

Newsletter 23: Friday 12th March 2021

Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful to have all the children back at school this week. It is almost exactly a year since we had to partially close the school last March; we never would have thought then, that we would still have children learning from home a year later! Having all children back in school gives us great hope for the better days to come. We have been very pleased with the way that everyone has settled back so well.

Thank you for all your work with the children at home. Thank you to the teachers who have worked tirelessly to give the children exciting learning opportunities remotely and in school since January. Well done everyone!



Drop-off and Pick-up – thank you for sticking to the timings for drop-off and collection.

Year R (with no siblings)	St John	St Matthew	St Mark	St Luke
3.15pm	3.15pm	3.20pm	3.25pm	3.30pm

Please come into the car park at the end of the day: don't wait out on the pavement as we need to see you clearly before we let the children go. Follow the one-way system and leave quickly by the 'Out' gate. Thank you for your attention to this.



Seesaw – although we have, hopefully, finished remote learning, please continue to regularly check Seesaw for messages, information and homework tasks.

Book Character Dressing-Up Day Friday 26th March – as most children were not in school for World Book Day last week, the children are invited to come to school on Friday 26th March dressed as their favourite book character.



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>



Xavier Catholic Education Trust – St Edmund's will officially become part of the Xavier Catholic Education Trust on 1st April. The trust has been a great support to our school during the last year and we are looking forward to working as part of the trust and all the opportunities we will have.

General good hygiene – our school nurse has asked us to remind you of the importance of really good hygiene, not only in the fight against Covid, but also to keep other regular and very prevalent problems out of school, such as threadworms.

School uniform – the school generally has on hand bits of uniform in the case of a student needing an urgent change. Currently, we have no sizes of PE shirts or jumpers nor any school cardigans or jumpers larger than size 28. If you have any of these and would be happy to donate to the school, it would be greatly appreciated. Any items above our need will go to the second hand uniform shop.

Second hand uniform sale – the next sale will be held on **Friday 23rd April**.



Next year's school dates – please be aware that our term dates for next academic year (Sept 2021-July 2022) will differ slightly from those given by Surrey County Council. This is because, from September, we will have the term dates shared by all Xavier Catholic Education Trust schools. Below are the known term dates (INSETs and other school closures to follow).

Term	From	To	Half-term
Autumn 2021	Monday 6 th September	Friday 17 th December	25 th – 29 th October
Spring 2022	Tuesday 4 th January	Friday 1 st April	14 th – 18 th February
Summer 2022	Tuesday 19 th April	Friday 22 nd July	30 th May – 3 rd June

IMPORTANT DATES

<u>THIS TERM'S DATES</u> (new entries in yellow)	<u>NEXT TERM</u>
Mon 8 Mar Children return to school	Mon 19 Apr Children return to school
Thu 18 Mar Y6 Lent workshops at Wintershall	Tue 20 Apr Y4 Bikeability (ends 22 nd)
Fri 19 Mar Feast Day of St Joseph	Fri 23 Apr Second hand uniform sale
Fri 26 Mar Book character dressing up day	Mon 3 May Bank Holiday – school closed
Thu 1 Apr Maundy Thursday 2pm close for Easter Holiday	<u>THIS YEAR'S DATES (2020-2021)</u>
Fri 2 Apr Good Friday	SPR: 4 Jan-1 Apr 2021 (half-term w/c 15 Feb)
Sat 3 Apr Holy Saturday	SUM: 19 Apr-21 July 2021 (half-term w/c 31 May)
Sun 4 Apr The Resurrection of Our Lord	

Ethos Statement 21: I know that it is OK for me to make mistakes

We pray together: Father, remembering that you forgive us when we make mistakes, help us to forgive and be patient with those around us who make mistakes. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN

The Pope Speaks to us: In life's journey, as in every journey, what really matters is not to lose sight of the goal. If what interests us as we travel, however, is looking at the scenery or stopping to eat, we will not get far. We should ask ourselves: on the journey of life, do I seek the way forward, or am I satisfied with living in the moment and thinking only of feeling good, solving some problems and having fun? What is the path? Is it the search for health, which many today say comes first but which eventually passes? Could it be possessions and wellbeing? But we are not in the world for this. *Return to me*, says the Lord. *To me*. The Lord is the goal of our journey in this world. The direction must lead to him.



Money Matters: second half of the Spring Term 2021	
Dinners (KS2 ONLY):	£43.20 (19 days 8 th March-1 st April at £2.40 per day)
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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