

Newsletter 2: Friday 17th September 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome! – a warm welcome to all the children of our new Reception Class who have joined us this week. We have really enjoyed getting to know them and would like to congratulate them on coming to school so happily. We particularly welcome all those families who are new to St Edmund's.



Parking – we are very aware of how difficult it has been along The Drive since the start of term. This is a narrow road which, unfortunately, serves three schools! May we appeal to you to park much further away and walk to school? If you are going to park near the school, then please do your best to park legally and with consideration towards our neighbours.

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.

Snacks – just a little reminder that snacks brought to school must be of a healthy nature, therefore sweets or chocolate items are not allowed. Key Stage One children are given free fruit and vegetables every day as part of a government scheme.

Clubs – a list of clubs is now available on the school website. Also on the website are the various sign-up letters for the clubs which are **not** run by school staff. For school-run clubs Parentmail Forms have already been sent out.

DAY	WHAT	LEAD BY	YRS	TIME	FROM	END
Mon	Choir*	Mrs Higgins	KS2	3.30-4.30pm	27/09	
Tue						
Wed	Judo	Witley Schools Judo Ltd	Y2-6	8-8.45am	15/09	15/12
	Tennis	Tennis England	All	3.35-4.45pm	15/09	17/11
	Indoor Athletics	Mrs McCarthy	5+6	3.30-4.45pm	15/09	22/09
	Football	Mrs McCarthy	5+6	3.30-4.45	06/10	TBA
Thu	Basketball	Kidz B-Ballin'	Y3-6	7.45-8.45am	23/09	02/12
	Indoor Athletics	Mrs McCarthy	5+6	3.30-4.45pm	30/09	TBA
Fri	Running	Mrs McCarthy	Y3-6	7.50-8.45am	24/09	TBC
	Netball	Mrs McCarthy	5+6	3.30-4.45pm	24/09	TBC
	Sewing	Marta Doroszkiewicz	KS2	3.30-4.40pm	10/09	10/12

**Please note that there will be no choir sessions on either Monday 4th Oct or 18th Oct,*

Notes please – please ensure that your child knows, before you leave them at school in the morning, who will be collecting them if it is not going to be yourself. The office staff are happy to pass on messages in the case of an emergency change of plan. Also, remember to pop a note into your child's bag if he/she is to be collected by someone other than yourself especially if your child is in KS1. We cannot release your child to another parent at pick-up time if we don't have your permission in writing. We thank you for your attention to this.

Outdoor furniture cover – is there anyone out there who has an unwanted cover for outdoor patio furniture? Mrs Watson would like it to cover all the Year 1 outdoor equipment. Thank you.

Parents' Forum – this forum meets once each half term. Ideally there should be two reps from each class. As you can see from the grid below, there are some gaps. Please be in touch with the office or Mrs Higgins if you would be interested in being a rep for Reception, Years 5 or 6. The next meeting is **Wednesday 20th October at 9.05am..**

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Mr Meaney Mrs Molho	Mrs Higgins Mrs Casey	Mrs Moloney Ms Cassidy	Mrs Elias Mrs Ayres	Mrs Turner	Mrs Groome

Helping others – Mrs Nicholls, in the school office, has a charity which operates in Burkina Faso, West Africa. Her latest newsletter can be found by going to her website: www.les-amis-bf.org.uk and under 'Newsletters'. Do take a moment to read it, as it is full of really inspiring stories.

Individual photos – the photographer will be coming in to take photos of each of the children on **Tuesday 21st**. 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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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.stedmundschool.co.uk/blog/?pid=14&nid=10>

PARISH ITEMS



First Holy Communion 2021/22 This year's programme starts this weekend with the first session on Saturday and enrolment at all Masses. More information from Anne: communiatsteds@gmail.com 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

St Edmund's parish Weekend Mass times are: 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/>

Bumps and Babes This group meets on Monday mornings at 10.30am, at St John's Centre, Farncombe. All young families are welcome. More information from Eileen: eileen.hudson@gmail.com (see attached flier)

IMPORTANT DATES

THIS TERM		THIS TERM continued	
Mon 20 Sep	YR children start full-time 3.30pm Y5 meeting re Sayers Croft	Mon 1 Nov	Children return to school
Tue 21 Sep	Individual photos	Wed 10 Nov	9.30am Open Morning for prospective parents
Mon 27 Sep	Little Way Week	Fri 12 Nov	Flu vaccinations YR-6
Wed 29 Sep	Y3 to Butser Ancient Farm Y5 to Sayers Croft (back Fri 1 Oct)	Mon 29 Nov	School closed
Mon 4 Oct	Y6 to Devon (back Fri 8 Oct)	Wed 8 Dec	Wintershall workshop YR+1
Fri 8 Oct	INSET day – school closed	Fri 17 Dec	2pm early close for Christmas holiday
Tue 12 Oct	Y5 to Chertsey Museum	THIS YEAR'S DATES (2020-2021)	
Wed 13 Oct	Life Bus	AUT: 6 Sept-18 Dec 2021 (half-term w/c 25 Oct)	
Mon 18 Oct	Rabbi visit Y3-6	SPR: 4 Jan-1 Apr 2022 (half-term w/c 14 Feb)	
Tue 19 Oct	Y1 Seaside workshop	SUM: 19 Apr-22 July 2022 (half-term w/c 30 May)	
Wed 20 Oct	9.05am Parents' Forum	KNOWN INSET DAYS & CLOSURES	
Fri 22 Oct	INSET day – school closed Half term 25-29 Oct	6 th Sept, 8 th & 22 nd Oct, 29 th Nov 2021	

Ethos Statements – each week you will see a brief 'Ethos Statement' in the newsletter. This is a statement about our school ethos upon which we will have focused that week. All classes spend time on Thursday morning discussing that week's Ethos Statement, thinking and talking about it and how it impacts upon our personal lives and our life as a school community.



Ethos Statement 1: We are all special

We pray together: Father, as you see and love our uniqueness, help us in our turn to see and love the uniqueness of those around us, particularly those we have trouble liking. Through Christ our 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

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