

Newsletter 24: Friday 19th March 2021

Dear Parents,

St Joseph – thank you very much to Father Jonathan for joining us via Zoom to help us to celebrate St Joseph's Feast Day which is today. Pope Francis has designated 2021 the year of St Joseph, and says of him: "Christians can discover in St Joseph – who often goes unnoticed – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. St Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all."

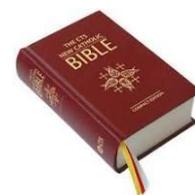


Book Character Dressing-Up Day next Friday, 26th March – as most children were not in school for World Book Day, the children are invited to come to school on Friday of next week, dressed as their favourite book character.



Parish items

- The **Parish Easter Egg Hunt** – going out with this newsletter is a poster giving details of the parish Easter Egg Hunt.
- **Good Friday Pilgrim Trail and Quiz around the churches of Godalming** – organised by Churches Together in Godalming (CTiG), this is an original and creative alternative to the annual Walk of Witness. Maps will be provided with more details to follow.
- **Stations of the Cross for families with primary age children.** This takes place at 10.00am on Good Friday at St Joseph's. Please book on Eventbrite if you would like to attend: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/st-edmunds-parish-30558842926>
- **The parish Livesimply group** is organising a collection of Catholic bibles at the request of the Catholic chaplain at HMP Downview, a prison for young offenders in Sutton. If you have a spare Catholic bible at home which you no longer use perhaps you could consider this might be a valuable gift to a prisoner, whose life may be transformed by it? Foreign language Catholic editions are also welcome. Please bring bibles to school and hand into the school office or at the back of the church by 29th March so the parish can deliver the good news in time for Easter. Please note: *we have been asked specifically for Catholic Bibles, as the prison receives bibles from the Gideon's and other organisations.*



Chorister Opportunity at Westminster Cathedral Choir School – every September Westminster Cathedral Choir welcomes up to six choristers into Year 4. If your son has a good singing voice and would like to audition to become a chorister, please contact Miss Lucy Auger on 020 7798 9081.

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



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 pupil 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

THIS TERM'S DATES (new entries in yellow)		NEXT TERM	
Fri 19 Mar	Feast Day of St Joseph	Mon 19 Apr	Children return to school
Fri 26 Mar	Book character dressing up day	Tue 20 Apr	Y4 Bikeability (ends 22 nd)
Thu 1 Apr	Maundy Thursday	Fri 23 Apr	3.30pm Second hand uniform sale
	2pm close for Easter Holiday	Mon 3 May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Fri 2 Apr	Good Friday	REMAINING DATES (2020-2021)	
Sat 3 Apr	Holy Saturday	SPR: 4 Jan-1 Apr 2021 (half-term w/c 15 Feb)	
Sun 4 Apr	The Resurrection of Our Lord	SUM: 19 Apr-21 July 2021 (half-term w/c 31 May)	

Ethos Statement 22: I can learn from my mistakes and failures.

We pray together: Father, our mistakes are healed over by your mercy and forgiveness. Give us the humility to accept that we make mistakes and the humility to accept correction. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN

The Pope Speaks to us: In our catechesis on Christian prayer, we have seen that, through prayer, we share in the life of the blessed Trinity, thanks to Christ's gift of the Holy Spirit. Through prayer and works of charity, we open our lives to the Spirit's gifts, following in the footsteps of countless saints who have gone before us. The Catechism tells us that there are as many paths to prayer as there are persons who pray, but it is the same Spirit acting in all and with all. In our prayer, let us ask the Spirit to guide us in our daily lives, to draw us ever more fully into the life of the Blessed Trinity, and bestow upon the Church the richness of his gifts for the growth of our human family in unity and peace.



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
Dates for the year ahead	http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2,3&pid=14&viewid=1
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Attachments: Parish Easter Egg Hunt poster