

Newsletter 33: Friday 18th June 2021

Dear Parents,

Extended COVID restrictions – sadly, due to the extended COVID restrictions we have had to cancel a few things for this term. The summer fair can no longer go ahead, nor can the whole school photo. The PSA is looking at some fun events for the children before the end of this term and will share more details soon.

Please also note that the meeting for Y5 parents and children about the Devon trip will now take place via Zoom at 4pm on Monday 5th July. We will also have to change our plans for the Moving Up/Induction morning on 8th July and will let everyone know as soon as possible.



Sports Morning- we will be able to hold our sports morning, for children only this year, on Wednesday 7th July at Busbridge Infant School. Please could children wear their PE kit and a T shirt in their house colour? Please note that due to COVID restrictions we are not able to have any spectators this year.

Thank You – sadly, after 8 years at St Edmund's, our cook, Louise, is leaving us today. We will miss her and her delicious meals very much. We wish her the best of luck in her new endeavours.

Golden Boot Challenge – this year's Golden Boot Challenge began last week and will run until 2nd 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.



Open Farm Sunday 27th 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. For more information and to book follow link:
<http://www.hamptonestate.co.uk/events/>



Year 2 Toy Workshop – the children from Year 2 enjoyed a visit from Chertsey Museum this week. They got to learn about and play with toys from the olden times.

Year 5 Henley Fort – on Tuesday, the Year 5 children visited Henley Fort where they participated in a range of outdoor activities including a challenge course, climbing and various team tasks. They had a wonderful time.

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>

Multi Sports Festival – it was wonderful to see the Year 4 children taking part in a multi sports festival with other schools at Broadwater School this week. We have missed taking the children to sporting events over the past 15 months and, hopefully, this will be the first of many more to come!

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/>



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:



7 th July	10am and 6.30pm

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

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 29th 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

PARISH ITEMS

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. Places at weekend Mass can be booked on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/st-edmunds-parish-30558842926>
St Edmund's church is open every day between 10am and 5pm if you would like to pop in for some quiet time. If you would like to contact Fr Jonathan his details are: 01483 416880
or pp.godalming@abdiocese.org.uk

IMPORTANT DATES

THIS TERM'S DATES (new entries in yellow)

Tue 22 Jun Y6 residential at Henley Fort (ends 25 Jun)
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 4pm Y5 parents & children Zoom meeting re trip to St George's House
Wed 7 Jul Sports Morning at Busbridge Infant School (children only no spectators)

DATES (continued)

Thu 8 Jul St Peter's Induction Day TBC
Moving Up Day TBC
New intake induction morning TBC
Fri 9 Jul Y6 Away Day at Wintershall
Wed 21 Jul 2pm early close

NEXT YEAR'S DATES

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)

Ethos Statement 32: I understand the importance of peace.

We pray together: Dear God, We're in need of your peace and truth to soothe our hearts and spirits right now. When we find ourselves awake in the middle of the night, our pressing needs and worries can feel overwhelming. We need to be reminded of your constant love, healing, and grace. AMEN.



The Pope Speaks to us:

We are never alone. Pope Francis said we must, "keep this in our heart, we must never forget" that Jesus prayed for each of us personally. "We were willed by Jesus Christ, and even in the our of His Passion, Death, and Resurrection, everything was offered for us.

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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