

Newsletter 4: Friday 1st October 2021

Dear Parents,

Reminder: next Friday, 8th October, is an INSET day and the school will be shut.

Exciting Residential Trips!

- The children of Year 5 have had a wonderful time at **Sayers Croft**, and we are looking forward to hearing all about it when they get back to school this afternoon. They are due to return at 2pm, and the parents of this year group are welcome to come and collect them (and their siblings) at that time.
- Next week it will be the turn of the children of Year 6 to go away on their residential trip to **St George's House** near Croyde, in North Devon. We are keeping our fingers crossed for good weather!



Important Notice

Due to unforeseen circumstances, in order to keep the integrity of our Godalming Learning Partnership two-year Talk for Writing training programme, we have to change our planned October 22nd INSET date to 1st November. October 22nd had already been earmarked by both Surrey County Council and the Xavier Catholic Education Trust as the day schools should take as the extra holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. **Therefore, 22nd October will change from an INSET day to a holiday, and the 1st November will become our INSET day.** We know how important it is for parents to know INSET dates well in advance and so we apologise for this late notice. However, we consider this training to be very important for the development of our teachers and the education of your child(ren).



CAFOD Family Fast – thank you very much to everyone who remembered to bring to school the money you saved by not having a snack today. If you forgot, please bring your donation to school on Monday of next week.

Help please! – Mr Judge would be very grateful indeed for help from some of our dads with removing the remainder of the decking from the bottom of the playground. He is suggesting a 10am start on Saturday 9th October. If he can get at least six people, the job will take a couple of hours. Please be in touch with the office as soon as possible as he needs to know if he has enough help to warrant hiring a skip.

Second Hand Uniform – there is now a large plastic box in the school's front lobby for all donations of second hand uniform. Especially needed are cardigans and jumpers, PE tops and PE jumpers and small trousers. Weather permitting, the sale will be from 3pm on Friday 15th October.



No dogs please – please may we remind all parents that dogs are not allowed on school premises, the playground particularly. We do thank you for your attention to this.

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.



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.

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



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

<u>THIS TERM</u> (new items in yellow)		<u>THIS TERM continued</u>	
Mon 4 Oct	Y6 to Devon (back Fri 8 Oct)	Fri 12 Nov	Flu vaccinations YR-6
Fri 8 Oct	INSET day - school closed	Wed 17 Nov	Y2 to Hampton Court Palace
Tue 12 Oct	Y5 to Chertsey Museum	Fri 19 Nov	9.15am St Edmund's Day Mass
Wed 13 Oct	Y2 Multi-Skills event	Tue 23 Nov	Stargazing Evening
	Life Bus arrives	Mon 29 Nov	School closed
Fri 15 Oct	3pm second hand uniform sale	Thu 2 Dec	Y6 to Guildford Spike
Mon 18 Oct	Rabbi visit Y3-6	Wed 8 Dec	Wintershall workshop YR+1
	3.30pm Parent Consultations	Fri 17 Dec	2pm early close for Christmas holiday
Tue 19 Oct	Y1 Seaside workshop	<u>THIS YEAR'S DATES (2020-2021)</u>	
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	<u>KNOWN INSET DAYS & CLOSURES</u>	
	Half term 25-29 Oct	Aut: 6 th Sept, 8 th & 22 nd Oct, 1st Nov , 29 th Nov 2021	
Mon 1 Nov	INSET day - school closed	Spr: 21st Feb, 16th March 2022	
Tue 2 Nov	Children return to school		
Tue 9 Nov	Y5 Fire & Safety talk in school		
Wed 10 Nov	9.30am Open Morning for prospective parents		

Ethos Statement 3: I can say how I feel.



We pray together: Father, you have given us the gift of feelings. Help us to take as much care over the feelings of others as we do over our own. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

The Pope Speaks: For St Paul, God in his mercy, through the death and resurrection of Jesus, has offered definitive forgiveness and salvation to sinners, thus reconciling us to himself. Paul's encounter with the risen Lord on the road to Damascus led him to understand that we are justified not by the observance of precepts and our own efforts, but by the grace of God through faith in Christ.



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: Uniform sale flier; Koosa Kids holiday flier