

Newsletter 28: Friday 7th May 2021

Dear Parents,

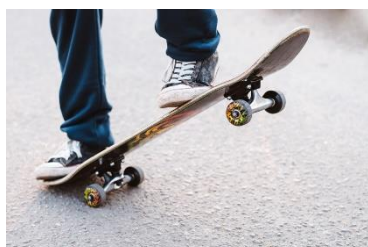
Godly Play – this week every class has enjoyed a ‘Godly Play’ session led by Lucy from the Wintershall Estate. The children listen to God’s word through storytelling using a set of special figures and objects. They then have time to respond and engage spiritually with the story. This week they have heard the Pentecost story.



Blue Tit chicks – the eggs in our birdbox have hatched this week. The parents have been very busy feeding their new babies. You can follow their progress here: <http://www.seenature.org.uk/schools/st-edmunds-cep-school/>

Y1 Gardening Club – this club would be very grateful for any plant containers which you have and may be able to spare for the planting up of plants. It would also be grateful for any spare sacks you may have. Thank you.

Bugingham Palace – you may recall that, last year, Mr Judge turned to you for help in putting together our very first bug hotel. We need to appeal to you again, as many of the items which we used to form the hotel have gone! He would be grateful for pine cones, broken tiles, piping and, perhaps, small clay plant pots. Thank you.



A skate park! – a local petition has begun to convert the disused golf course near Broadwater Park into a skate and BMX track which children of all ages could use. Here is the link to it: [Petition · To build a BMX track and Skate Park on the disused Broadwater Golf course · Change.org](https://www.change.org/p/petition-to-build-a-bmx-track-and-skate-park-on-the-disused-broadwater-golf-course) This is a wonderful initiative and one which could help divert local young people towards more positive activities. The petition will be considered by local councillors in the coming weeks (an initial meeting is scheduled next week) and the more support the petition gets, the more attention they will pay to it.

Please pay promptly – the term is getting quite busy with a number of lovely outings for the children. Please could the office appeal to you to pay for trips promptly. Thank you.

Parking on the corner of The Drive and The Paddock – we received a complaint this week from a resident of The Paddock. She reported that there was a car parked right up to the corner of The Paddock and The Drive, making it exceptionally difficult and dangerous to pull out of The Paddock. Parking on corners is both illegal and dangerous.



Families Surrey South West – we would normally send out hard/paper copies of this excellent magazine for local families. Until we are able to do this again, here is the link to the May/June issue of the Families Magazine. https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/surrey_south_west_may_june_2021?fr=sOTY5ZjM2MTY0OTE

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>

PARISH ITEMS

Parish Plant Sale – a big thank-you to everyone who supported the parish plant sale at the weekend and contributed to the fundraising towards a solar water pump for the community at Kasanka. The event was a great success; donations can still be made online or at church. To contribute: pick up a Kasanka envelope at church; donate using the contactless devices at Mass; or transfer online to: acct: Zambia RD a/c: 00754226, sort: 60-09-04 (and ensure ‘Kasanka’ is your reference). If you would like to Gift Aid your contribution, please contact the parish office for a form.



Post-pandemic notice – our parish churches are open and Mass is available to anyone who would like to attend. There is no need to book for weekday Mass but please check <https://stedsgod.com/> for times/venue. For weekend Mass we are using a booking system on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/st-edmunds-parish-30558842926> Please feel free to pop in to St Edmund's church; it's open every day between 10am and 5pm. If you would like to contact Fr Jonathan his details are: 01483 416880 or pp.godalming@abdiocese.org.uk

Ascension of the Lord – there will be a Vigil Mass at St Edmund's on Wednesday 12th May at 7.30pm and a morning Mass (13th May) at St Joseph's at 10.00am. Both of these can be booked on Eventbrite. In the evening Fr Jonathan and Revd James Rattue (from St John's) will lead Evening Prayer at St John's, Farncombe with Churches Together in Godalming at 5.30pm. No need to book: first-come first-served so arrive in good time.

IMPORTANT DATES

THIS TERM'S DATES (new entries in yellow)		DATES (continued)	
Tue 11 May	YR+6 Hedgehog Rescue Centre visit (here)	Mon 28 Jun	Y1 to Tuesley Farm
Fri 21 May	Y2 to Wisley	Wed 30 Jun	Whole-school photo
Tue 25 May	Y1 to Rural Life Centre	Thu 1 Jul	Y4 to Wintershall
	Y5+6 First Aid Training	Mon 5 Jul	3.30pm Y5 parents & children meeting re trip to St George's House
Wed 26 May	Class photos	Thu 8 Jul	St Peter's Induction Day
	9.30am Parents' Forum meeting		Moving Up Day
Fri 28 May	3pm close for half-term		New intake induction morning
Mon 7 Jun	Children return to school	Fri 9 Jul	Y6 Away Day at Wintershall
	Y5+6 Guildford Shakespeare Company (in school)	Wed 21 Jul	2pm early close
Tue 8 Jun	Y6 to Rural Life Centre	NEXT YEAR'S DATES	
Wed 9 Jun	4.15pm Y6 Zoom meeting re Henley Fort	AUT: 6 Sep-17 Dec 2021 (half-term w/c 25 Oct)	
Mon 14 Jun	Y2 Chertsey Museum Toy workshop (in school)	SPR: 4 Jan-1 Apr 2022 (half-term w/c 14 Feb)	
	Y6 Bikeability (ends 18 Jun)	SUM: 19 Apr-22 Jul 2022 (half-term w/c 30 May)	
Tue 15 Jun	Y5 to Henley Fort		
Tue 22 Jun	Y6 residential at Henley Fort (ends 25 Jun)		
Wed 23 Jun	Y3 to Sculpture Park		

Ethos Statement 27: I know how to help others when they are in trouble.

We pray together: Father, you are always there to help us when we are in trouble. Help us to be your faithful representatives here on Earth by always being ready to help those around us who are in any sort of trouble. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN



The Pope Speaks to us: I encourage you to take a break and go to the nearest church, to sit for a while in front of the tabernacle. Let yourselves behold the infinite and patient love of Jesus, who awaits you there, and contemplate him with the eyes of faith and love. He will speak many things to your heart. your life is contained in a great love from which nothing can separate you.

Money Matters: first half of the Summer Term 2021	
Dinners (KS2 ONLY):	£69.60 (29 days 19 th Apr – 28 th May 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
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