

Newsletter 8: Friday 23rd October 2020

Dear Parents,

The first half of this term has been unlike any other start to a new school year. We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your help and support in helping to keep us all safe and well. The whole school community has worked hard to follow the Covid guidelines, and we are sure that this half-term holiday comes as a welcome break for us all. Please keep safe and well, and continue to follow governmental guidelines over the course of the coming week.



If, during the half-term break, any child or family member receives a positive Covid test result, please let Mrs Higgins know as soon as possible by emailing her on head@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk

Parking and drop-off trial – on Wednesday we sent out to all of you some really important reminders and guidelines about the morning drive-through drop-off arrangements. We have been trialling the drop-off following requests from you, our parents. We will be happy to continue with this after the half-term holiday, **but will only do so if parents stick to the guidelines.**



Parent Consultations – we were very pleased with how well these went using the new online format. The teachers were really pleased to see everyone and the appointments ran smoothly for almost everyone. Many parents have given us very positive feedback on the new process; thank you.

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>

Half-termly newsletter – please look out for this special newsletter which tells you all about what each class has been doing this half term.



The Brighton Road – we have been notified that the Brighton Road is due to be shut for six weeks after the half-term holiday. This is clearly going to cause some disruption at both ends of the school day. Please therefore allow a little more time and also consider the possibility of parking further away and walking your child to school.

Nasal Flu Vaccination – the e-consent form for the flu vaccination must be completed online by 4pm on Thursday 5th November, at which time the portal will close. Please ensure that you complete your child's form ahead of this time. The children will be receiving their vaccination at school on Thursday 12th November. Full instructions on completing the e-consent can be found in the reminder letter which was sent out to all parents on 20th October.

Guitar for sale – Mrs Chare is giving away a guitar which is in good condition. If you are interested then please let the office know. Mrs Chare has asked that whoever would like the guitar should make a donation towards Mrs Nicholls' charity (www.les-amis-bf.org.uk)



Rocksteady – Rocksteady Music School is back in school delivering rock and pop band lessons. It is a great opportunity for the children to join their very own rock band and learn to play the songs they love on either drums, guitar, keyboard or vocals (no experience necessary). Band practice takes place in school time every week and boosts children's confidence, supports their progress at school, while enhancing their wellbeing along the way. If they are interested in becoming a drummer, guitarist, keyboard player or singer check out the attached letter with more details. Lessons are delivered in line with government guidance and our own school's policies. Places are limited and available on a first-come first-served basis. If you would like to book your child's place, sign up as soon as you can. Sign up online at www.rocksteadymusicschool.com or call 0330 113 0330 (Mon-Fri 8am-5pm local rate) for more information.



GET Teaching – the Godalming Learning Partnership (GLP), in partnership with Winchester University, is now recruiting its third cohort of trainee teachers to start in September 2021. The one year *GET Teaching* Schools Direct programme provides the perfect combination of immersive classroom experience with academic study at Winchester University. Trainees teach in two primary phase schools in Godalming and surrounding areas as well as spending one day a week studying either at Winchester University or with a senior practitioner from another GLP school. Our first successful cohort has begun teaching careers within GLP schools and elsewhere, having fully embraced virtual learning and online teaching driven by the



pandemic. Our eight current trainees are back to teaching face-to-face and looking forward to gaining invaluable experience of the wide range of school settings we can offer them. To find out more about the course and how to apply visit www.getteaching.org or contact Associate Director, Andrew Smith on: director@godalminglearning.org.uk

St Peter's virtual Open Evening – is still available on the St Peter's website: <https://www.st-petersschool.co.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=238>. Please be reminded that your application to Surrey County must be done by 31st October. Applicants should also complete and submit the St Peter's SIF.

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. Applications **must have completed it by 31st October**.

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 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
 Fri 27 Nov YR Advent Workshop Wintershall
 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

1st and 2nd Sept, 2nd Oct, 30th Nov 2020
 15th March 2021

Ethos Statement 7: I try to stand up for myself and others without hurting others.

We pray together: Father, you demand both justice and peace from us all. Help us to always work for justice, but in a peaceful way. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

The Pope Speaks: Prayer is essential to a good and truly human life, guiding our steps according to God's will and teaching us to avoid the snares of evil. Genuine prayer enables us, even at times of great distress, to see reality with God's eyes and to look upon our brothers and sisters with compassion and respect. In the psalms, personal and communal prayer merge, and praise of God is joined to concern for others, especially the poor and those in need. The psalms remind us that prayer must embrace every aspect of our lives in this world. Sometimes, prayer begins in our churches but then leads us to serve others in the streets of our cities. At other times, prayer originates in the midst of our daily work, and then finds its completion in the Church's liturgy. May we learn to pray the psalms more consciously, letting their voice become our own, as we seek to grow in love for God, trust in the fulfilment of his saving plan, and charity towards all our brothers and sisters.



Money Matters: second half of the Autumn Term 2020

Dinners (KS2 ONLY): £81.60 (34 days at £2.40; Mon 2nd Nov-Fri 18th Dec 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
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