

## Newsletter 6: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents,

**Thank you** – we were astonished and delighted by the anonymous gift from a parent, on Monday, of trays of truly delicious cakes for our staff. Thank you so much – this kind gesture was greatly appreciated.



**Welcome!** – we are pleased to welcome three new members of staff. Miss Sherwin joins Year 4 as an SNA and Miss Hanna joins Reception class as an SNA. Mrs Sciberras joins the office team, covering every Thursday and Friday morning. We feel sure that you will join us in giving them a warm St Edmund's welcome.



**Parent Consultations** – we are really pleased to be able to confirm that this important opportunity to discuss your child will go ahead as planned on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October. As we are not able to hold face to face meetings, we will be using a platform called 'School Cloud' which will allow us to hold video appointments. You will need to follow the link below to book appointments; booking will open on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 12 noon. We are all hopeful that this will provide us with a good way of ensuring that these meetings can take place. <https://stedmundsprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

**Photos** – on Monday your child brought home the contact sheet showing some of the photos which were taken of your child in school recently. There was also information about how to order the photos online. Please note that the deadline for ordering the photos is **13<sup>th</sup> October** after which postage and packing costs will apply.



**PSA Christmas Cards** – on Wednesday children brought home their sample card and an ordering envelope. We hope that you are pleased with them! If you would like to place an order please do so by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Send orders in to the office (or via your child's Classteacher).

**Parent Governor elections** – going out with this newsletter is information about an election for a Parent Governor. Please read the information carefully and consider whether you or some other parent might be interested in joining the Governing Body of St Edmund's School.



**Emotion Coaching for Parents and Carers** – 'Emotion Coaching' is an approach which helps children and young people to understand the different emotions they experience, why they occur and how to handle them. This helps children and young people to learn how to regulate their emotions and behaviour. We use

Emotion Coaching in school to support our pupils in how they navigate their emotions. Surrey County Council is offering some free parental training sessions information about which is given on the attached flier.

**CAFOD Harvest Assembly** – on Thursday the children enjoyed a virtual assembly delivered by CAFOD. Thank you to everyone who has, today, entered into the spirit of the CAFOD Harvest Fast by forgoing their breaktime snack. Thank you, also, for the cash donations which have been brought to school today which have come to an amazing £322! If you forgot, your donation can be brought in next week.

**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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020, **but you must have completed it by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.**

**St Peter's Open Evening** – at 6pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October St Peter's will be having its annual Open Evening, although this year it will be a virtual one. Mr Miller, the Headteacher, will be presenting promptly at 6pm and all the subject presentations will be available thereafter. Please visit their website: <https://www.st-petersschool.co.uk>



**Attendance** – despite the restrictions and difficulties placed on all schools at this time, we are really pleased with how we have managed and the dedication you have shown in getting your children to school. Our attendance figures are really great, and this week we achieved 100%.

**Rodborough Virtual Open Evening** – this is now available for those thinking about secondary schools, please see their admissions page: [www.rodborough.surrey.sch.uk/Admissions](http://www.rodborough.surrey.sch.uk/Admissions)



**The Parish Quiz** – is being postponed until such time as people can actually come together. We are all hoping that it won't be long before

**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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 that, if they wish their child to attend St Edmund's, they must ensure that they meet the application deadline of **15<sup>th</sup> 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020**.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

##### **THIS TERM' DATES** (new entries in yellow)

Tue 13 Oct Y5 Chertsey Museum workshop at school  
 Wed 14 Oct 9.30am virtual Parents' Forum  
**Mon 19 Oct Parent Consultations 3.40-6.30pm**  
**Wed 21 Oct Parent Consultations 3.40-6pm**  
 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  
**Mon 30 Nov School closed**

##### **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**

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept, 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct, 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020  
 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Ethos Statement 5:** I know what to do if I see someone being hurt.

**We pray together:** Father, help us to remember that you command us to take especial care of the weak, the vulnerable and anybody who is suffering. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.



**The Pope Speaks:** Christian thought is not opposed in principle to the prospect of profit, but rather it is opposed to profit at any cost; to profit that forgets human beings, profit that makes them slaves and reduces them to a 'thing', a variable in a process that they cannot in any way control or which they cannot in any way oppose.

##### **Money Matters: first half of the Autumn Term 2020**

**Dinners (KS2 ONLY):** £86.40 (36 days at £2.40; Thu 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept – Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](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>

Attachments: *Emotion Coaching for Parents and Carers leaflet*  
*Parents' Guide for Booking Appointments*  
*Parent Governor election information*