Tue 17 Mar Y2 to Brooklands Museum  
Wed 18 Mar Y6 Lent workshops (Wintershall)  
Fri 20 Mar 3pm YR Mother's Day Celebration  
Tue 24 Mar 2.30pm Musical Concert  
Wed 25 Mar 2pm Mass (Feast of the Annunciation)  
Tue 31 Mar 3pm Rock Steady Concert  
Wed 1 Apr 1.30pm Easter Egg Hunt  
2.15pm Parents' Forum  
Evening: Y6 Passion Play (time TBC)  
Fri 3 Apr Talent Show AM  
**2pm close** for Easter holiday

**THIS YEAR'S DATES (2019-2020)**

SPR: 6 Jan-3 Apr 2020 (half-term w/c 17 Feb)  
SUM: 20 Apr-22 Jul 2020 (half-term w/c 25 May)

**REMAINING INSET DAYS 2019-2020**

Fri 14 Feb, Fri 12 June & Wed 22 July 2020

**NEXT YEAR'S DATES (2020-2021)**

AUT: 1 Sept-18 Dec 2020 (half-term w/c 26 Oct)  
SPR: 4 Jan-1 Apr 2021 (half-term w/c 15 Feb)  
SUM: 19 Apr-21 July 2021 (half-term w/c 31 May)

**KNOWN INSET DAYS NEXT YEAR**

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2020; three more yet to be advised

**Ethos Statement 16:** We know that we are happiest when we are united.

**We pray together:** Father, a house divided against itself will fall. Help us to always work and play together well, with cooperation and with patience. Let us always work hard to be united. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.



**The Pope Speaks:** Dear brothers and sisters, let us make room in our lives for the word of God! Each day, let us read a verse or two of the Bible. Let us begin with the Gospel; let us keep it open on our table, carry it in our pocket, read it on our mobile phones and allow it to inspire us daily. We will discover that God is close to us, that he dispels our darkness and, with great love, leads our lives. *Taken from his homily at Mass for Sunday of the Word of God.*

**Money Matters: second half of the Spring Term 2020**

**Dinners (KS2 ONLY):** £70.50 (30 days at £2.35; Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr 2020)  
**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](http://www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk)

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