

Newsletter 8: Friday 5th November 2021

Dear Parents,

It is wonderful to see all the children back at school after what we hope was a relaxing half-term holiday for you all. We are looking forward to this afternoon's cake sale – please be reminded to bring a bit of cash with you when you come to collect your child this afternoon. Supporting the work of the PSA is really important as it benefits the whole school, the children particularly.



Also, here is a reminder of the link to this afternoon's PSA EGM, a meeting which should take only 15 minutes: **Time: Nov 5, 2021. 4:30 PM; Location: Zoom (<https://zoom.us/>); Meeting ID: 739 1620 4844; Passcode: LYHwi8**



We will remember them – as we are now in the month of November, poppies are available from the school office. Year 6 children will be selling the poppies to children of all year groups. We will be holding a Remembrance assembly on the morning of Thursday 11th November.



Notices from the PSA

A Coffee Morning! – a new date for your diary: you are invited to come and enjoy some delicious refreshments in the school hall just after drop-off on Thursday 18th November.

St Edmund's PSA

PSA Ten Pound Challenge – please keep in mind this exciting challenge which usually raises good funds for the PSA. The flier, which went home last week, is also to be found on the website (School Information/Parents/PSA).

PSA dates to get into your diary: After school bake sale (today, 5th Nov at 3:15pm); EGM (Chair election) also today, 5th November at 4:30pm (via Zoom); Coffee Morning (Thursday 18th November, 9am school hall); Film Show (Friday 19th November); Christmas Market (Saturday 4th Dec, 11:00am-2:00pm)



Anti-bullying Week and Odd Sock Day – please note in your diary that Monday 15th November marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week and is a day when children are invited to wear odd socks as per the attached flier. The theme of the week is 'One kind word'.

COP26 – this week all the children watched a really excellent short film, which you might like to watch at home too. Here is the link: <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/the-hub/cop26-prayer-free-resource/>



The Pen Shop – we are very pleased to announce that our Pen Shop will shortly be opening again. It will be run by a team of Year 6 children on Monday and Friday lunchtimes. The prices are: ordinary pencils 10p; push pencils 40p (KS2 only); rubbers 5p; short rulers 10p; long rulers 15p; handwriting pens 25p; glue sticks 30p; sharpeners 30p; reading records 30p; homework diaries 35p and highlighters 20p; pink and green bios 5p. Please ensure that your child does not bring unduly large amounts of cash to school as nothing costs more than 40p.

Online course for parents and teachers on 'Understanding Dyslexia' – there is an online course being offered by the Adult Dyslexia Centre. This course, costing £60 for six sessions, is suitable for parents, tutors, teachers to help them support dyslexic young learners. The sessions take place online, via Zoom, and are live and interactive. The course consists of six sessions which take place on Monday evenings from 7.30pm-9pm. The next course takes place in November 2021. Places are limited to encourage participation and discussion. The course will allow participants to share their experiences, concerns and suggestions. To book a place, please email courses@adc.org.uk.

In each session, participants hear from very experienced professionals on the following topics:

- Understanding your dyslexic child
- Maths and dyslexia
- Spelling strategies and handwriting
- Reading strategies and phonics
- Assistive technology for dyslexia
- Creating a positive learning environment

Cycle Training Help – the Cycle Training Team at Surrey County Council is recruiting for Bikeability Cycling Instructors. If this is something in which you would be interested, please go to this site: [Surrey County Council - Job details \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk)

Headteacher's Blog – every week 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



The annual parish Quiz Night in aid of CAFOD takes place on Friday 12th November at 7pm at St John's, Farncombe. You can either set up your own team of eight or join a team on the night. Tickets are £10 each which includes a vegetarian or vegan ploughman's supper and tickets can be booked on the parish Eventbrite, with payment via <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stedslivesimply> using your name as a payment reference. Tickets are limited so book early to avoid disappointment. For more information please contact Jo Lewry: jolewry@aol.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

IMPORTANT DATES

THIS TERM (new items in yellow)		THIS TERM continued	
Fri 5 Nov	3.15pm PSA Bake Sale PSA EGM 4.30pm via Zoom	Fri 3 Dec	PSA Mufti Day (bottles)
Tue 9 Nov	Y5 Fire & Safety talk in school	Sat 4 Dec	PSA Christmas Fair 11am
Wed 10 Nov	8am Y6 Booster Sessions start 9.30am Open Morning for prospective parents	Mon 6 Dec	Y5 to Chertsey Museum 1.30pm Reindeer Run
Fri 12 Nov	Flu vaccinations YR-6	Wed 8 Dec	Wintershall workshop YR+1 7pm choir to Holy Trinity, Guildford
Mon 15 Nov	Odd Sock Day Start of Anti-Bullying Week	Fri 17 Dec	2pm early close for Christmas holiday
Wed 17 Nov	Y2 to Hampton Court Palace	THIS YEAR'S DATES (2021-2022)	
Thu 18 Nov	9am PSA Coffee Morning (hall)	AUT: 6 Sept-18 Dec 2021 (half-term w/c 25 Oct)	
Fri 19 Nov	9.15am St Edmund's Day Mass 3.30pm PSA Film Show	SPR: 4 Jan-1 Apr 2022 (half-term w/c 14 Feb)	
Tue 23 Nov	Stargazing Evening	SUM: 19 Apr-22 July 2022 (half-term w/c 30 May)	
Fri 26 Nov	PSA Mufti Day (sweets)	KNOWN INSET DAYS & CLOSURES	
Mon 29 Nov	School closed	Aut: 6 th Sept, 8 th & 22 nd Oct, 1 st Nov, 29 th Nov 2021	
Thu 2 Dec	Y6 to Guildford Spike	Spr: 21 st Feb, 16 th March 2022	

Ethos Statement 7: I try to stand up for myself and others without hurting others.



We pray together: Father, you demand both justice and peace from us all. Help us to always work for justice, but in a peaceful way. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

The Pope Speaks: The journey of discipleship, which begins at Baptism, is demanding. It requires constant struggle, not only in our lives as individuals, but also in the life of the community. St Paul urges us to "bear one another's burdens", to be gentle in correctly those who go astray and compassionate to those who are suffering.



Money Matters: second half of the Autumn Term 2021

Dinners (KS2 ONLY): £80.85 (33 days at £2.45; Tue 2 Nov to Fri 17 Dec, except Mon 29 Nov)
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.stedmundschoolpsa.co.uk
Clubhouse clubhouse@stedmunds.surrey.sch.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: Odd Sock flier