

Newsletter 20: Friday 7th February 2020

Dear Parents,



School Mass – we are looking forward to seeing you all at this Sunday's 10.15am Mass at St Joseph's in Milford. Thank you very much to all those children who have volunteered to play a key role in the Mass. St Edmund's children should come to this Mass dressed in smart school uniform.

Young Voices – the Key Stage 2 choir sang at the O2 Arena on Tuesday night with the Young Voices Choir of over 8,500 children. It was an amazing concert during which the children sang a wide range of songs from folk to pop, including a Queen and pop medley, as well as songs from musicals and a rousing rendition of 'Ghostbusters'. The special guest was Tony Hadley from Spandau Ballet!



Indoor Athletics – on Tuesday our indoor athletics team took part in the Surrey County Finals held at the Spectrum in Guildford, in which eleven other schools took part. We were astonished and absolutely delighted to win this event. This is a tremendous achievement for a small school. Well done to everyone who took part, to the parents who have been so supportive and to Mrs McCarthy who prepared the team so well. Mrs McCarthy wants everyone to know how proud she is of you all.

Parent Consultations – we look forward to seeing you all next week's Parent Consultations. Please do your best to be on time; equally, the classteachers will do their best to keep to time. A film show will be made available in the staff room for school-aged children for the duration of your appointment only. Also, when you go to look at your child's work, do take your child with you so that they can show you what they have been learning.

Ash Wednesday Liturgy – all are welcome to our Ash Wednesday liturgy and distribution of ashes which will be at 2.30pm on Wednesday 26th February and led by Fr Jonathan.



Blue Badge holders / double yellow lines – one of our parents, who is a Blue Badge (disabled) holder, has asked us to issue a general reminder that, being the holder of a Blue Badge, whilst being disallowed from parking on the zig-zags, he is allowed to park on the double yellow lines outside the school for up to three hours. Please exercise compassion towards those who are legally entitled to park in such a way. Thank you.



Just one more thing! – Mr Judge, our Caretaker, is very grateful for the offers of bricks which have been offered which will enable him to build our insect hotel. Now all that he needs are some 1.5"/2" waste pipes and some pine cones. If you could help with these, he'd be very grateful.



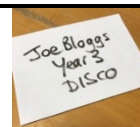
World Book Day Thursday 5th March – please put into your diary this year's World Book Day which is Thursday 5th March. Children may come to school that day dressed as their favourite book character.

Safer Internet Day – on Tuesday 11th 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>



Notes please – please ensure that your child knows, before you leave them at school in the morning, who will be collecting them if it is not going to be yourself. The office staff are happy to pass on messages in the case of an emergency change of plan. Also, remember to pop a note into your child's bag if he/she is to be collected by someone other than yourself especially if your child is in KS1. We cannot release your child to another parent at pick-up time if we don't have your permission in writing. We thank you for your attention to this.

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 7 Feb 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
Wed 4 Mar Y6 Parent Consultations PM
 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 (6pm arrival at C/house)
 Thu 12 Mar Y4 Bikeability (+ Fri) (changed dates)
 Fri 13 Mar CAFOD assembly and workshops
 Tue 17 Mar Y2 to Brooklands Museum

THIS TERM cont ...

Wed 18 Mar Y6 Lent workshops (Wintershall)
 Thu 19 Mar **Hydestile visitor to Y3**
 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

1st and 2nd Sept 2020; three more yet to be advised

Ethos Statement 17: I listen to what you say; I show that I am listening to you



We pray together: Father, help us to never stop listening out for your voice and for what you are trying to tell us, because the world will know that I am listening to you when I do your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

The Pope Speaks: Life is a gift, and when it is a long life, it is a privilege for oneself and others. I want to tell you that the elderly are also the present and the future of the Church. Yes, they are also the future of a Church that, alongside the young, prophesies and dreams.



Money Matters: second half of the Spring Term 2020

Dinners (KS2 ONLY): £70.50 (30 days at £2.35; Mon 24th Feb – Fri 3rd 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

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Attachment: National Trust Outdoor Toddler Group poster