

# Newsletter 32: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents,

**Welcome back!** – welcome back to Mrs Scott, who has returned as Year 2 Classteacher (Monday-Thursday) following her maternity leave. We are grateful to Ms Robson for having taught Year 2 this year and who remains with us in Year 2 every Friday for this term.

**Golden Boot Challenge** – this year's Golden Boot Challenge began on Monday and will last until 2<sup>nd</sup> July. 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.



**CAFOD National Assembly** – two St Edmund's children are featured in this special assembly about Pope Francis's letter 'Fratelli Tutti' (Brothers, Sisters All). You can watch again here:

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/National-assemblies>

**Open Farm Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June** – many children have enjoyed visits to Huckleberries Nurture Farm in Elstead over the past few years. If you would like to meet some of their animals and take part in a range of farming activities, book a free place for the Hampton Estate Open Farm Sunday. See the attached poster for more details and how to book.



**First Holy Communion Preparation 2021/22** – the parish has an important meeting coming up on **1st July** for those parents who would like to prepare their children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to receive Holy Communion in the coming year. Children should be baptised Catholic and going into Year 4 or above. You will need to register for the meeting and details are in the parish newsletter and on the parish website at <https://stedsgod.com/fhc>

**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.

**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/>



**Grandparents Diocesan Annual Pilgrimage** – going out with this newsletter is information about this year's Grandparents' Annual Pilgrimage which will take place from 10.30am to 3pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July at the church of Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis in West Grinstead.

**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:



9 <sup>th</sup> June	10am, 1pm and 6.30pm
7 <sup>th</sup> July	10am and 6.30pm

14 <sup>th</sup> September	10am and 1pm
16 <sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rumandeep.hayre@nottingham.ac.uk); Naima: [naima.nigar1@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto: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>

**Walking the Parables of Jesus at Wintershall** – parishioner Richard Grey has 30 tickets available for 29<sup>th</sup> June and is happy to host a mini parish pilgrimage through the beautiful grounds of Wintershall with a picnic lunch interval. The cost is £20 [for those who can afford to pay]. If interested in joining the group and/or for more information please contact Richard at 01252 702230. [www.wintershall.org.uk](http://www.wintershall.org.uk)

#### 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jolewry@aol.com) if you are interested in joining the meeting.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

<b>THIS TERM'S DATES (new entries in yellow)</b>		<b>DATES (continued)</b>	
Mon 14 Jun	Y2 Chertsey Museum Toy workshop (in school) Y6 Bikeability (ends 18 Jun)	Thu 8 Jul	St Peter's Induction Day Moving Up Day New intake induction morning
Tue 15 Jun	Y5 to Henley Fort	Fri 9 Jul	Y6 Away Day at Wintershall
<b>Wed 16 Jun</b>	<b>Y4 to Broadwater for Multi Skills PM</b>	Wed 21 Jul	2pm early close
Tue 22 Jun	Y6 residential at Henley Fort (ends 25 Jun)	<b>NEXT YEAR'S DATES</b>  AUT: 6 Sep-17 Dec 2021 (half-term w/c 25 Oct) SPR: 4 Jan-1 Apr 2022 (half-term w/c 14 Feb) SUM: 19 Apr-22 Jul 2022 (half-term w/c 30 May)	
Wed 23 Jun	Y3 to Sculpture Park		
Thu 24 Jun	Y4 to Rugged Earth		
Mon 28 Jun	YR to Tuesley Farm		
Wed 30 Jun	Whole-school photo		
Thu 1 Jul	Y4 to Wintershall		
Fri 2 Jul	3.15-5.30pm PSA Summer Fair		
Mon 5 Jul	3.30pm Y5 parents & children meeting re trip to St George's House		

**Ethos Statement 31:** I know how to show that I am sorry.

**We pray together:** Father, our friendship with others and with you will from time to time mean that we have to say sorry. Grant us the grace and the humility to show that we are sorry and to say that we are sorry. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.



**The Pope Speaks to us:** Reflecting on St Paul's encouragement to pray unceasingly, the Church's spiritual writers have questioned how it is possible to remain in a constant state of prayer. The Greek monk Evagrius compared prayer to a flame burning perpetually in our hearts even as we carry out our daily tasks. Prayer thus becomes a backdrop against which every action of our lives finds its deepest meaning.

<b>Money Matters: second half of the Summer Term 2021</b>	
<b>Dinners (KS2 ONLY):</b>	£79.20 (33 days 7 <sup>th</sup> June to 21 <sup>st</sup> July at £2.40 per day)
<b>Governors' Fund:</b>	£20 per family per term, cheques payable to "A&B Diocesan Trust St Edmund's"
<b>Outings:</b>	Cheques payable to "St Edmund's School Fund" or pay online via PMX ParentMail
<b>PSA Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk">www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk</a>
<b>Confused by educational jargon?</b>	Try our glossary or Frequently Asked Questions pages under "School Information"
<b>Still confused?</b>	Then <a href="mailto:info@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk">info@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk</a> or 01483 414497
<b>Dates for the year ahead</b>	<a href="http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2,3&amp;pid=14&amp;viewid=1">http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2,3&amp;pid=14&amp;viewid=1</a>
<b>Copies of the newsletters</b>	<a href="http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=Newsletters&amp;pid=93">http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=Newsletters&amp;pid=93</a>
<b>Clubs booking forms</b>	<a href="http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=Clubs+and+Activities&amp;pid=34">http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=Clubs+and+Activities&amp;pid=34</a>

Attachment: poster re Open Farm; Grandparents Annual Pilgrimage poster