

Newsletter 2: Friday 11th September 2020

Dear Parents,

The World We Want – all children enjoyed a live national CAFOD virtual assembly on Thursday of this week, the theme of which was 'The World We Want'. It was really wonderful to realise that children at Catholic schools across the country were watching the same assembly at the same time. All children were given a 'Pledge Card' on which to write down just one small thing they could do to make the world a better place for everyone. If you would like to watch this lovely assembly with your child, here is the link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bm4Zb3_uQJs&safe=true

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Pick-up times for next week – you will hopefully have seen the Parentmail which was sent to you concerning the change of time for some groups. The new times will start on Monday 14th September and are as follows:

3.15pm St Matthew

3.20pm St Mark

3.25pm St Luke

3.30pm St John

Please do your best to adhere to these timings, taking care also to **exit using the one-way system** in the front-of-school car park when you collect your child in the afternoon.

Welcome to Reception Class (YR) – we are really looking forward to welcoming all our new YR children who will be joining us next week, on a part-time basis for that week only (8.45am to 12.45pm). We hope that they are as excited about coming to school as we are about having them with us.

Individual photos – the photographer will be coming in to take photos of individuals on Thursday 17th September. We look forward to all children coming to school looking extra smart that day! The children of Years 1, 2 and 4 would normally come to school dressed in their PE kit that day. Please could we ask that Year 4 children come to school in uniform, as they will do PE on the Friday of that week. Children in Years 1 and 2 should wear their uniform, but with trainers please.



Healthy snacks only – please could you make sure that children bring only healthy snacks for break time. Ideally this could include fruit or vegetables, nut-free muesli bars, plain biscuits or crackers. Definitely nothing containing nuts, and no crisps or chocolate please.

Lost property – if an item of lost property is named it will be returned its owner. However, please be aware that all lost and un-named items of uniform which are unclaimed, will be disposed of. Therefore do ensure that everything is named, and also encourage your children to take extra good care of their possessions whilst at school.

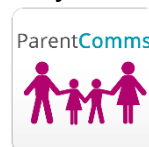
PSA Lottery – do consider taking part in the PSA Lottery. As you can see from the attached flier, there is the opportunity to win a £25,000 jackpot!



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 for your attention to this.

"Meet the Teacher" – we would normally offer to parents the opportunity to meet their child's classteacher within the first fortnight of the new term. As we are not able to have visitors in school, and with the current social distancing rules, these meetings will not be possible this year. The Classteachers have prepared letters giving information about the year ahead which we hope you will find helpful; these will be sent out to you on Monday and also posted onto the website (School information/Meet the Teacher). If you need to contact the teachers, please make an appointment via the school office.

Is your child in Year 6? – the quickest and easiest way to apply for a secondary school place is online. Visit surreycc.gov.uk/admissions to access the application form and more information on the application process and admission arrangements for Surrey schools. It is important that you consider this information carefully when you make your application. You can start your online application any time from 1st September 2020, but you must have completed it by 31st October 2020. As this date is during the half-term holiday, Surrey is suggesting that you submit your application by 23rd October 2020. You can download the app **ParentComms** to your mobile device to receive notifications about your application. Once you have submitted your application you will receive a confirmation email.



APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021 INTAKE – the school would like to remind all parents of children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 that, if they wish their child to attend St Edmund's, they must ensure that they meet the application deadline of **15th January 2021**. Applicants need to do two things before that date:

- complete and return (to the school office) the **school SIF** (application form) which can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from the school website (School Information/Admissions).
- complete the **Surrey County Council online application** (<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant/apply>) which is open from **2nd November 2020**.

Gift Aid – we have been working really hard to encourage anyone who is eligible to Gift Aid to do so. Having just finalised the claim for the year ending 2019, we estimate to have lost almost £1,000 in what we might have been able to claim. Please could we urge you to ensure that, **if you are a UK tax payer and have paid into the Governors' Fund, you sign and return the attached form**. We do thank you for your attention to this.

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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' DATES (new entries in yellow)	DATES cont ...
Mon 14 Sep New Reception Class children start (8.45am-12.45pm)	Fri 23 Oct 3.30pm close for half-term holiday
Thu 17 Sep Individual photos	Mon 2 Nov Children return to school
Sun 20 Sep 10.30am and 2pm FHC Masses (for last year's FHC candidates)	Wed 11 Nov Seaside workshop for Y1 TBC
Mon 21 Sep New Reception Class children full-time	Thu 12 Nov Flu vaccinations
Sun 27 Sep 10.30am and 2pm FHC Masses (for last year's FHC candidates)	THIS YEAR'S DATES (2020-2021)
Mon 28 Sep Little Way Week	AUT: 1 Sept-18 Dec 2020 (half-term w/c 26 Oct)
Wed 30 Sep Y3 to Butser Ancient Farm	SPR: 4 Jan-1 Apr 2021 (half-term w/c 15 Feb)
Fri 2 Oct INSET day – school closed	SUM: 19 Apr-21 July 2021 (half-term w/c 31 May)
Tue 13 Oct Y5 to Chertsey Museum	KNOWN INSET DAYS & CLOSURES
	1 st and 2 nd Sept, 2 nd Oct 2020
	15 th March 2021

The Pope Speaks: When the obsession to possess and dominate excludes millions of persons from having primary goods; when economic and technological inequality are such that the social fabric is torn; when dependence on unlimited material progress threatens our common home, then we cannot stand by and watch. No, this is distressing. We can't just stand by and watch.



We pray together: Father, help us all to think more deeply about the small things we could all do to improve the world for everyone. Help us to remember that it is in your world that we live and move. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Money Matters: first half of the Autumn Term 2020	
Dinners (KS2 ONLY):	£86.40 (36 days at £2.40; Thu 3 rd Sept – Fri 23 rd Oct 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
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.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

Attachment: PSA Lottery flier