

Newsletter 3: Friday 24th September 2021

Dear Parents,

Little Way Week – next week is ‘Little Way Week’ and is inspired by St Thérèse of Lisieux. At school we will be talking about St Thérèse and her life. The children always enjoy finding out about Thérèse. She wasn’t always perfect as a child and yet she dreamed of being a missionary. She showed us that through small, loving actions we too can deliver God’s love to the world. St Thérèse’s feast day is on 1st October.



CAFOD Family Fast – also on Friday 1st October is this year’s CAFOD Harvest Fast day. Being a little bit hungry helps us to understand what it is like for those who do not have enough to eat every day. Therefore, children should not bring their

morning snack with them on that day. Instead, please could the children bring to school what money you save by not buying/ bringing a snack. This will be given to CAFOD (<https://cafod.org.uk>)

Hair accessories – a reminder that these should be in plain natural hair colours, or school colours (navy or emerald green) please.



Second Hand Uniform – the Second Hand Uniform team is looking for donations. Especially needed are cardigans and jumpers, PE tops and PE jumpers and small trousers. Please contact us via Classlist or at SecondHandStEd@yahoo.com to let us know if you have any uniform for us. Many thanks. It is hoped that the next uniform sale will be at 3pm on Friday 15th October. (Maria Farina, mum of Beatrice Y1).

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.

Help needed – I am a local neighbour of your school, living on The Fairway. I am looking for new support workers (personal assistants) for my disabled daughter, aged nine. I have flexible weekday afternoon/ evening and/or weekend hours to offer. The contracts are administered through Surrey Independent Living Council, which carries out DBS checks, and the payment is done through a Surrey County Council-approved payroll company. If this is something you might be interested in, please contact Alison Stenlake on 07815 787425

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.

Barbie Dolls – Miss Bennett (Year R) would be very grateful for any Barbie-type dolls you no longer need.

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. Thank you to Mrs Higgins and Ms Rumveye for coming forward as Reception Class reps. There remain gaps in Years 5 and 6. The next meeting is **Wednesday 20th October at 9.05am..**

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Mrs Higgins Mrs Rumveye	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.

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>

Celebration of Grandparents – with reference to the parish item below, the school hopes to be able to hold a Celebration of Grandparents in school later this academic year.

PARISH ITEMS



Diocesan Celebration of Grandparents During the coming week we celebrate the importance of grandparents. Pope Francis often reminds us of the value of their role and contribution: *'Children and the elderly build the future of peoples: children because they lead history forward, the elderly because they transmit the experience and wisdom of their lives'.*

Children's Liturgy is at the 8.45am at St John's in Farncombe

COVID arrangements Please wear face coverings if you are able. We usually have some spaces set aside at St Joseph's that are socially distanced, especially for those who are more clinically vulnerable. Seating at St John's is based on 1m+ and there is usually some seating at both St Edmund's and St Joseph's with every other bench left free. These can all be booked through Eventbrite. *If you are happy to use the 'open seating' then registering helps our planning but is no longer essential.* Like to Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/st-edmunds-parish-30558842926>

Grandparents' Groups Within the Diocese there are several active grandparent groups who gather to pray for their grandchildren and to share the highs and lows of this stage of life. You may remember when you joined toddler groups when your children were young, to enjoy the support of likeminded people? It's a bit like that; chat over issues such as how to help your grandchildren without upsetting your own children...or their spouse!; how to pass on your faith; and find strength through praying about it all together. If you are interested in joining or creating a group in your parish, please contact Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

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 (new items in yellow)	THIS TERM continued
Mon 27 Sep Little Way Week	Wed 10 Nov 9.30am Open Morning for prospective parents
Wed 29 Sep Y3 to Butser Ancient Farm	Fri 12 Nov Flu vaccinations YR-6
Y5 to Sayers Croft (back Fri 1 Oct)	Fri 19 Nov 9.15am St Edmund's Day Mass
Mon 4 Oct Y6 to Devon (back Fri 8 Oct)	Tue 23 Nov Stargazing Evening
Fri 8 Oct INSET day - school closed	Mon 29 Nov School closed
Tue 12 Oct Y5 to Chertsey Museum	Wed 8 Dec Wintershall workshop YR+1
Wed 13 Oct Life Bus	Fri 17 Dec 2pm early close for Christmas holiday
Fri 15 Oct 3pm second hand uniform sale	
Mon 18 Oct Rabbi visit Y3-6	
3.30pm Parent Consultations	
Tue 19 Oct Y1 Seaside workshop	THIS YEAR'S DATES (2020-2021)
Wed 20 Oct 9.05am Parents' Forum	AUT: 6 Sept-18 Dec 2021 (half-term w/c 25 Oct)
3.30pm Parent Consultations	SPR: 4 Jan-1 Apr 2022 (half-term w/c 14 Feb)
Thu 21 Oct 9.15am Harvest Liturgy	SUM: 19 Apr-22 July 2022 (half-term w/c 30 May)
Fri 22 Oct INSET day - school closed	
Half term 25-29 Oct	KNOWN INSET DAYS & CLOSURES
Mon 1 Nov Children return to school	6 th Sept, 8 th & 22 nd Oct, 29 th Nov 2021

Ethos Statement 2: I can say one good thing about myself.



We pray together: Father, you created us not only to love others, but to love ourselves. Help us to be grateful for how you have created us and help us to make the best of ourselves by remaining close to you. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.



The Pope Speaks: Love is not simply an emotion or feeling, even though it may start that way. Love is not about having everything now; it is not part of today's throwaway culture. Love is fidelity, a gift and a responsibility.

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

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
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Attachment: Diocesan item on grandparents