

# Newsletter 1: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents,

**Welcome back to school** – how wonderful it has been to welcome you back to school after what we hope was a good holiday for you all. We extend a big warm welcome to Megan (Y1), Jude and Freddie (Y3), Ambrose (Y4), Aria and Max (Y5) who joined us this week. Our new Reception Class children will be joining us from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September. All the children are looking very smart in their school uniform. If the weather is warm, children may wear the school summer uniform until the October half-term holiday.



A big thank-you to you all for the many gifts which were given to staff members at the end of last term. We do assure you that we never take these for granted and are always extremely touched by your kindness and thoughtfulness.

**Blessing of teachers and school staff** – you may have seen, in the latest parish newsletter, that Fr Jonathan will be giving a special blessing to school staff at all Masses this weekend. This will be a good opportunity for the parish to celebrate the work of schools and to ask God's blessing on our school for the year ahead.



**“Meet the Teacher”** – this will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September for Years 1-6 (3.25pm and 3.55pm). This is an opportunity for you to hear about what your child will be doing in school this year. There are two identical sessions per class for those with more than one child here. Just proceed to the classroom of your choice after pick-up. On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September children of school age can be left in the hall where they will be supervised. If you cannot attend, important information will be sent to you and also put onto the school website under School Information and then Meet the Teacher.

**Want to change dinner arrangements?** – please ensure that, if you wish to change your child's dinner arrangements, you give the office a week's notice in writing. Thank you.

**Tables & Chairs** – we have replaced the classroom tables and chairs in one of our classrooms and are taking this opportunity to offer them to anyone who would like them. They are outside Mr Judge's shed – please help yourselves.



**Individual photos** – the photographer will be coming in to take photos of each of the children on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September**. We look forward to all children coming to school looking extra smart that day!

**Governors' Fund and Gift Aid** – at the start of a new academic year, we would like to remind you to do your best to contribute to the Governors' Fund. This is an important fund which allows us to make necessary improvements to the school. The recommended amount is £20 per term per family, but you are free to donate more if you wish. Also, we have been working really hard to encourage anyone who is eligible to Gift Aid to do so. Please could we urge you to ensure that, **if you are a UK tax payer and have paid into the Governors' Fund, you sign and the Gift Aid form** which can be downloaded for the website (under 'Useful Forms' We do thank you for your attention to this.

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**Parking** – please do your best to park legally and with consideration towards our neighbours. Could we especially ask you not to park too close to the crossroads where Busbridge Lane intersects with Park Road / The Drive as doing so makes it extremely difficult for drivers using what is a very busy crossroads. Please also do not park anywhere near the little roundabout down the Fairway or on the corner down The Paddock. In fact, The Fairway will be closed for two days from 16<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you.

**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



**First Holy Communion 2021/22** There is an information evening at 7.30pm at St Edmund's church on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September for parents who missed the meeting in June and who would like to register their children (in Year 4). This year's programme starts on 18<sup>th</sup> September. More information from Anne: [communionatsteds@gmail.com](mailto:communionatsteds@gmail.com)

**Altar Serving** Fr Jonathan would like to extend a special invitation to the children who have already made their First Holy Communion to become altar servers. If interested, please get in touch either by phone (01483 416880) or by email: [pp.godalming@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pp.godalming@abdiocese.org.uk)

**St Edmund's Parish Weekend Mass times:** 6pm (St Edmund's, Godalming), 8.45am, *with Children's Liturgy* (St John's Farncombe) and 10.30am (St Joseph's, Milford); please check the website calendar for weekday Mass times. There is more information and the latest parish newsletter at: <https://stedsgod.com/>

## IMPORTANT DATES

### THIS TERM

Mon 13 Sep YR children start (part-time)  
 Tue 14 Sep 3.25pm Meet the Teacher (Y1-6)  
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 Mon 20 Sep YR children start full-time  
 Tue 21 Sep Individual photos  
 Mon 27 Sep Little Way Week  
 Wed 29 Sep Y3 to Butser Ancient Farm  
 Y5 to Sayers Croft (back Fri 1 Oct)  
 Mon 4 Oct Y6 to Devon (back Fri 8 Oct)  
 Fri 8 Oct **INSET day – school closed**  
 Tue 12 Oct Y5 to Chertsey Museum  
 Wed 13 Oct Life Bus  
 Mon 18 Oct Rabbi visit Y3-6  
 Tue 19 Oct Y1 Seaside workshop  
 Wed 20 Oct 9.05am Parents' Forum

### THIS TERM continued

Fri 22 Oct **INSET day – school closed**  
 Half term 25-29 Oct  
 Mon 1 Nov Children return to school  
 Wed 10 Nov 9.30am Open Morning for prospective parents  
 Fri 12 Nov Flu vaccinations YR-6  
 Mon 29 Nov **School closed**  
 Fri 17 Dec **2pm early close** for Christmas holiday

### THIS YEAR'S DATES (2020-2021)

AUT: 6 Sept-18 Dec 2021 (half-term w/c 25 Oct)  
 SPR: 4 Jan-1 Apr 2022 (half-term w/c 14 Feb)  
 SUM: 19 Apr-22 July 2022 (half-term w/c 30 May)

### KNOWN INSET DAYS & CLOSURES

6<sup>th</sup> Sept, 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct, 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021

**The Pope Speaks:** "It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live ... I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (Gal 2:20) In addressing the Galatians, St Paul the Apostle also speaks to us: he invites each of us to rejoice in the righteousness we have received through faith in Christ and to bear convincing witness to God's merciful love in the way we live our daily lives.



**We pray together:** Father, as we embark upon a new academic year we ask you to help us to do our best to cooperate with you in all things. With you at the heart of all that we think, say and do, we can approach the future with joyful hope. We ask this through Christ the Lord. AMEN.

### Money Matters: first half of the Autumn Term 2021

**Dinners (KS2 ONLY):** £78.40 (32 days at £2.45; Tue 6 Sep – Thu 21 Oct)  
**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](http://www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk)

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Attachment: letter from Xavier Trust