

Newsletter 3: Friday 18th September 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Reception Class (YR) – we have greatly enjoyed getting to know all our new YR children this week. They have all done exceptionally well for their first week at school, particularly on



Thursday, when the photographer came in to school. We are looking forward to seeing the results!



First Holy Communion – we want to take this opportunity to tell all of our children who will be making their First Holy Communion that we will be thinking of them and praying for them in a special way this weekend and next.

We want our school to remain open! – the children are managing our new rules and routines really well. However, we need your help too. Please ensure that you adhere to these important rules:

- **Only one person** per family to drop-off / pick-up
- **Please stick to the timings:** avoid arriving too early
- Please **keep your distance** from each other
- When collecting in the afternoon, please walk into the car park through the 'In' gate and then **use the one-way system to exit**
- **Leave quickly!** Do not gather to chat at the gate or outside the school after collecting your child.

Keeping cyclists safe – more and more children and parents are cycling to school these days. Please could we ask you to ensure that those of you who drive do so very safely along the local roads which are crowded at drop-off and pick-up. **Please, very particularly, check that there are no cyclists on the road before opening your car door.** This is by far the most common way that cyclists get knocked off their bicycles, sometimes with devastating consequences. Thank you for your attention to this.



Sending medicines to school? – please could we ask you to ensure that, if you are sending medicine into school (such as Calpol or antibiotics), you also send an appropriate spoon/syringe.

PSA Items

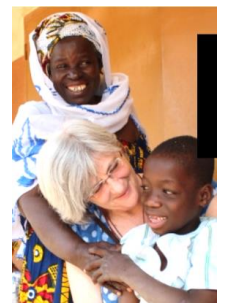
- **Harry Potter!** – going out with this newsletter is a flier from the PSA giving information about an opportunity to win a ticket for four people for a tour of the Warner Brothers (Harry Potter) Studios.
- **Drawing competition** – you will all hopefully have seen the information sent out from the PSA this week regarding the drawing competition (the theme of which is 'Animals on Holiday'), the closing date for which is Friday 25th September.
- **The PSA AGM** – is being held via Zoom at 5.30pm on Thursday 24th September. The Meeting ID is 937 0882 5165; the passcode is ee0xNX.



Families Surrey West – the 'Families' magazine would normally be sent home to you as a hard copy but for the moment is being made available online (<https://bit.ly/33eiofk>). It is full of resources and ideas to help you and your family make the most of the Autumn term.

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.

Helping others – Mrs Nicholls (right) has a charity which operates in Burkina Faso, West Africa. Her latest newsletter can be found by going to her website: www.les-amis-bf.org.uk and under 'Newsletters'. Do take a moment to read it, as it is full of really inspiring stories.

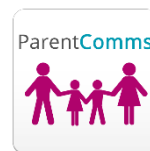


**GIVE
£5
A MONTH**

Please help us – thank you for the Gift Aid forms which have come in to school and which will enable us to claim funds from the government against the donations you have made to the Governors' Fund. Whilst being a voluntary contribution, the Governors' Fund is an extremely important means by which the school secures important funding to help us meet the needs of the children. We ask for donations of £5 per month (£20 per term/£60 per year) per family,

payable either as a one-off, termly or monthly donation. If you have not already paid this, we do urge you to consider doing so. Thank you.

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**.

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>

IMPORTANT DATES	
THIS TERM' DATES (new entries in yellow)	DATES cont ...
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
Thu 24 Sept 5.30pm PSA AGM	THIS YEAR'S DATES (2020-2021)
Sun 27 Sep 10.30am and 2pm FHC Masses (for last year's FHC candidates)	AUT: 1 Sept-18 Dec 2020 (half-term w/c 26 Oct)
Mon 28 Sep Start of Little Way Week	SPR: 4 Jan-1 Apr 2021 (half-term w/c 15 Feb)
Wed 30 Sep Y3 to Butser Ancient Farm	SUM: 19 Apr-21 July 2021 (half-term w/c 31 May)
Fri 2 Oct INSET day – school closed	KNOWN INSET DAYS & CLOSURES
Tue 13 Oct Y5 to Chertsey Museum	1 st and 2 nd Sept, 2 nd Oct 2020
Fri 23 Oct 3.30pm close for half-term holiday	15 th March 2021
Mon 2 Nov Children return to school	

Ethos Statements – each week you will see a brief 'Ethos Statement' in the newsletter. This is a statement about our school ethos upon which we will have focused that week. All classes spend time on Thursday morning discussing that week's Ethos Statement, thinking and talking about it and how it impacts upon our personal lives and our life as a school community.

Ethos Statement 2: I can say one good thing about myself.

The Pope Speaks: Gossip is like a bomb. One throws it, it causes destruction and you walk away tranquilly. Know that the best remedy against gossip is to bite your tongue.



We pray together: Father, help us to ensure that, when we open our mouths to speak, we say things which will do good. Above all, help us never to say anything which could offend or cause damage to another's reputation. 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.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
Clubs booking forms	http://www.stedmundschool.co.uk/page/?title=Clubs+and+Activities&pid=34

Attachments: Harry Potter Studio Tour flier