

# Newsletter 24: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents,

We thought it would be helpful to give you the latest information regarding the corona virus and the impact it may have on our schools. **As of today there are no plans to close schools.** The government has announced the move from the “contain” phase of the virus to the “delay” phase i.e. to attempt to slow down the spread of the coronavirus COVID-19 infection. More draconian measures are likely if / when the number of people infected increases, but at present it is business as usual.

In school we are affected by the following changes, so please take appropriate action if any of these apply to your children:

1. Anyone with flu-like symptoms, i.e. a fever above 37.8c should self-isolate for seven days
2. Anyone with a persistent cough should self-isolate for seven days
3. Updated guidance giving detailed information about self-isolation is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

At the time of writing there are still no known cases of coronavirus amongst students or staff in our school. We are continuing to monitor and adhere to the advice coming from the Department of Education and Public Health England. We will continue to have an increased emphasis on promoting good basic hygiene habits, systematic approaches to cleaning and vigilance about signs of infection.

We all remain determined to “stay calm and carry on” as long as we can without jeopardising the well-being of the students and staff. We have also been making preliminary plans in the event of any future school closures.

Please rest assured that we will continue to take a sensible approach to the situation at school and do all we can to reassure the children and prevent them from becoming unduly anxious.

Thank you for your ongoing support to rise to this and other challenges. We will be in touch with further updates in due course.

Mrs Higgins

**Sports news** –well done to everyone who took part in Saturday’s **swimming gala** at Charterhouse. We are delighted that our team of boys came second, our team of girls came third and that, overall, we came third. Further that this, we won the ‘Most Improved School’ trophy. Well done! On Monday our Y6 **netball team** took part in a tournament with the following results: 5-2 (Wonersh), 9-0 (Chandler), 5-0 (St Mary’s), 7-0 (Grayswood). This took us into the semi-final in which we beat St Bart’s 9-3. In the final on the day we beat Grayswood 12-1 which takes us through to the county finals. Brilliant work, netballers! On Wednesday our two **football teams** (Y5+6 and Y3+4) made it through to the semi-finals. Then, on Thursday, our Years 4-5 **hockey team** took part in their first ever hockey county finals in Surbiton. They played six matches of which they drew four and lost two. This is a great achievement!



**A busy week next week** – the children of Year 2 will be visiting Brooklands on Tuesday; on Wednesday Year 6 will be travelling to Wintershall for Lent workshops; on Thursday Year 3 children will be visited by someone from the Hydestile Animal Rescue and then, finally, on Friday the mothers of children in Reception will be treated to a celebration of Mothers’ Day.

**Bugingham Palace** – thank you very much to Mr Judge for building our first ever ‘bug hotel’ (**left**). Thank you, also, to the parents who were able to donate the various items he needed to build it. We are looking forward to watching lots of bugs and insects moving in.

**Sticks and Stones** – on Tuesday the children of Years 2 to 6 enjoyed a theatre production on the theme of anti-bullying, with the emphasis being placed on cyber-bullying.

**CAFOD Lent Fast Day** – thank you for the donations which have been brought in since last Friday. We were delighted to welcome Chris Richardson, who led an excellent assembly on the work of CAFOD. For more information about CAFOD, visit [www.CAFOD.org.uk](http://www.CAFOD.org.uk)



Fast, pray and give

**If you have any concerns** – please could we take this opportunity to remind you that these should be discussed in the first instance with your child’s Classteacher, at which time they can usually be resolved. We have added to our website ‘A Brief Guide to School Complaints’ which can be found under School Information/Important Policies

<https://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=Important+Policies&pid=43>



**The Pen Shop** – just a little reminder that the children of Year 6 run a pen shop on 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.stedmundsschool.co.uk/blog/?pid=14&nid=10>

### IMPORTANT DATES

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

Tue 17 Mar Y2 to Brooklands Museum  
 Wed 18 Mar Y6 Lent workshops (Wintershall)  
 Thu 19 Mar Hydestile visitor to Y3  
 Fri 20 Mar 3pm YR Mother’s Day Celebration  
 Wed 25 Mar 2pm Mass (Feast of the Annunciation)  
 Thu 26 Mar **3.30pm Sayers Croft meeting for Y4 parents**  
 Fri 27 Mar 3.30pm second hand uniform sale  
**PSA Film Show**  
 Mon 30 Mar 9.30am End-of-Term Mass  
 Tue 31 Mar 3pm Rock Steady Concert  
 Wed 1 Apr 1.30pm Easter Egg Hunt;  
 2.15pm Parents’ Forum  
 6pm Y6 Passion Play  
 Fri 3 Apr Talent Show AM  
**2pm close** for Easter holiday

#### **NEXT TERM**

Mon 20 Apr Children return to school  
 Fri 24 Apr Surrey Police talk to Y6  
 Mon 27 Apr Y3 swimming starts  
 Wed 29 Apr Y4 to Sayers Croft (back Fri 1 May)  
 Tue 5 May Y5 Learning Dome  
 Fri 8 May Bank Holiday – **school closed**  
 Mon 11 May YR to Dapdune Wharf

#### **NEXT TERM (cont) ...**

Fri 15 May International Day  
 Tue 19 May Y1 to Pizza Express  
 Wed 20 May May Procession  
 Thu 21 May Class photos  
 3.30pm talk for Y5 parents re Bude  
 Fri 22 May 3.30pm close for half-term

#### **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

**The Pope Speaks:** Lent is a time to disconnect from cell phones and to connect to the Gospel. Lent is a time to give up useless words, gossip, rumours and tittle-tattle. We live in an atmosphere polluted by too much verbal violence, too many offensive and harmful words which are amplified by the internet. Today, people insult each other as if they were saying ‘good day’.



#### **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)

**Confused by educational jargon?**

Try our glossary or Frequently Asked Questions pages under “School Information”

**Still confused?**

Then [info@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk](mailto: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>

**Copies of the newsletters**

<http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=Newsletters&pid=93>

**Clubs booking forms**

<http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=Clubs+and+Activities&pid=34>