

Newsletter 4: Friday 25th September 2020

Dear Parents,

First Holy Communion – congratulations to all those children who made their First Holy Communion over the weekend. We were delighted that some members of staff were able to attend and share in the joy of these happy occasions. We pray that all of the children will grow up loving this most wonderful of sacraments.



Don't forget! – next Friday (2nd October) is an INSET day and **we will be closed**.

Welcome – to Olivia who joined our Year 1 class this week. We feel sure that you will join us in giving her and her family a warm St Edmund's welcome.

Parking! – this week we received a complaint from a resident of The Fairway, which is an exceptionally narrow road. Please park with consideration to our neighbours and all other road uses. We generally encourage our neighbours who are experiencing difficulties with people parking badly, inconsiderately or illegally not to hesitate in calling the police.

NHS letter – on Wednesday of this week we sent out to each of you a very useful letter issued by Public Health England. In brief, you should only book a Covid test if your child has any of these three coronavirus symptoms:

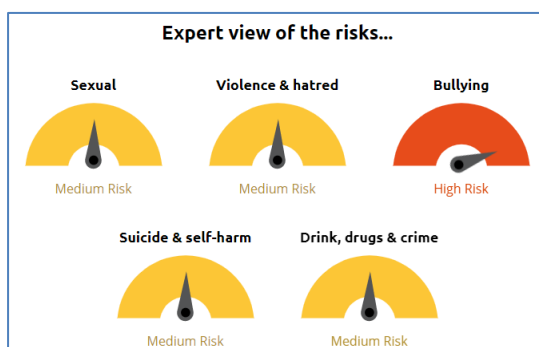


1. **a high temperature:** any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)
2. **a new continuous cough:** coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
3. **a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste:** a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal

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.

Celebrating achievements – well done to our budding photographer, Edward, in Year 3. Edward has been developing his photography skills and this was something he especially enjoyed during lockdown. He loves taking nature photos and also action photos of his brother doing bike jumps. He sent this one to a mountain bike magazine and was delighted to find they had published it! **If you would like to share something special that your child has achieved at home then please let Mrs Higgins know about it.**



Online safety –

children and young people's lives have changed dramatically because of the coronavirus. With social distancing measures and most schools having been shut for so long, children have been spending more time at home and online. Whilst the internet is a great way for children and young people to stay in touch with their friends, it can also bring risks. Now, more than ever, it is important to talk to your child about staying safe online and about the apps and sites that they may be using. The NSPCC has advice to help you. The second link is brilliant at explaining the various apps, what they do and the

associated risks. For example, the Net-Aware advice from experts about the Yolo app shows the very useful graph above. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>
<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/?page=4>



Do you enjoy quizzes? – if you do, then you'll enjoy the forthcoming parish 'Quiz Night' on 10th October. Something social and fun in the parish, even if it's on Zoom! To register, email honeysett@btinternet.com and please make a minimum donation of £5 per person to the CAFOD harvest appeal at: <https://tinyurl.com/y33xte2t> Update on Buildings Fr Jonathan

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.



Helping others – Mrs Nicholls 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.

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. You can start your online application any time from 1st September 2020, but you must have completed it by 31st October 2020.

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.stedmundsschool.co.uk/blog/?pid=14&nid=10>

IMPORTANT DATES

THIS TERM' DATES (new entries in yellow)		DATES cont ...	
Sun 27 Sep	10.30am and 2pm FHC Masses (for last year's FHC candidates)	Wed 11 Nov	Seaside workshop for Y1
Mon 28 Sep	Start of Little Way Week	Thu 12 Nov	Flu vaccinations
Wed 30 Sep	Y3 to Butser Ancient Farm	THIS YEAR'S DATES (2020-2021)	
Fri 2 Oct	INSET day – school closed	AUT: 1 Sept-18 Dec 2020 (half-term w/c 26 Oct)	
Wed 7 Oct	Life Bus (plus Thu 8 Oct)	SPR: 4 Jan-1 Apr 2021 (half-term w/c 15 Feb)	
Thu 8 Oct	Virtual CAFOD harvest assembly	SUM: 19 Apr-21 July 2021 (half-term w/c 31 May)	
Tue 13 Oct	Y5 Chertsey Museum workshop at school	KNOWN INSET DAYS & CLOSURES	
Wed 14 Oct	9.30am virtual Parents' Forum mtg TBC	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 Statement 3: I can say how I feel.

We pray together: Father, you have given us the gift of feelings. Help us to take as much care over the feelings of others as we do over our own. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.



The Pope Speaks: St Paul teaches that all members of the body, even those apparently most insignificant, are essential to the good functioning of the whole. The lockdown has made us appreciate the quiet efforts of so many individuals and groups to serve the larger community. As we look to the future, may the principles of solidarity and subsidiarity guide our efforts to emerge from the crisis by working for a social order ever more just and respectful of the dignity and gifts of each of its members.

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
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Attachments: Koosa Kids flier