

Newsletter 5: Thursday 1st October 2020

Dear Parents,

Don't forget! – tomorrow is an INSET day and **we will be closed.**



Year 3 trip to Butser Ancient Farm – the children had a wonderful day as they travelled back in time to the Stone Age!



Little Way Week – the children have been learning about St Thérèse of Lisieux and have been trying to do little deeds of kindness every day to help others. As St Thérèse showed us, *“What matters is not great deeds, but great love”*.

Grandparents Celebration – as we are not able to hold our usual celebration this year, the children are creating something to share with their grandparents. Please look out for something coming home.

Drawing Competition – the PSA was really pleased with the 37 excellent entries to its recent drawing competition, the theme of which was ‘Animals on Holiday’. We are delighted to announce the winners: **Age 4-5** Noah Streatfield, for his shark in a hotel picture. **Age 6-7** Mia Elias, for her animals ‘Surfing USA’ picture (right). **Age 8-9** Sophia Skelton, for her ‘Greek Chicken Holiday’ picture. **Age 10+** Thomas Brodwin, for his monkey, giraffe and elephant extravaganza. Each winner receives five House points and an online drawing class with Sarah Vickery. Well done to everyone who took part.



More parking complaints – we are receiving an increasing number of complaints from our neighbours about the reckless manner of parking along The Drive and local roads. Please park with consideration for our neighbours, pedestrians and other road users. Do not stop on the yellow lines or zig zags; do not park on pavements. Parking in this way is illegal and we will be asking the police to come and monitor the situation.

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.

Rodborough Virtual Open Evening – this is being offered from tomorrow, Friday 2nd October, for those thinking about secondary schools, please see their admissions page: www.rodborough.surrey.sch.uk/Admissions



A light bulb moment! – Mrs Nicholls has worked out why completing and returning the Gift Aid form is proving difficult for many of our parents. The form asks you to put in the amount you have paid, which will probably mean you having to pore over previous bank statements and cheque book stubs. **Please ignore that bit** as we already have the information about how much you have paid. We have uploaded the tweaked Gift Aid form to the website (School Information / Useful forms).

Lost! – a rather lovely guitar-shaped spoon (right) was handed in to the office having been found in the playground. Please come to the office if it belongs to you.



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 is 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

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>

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**.

IMPORTANT DATES

THIS TERM' DATES (new entries in yellow)

Fri 2 Oct	INSET day – school closed
Wed 7 Oct	Life Bus (plus Thu 8 Oct)
Thu 8 Oct	Virtual CAFOD harvest assembly
Tue 13 Oct	Y5 Chertsey Museum workshop at school
Wed 14 Oct	9.30am virtual Parents' Forum mtg TBC
Fri 23 Oct	3.30pm close for half-term holiday
Mon 2 Nov	Children return to school
Wed 11 Nov	Seaside workshop for Y1
Thu 12 Nov	Flu vaccinations

THIS 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 & CLOSURES

1st and 2nd Sept, 2nd Oct 2020
 15th March 2021

Ethos Statement 4: I can laugh and have fun.

We pray together: Father, you made us to be joyful. Help us to know that true joy comes from always being at one with you. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.



The Pope Speaks: Just as Jesus brought physical and spiritual healing to the sick, so we too are called to bring the Gospel's healing power to the task of creating a more just, inclusive and participatory society at every level. In this way, by God's grace, we will emerge from the present crisis with renewed hope for the building of a world ever more consistent with our human dignity and lofty vocation.

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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