

Newsletter 31: Friday 28th May 2021

Dear Parents,

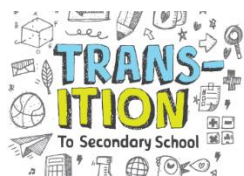
PSA Mufti & Crazy Hair Day – well done to everyone who took part in today's PSA fundraising mufti and crazy hair day. Thank you for the donations; you can still drop your pound in after half-term if you need to.



Pick-up times – please note that from 7th June pick-up times will change slightly as follows:

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

Golden Boot Challenge – we will be taking part in this year's Golden Boot Challenge. The Challenge will take place from Monday 7th June to Friday 2nd July 2021. This important challenge promotes walking to school. If you live further from school then please do consider 'park and stride' which means parking and then walking the remainder of the way. We are collecting the data every day during the challenge to see which class has achieved the greenest and most environmentally friendly way of getting to school. Please do your best to take part and improve the air quality of our area.



Year 6 Transition Webinar – we are offering a webinar to the parents of Year 6 children at 7pm on 16th June via Teams. The aim of the session is to help parents support their children with the transition from primary to secondary school. To sign up for this, please do so via the Parentmail Form which was sent to Year 6 parents on Thursday 20th May.

Please name! – we are throwing out an increasing number of water bottles and Tupperware-type snack boxes due to being unnamed and unclaimed. Please ensure that all water bottles and snack boxes come to school clearly named. Thank you.

Absence Request – if you need to take your child out of school, please do not forget to give good notice to the office by completing an absence request form in advance of the absence. The form can be found on our website: School Information/Useful Forms/Absence Request). Alternatively, just pop into the school office where there are hard copies available. **Holiday requests will be unauthorised.**

School Uniform – following on from parent requests earlier this year, we are delighted to say that we now have a new online provider for school uniform, Premier Schoolwear. Please click on the below link to go directly to the website. Uniform can also still be purchased from Ballet Hoo in Godalming. <https://www.premierschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/st-edmunds/>



Walking the Parables of Jesus – our year 4 class is very lucky to be booked to attend 'Walking the Parables of Jesus' at Wintershall on 1st July. The parish has asked us to let you know that there are tickets still available for Saturday 3rd July, and some limited for Friday 2nd July. For more information or to buy tickets: 01483 892167

Breakfast and After-School Club – from September there are going to be changes made to the breakfast and after-school clubs. Currently run by Koosa Kids, from September the school will be running the clubs. The changes will come about due to our now being a part of the Xavier Catholic Education Trust. We would like to reassure you that the transition will be made as easy as possible for all parents of children who attend the clubs. More information will be sent out nearer the time.



Parent volunteers – before parents can come back to school as volunteers, it will be a requirement to undertake safeguarding training run and managed by the Xavier Catholic Education Trust. If you wish to come back as a volunteer, please let the office know. There are some upcoming training sessions, detailed below. Volunteers will also have to complete an application form which is available on our school website (School Information/Parents/Useful forms and letters). Please contact the office if you would like to book on to one of the training sessions. Parent volunteer training sessions:

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| 9 th June | 10am, 1pm and 6.30pm |
| 7 th July | 10am and 6.30pm |

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| 14 th September | 10am and 1pm |
| 16 th September | 6.30pm |

Play games and help science at the same time – researchers at the University of Nottingham are running some fun and interesting online research games for children aged 5-15 years which will help to understand how attention and maths skills develop. **These research games can all be completed from home.** In return for their time, children will receive an Amazon voucher and a certificate. For more information on how to get involved, see the university webpage: <https://tinyurl.com/AttentionMathsGames> or email us any queries (Ruman: rumandeep.hayre@nottingham.ac.uk; Naima: naima.nigar1@nottingham.ac.uk).

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

Are you concerned about the environment and the climate crisis? Our parish *livesimply* group has arranged a meeting with Jeremy Hunt MP on 18th June at 3.45pm on zoom to discuss the issue of our climate crisis and how this affects the poorest communities around the world. To ensure that these concerns are at the heart of the G7 and COP26 climate talks this year we need to speak up and be a voice for the voiceless and the more there are of us the better, so please contact Jo on jolewry@aol.com if you are interested in joining the meeting.

IMPORTANT DATES

| THIS TERM'S DATES (new entries in yellow) | | DATES (continued) | |
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| Fri 28 May | Normal pick-up time | Fri 2 Jul | 3.15-5.30pm PSA Summer Fair |
| Mon 7 Jun | Children return to school Y5+6 Guildford Shakespeare Company (in school) | Mon 5 Jul | 3.30pm Y5 parents & children meeting re trip to St George's House |
| Tue 8 Jun | Y6 to Rural Life Centre | Thu 8 Jul | St Peter's Induction Day Moving Up Day New intake induction morning |
| Wed 9 Jun | 4.15pm Y6 Zoom meeting re Henley Fort | Fri 9 Jul | Y6 Away Day at Wintershall |
| Mon 14 Jun | Y2 Chertsey Museum Toy workshop (in school) Y6 Bikeability (ends 18 Jun) | Wed 21 Jul | 2pm early close |
| Tue 15 Jun | Y5 to Henley Fort | NEXT YEAR'S DATES | |
| Tue 22 Jun | Y6 residential at Henley Fort (ends 25 Jun) | AUT: 6 Sep-17 Dec 2021 (half-term w/c 25 Oct) | |
| Wed 23 Jun | Y3 to Sculpture Park | SPR: 4 Jan-1 Apr 2022 (half-term w/c 14 Feb) | |
| Thu 24 Jun | Y4 to Rugged Earth | SUM: 19 Apr-22 Jul 2022 (half-term w/c 30 May) | |
| Mon 28 Jun | YR to Tuesley Farm | | |
| Wed 30 Jun | Whole-school photo | | |
| Thu 1 Jul | Y4 to Wintershall | | |

Ethos Statement 30: I try to accept forgiveness from others.

We pray together: Father, we thank you for your forgiveness. Help us to give and accept forgiveness. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.



The Pope Speaks to us: Struggling with prayer happens to us all. We pray and pray that a friend, a father, a mother may recover from illness, but they then leave us. Did God not listen to us? It happens to us all. Prayer does not magically solve our problems, but we ask God, instead, to resolve issues as He sees fit. Human suffering is not pleasant, but the Lord is still with us and He resolves everything.

Money Matters: second half of the Summer Term 2021

Dinners (KS2 ONLY): £79.20 (33 days 7th June to 21st July 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

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| 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 |