

Newsletter 14: Friday 7th January 2022

Dear Parents,

Thank you! – thank you all, so much, for the gifts which were given to the staff at the end of last term. We never take such gifts and demonstrations of gratitude for granted. It is wonderful to be back in school and to see all the children again after what we hope was a lovely holiday for you all.



The **Season of Christmas** draws to a close this Sunday when the Church celebrates the **Feast of Baptism of the Lord**. From Monday of next week the Church reverts to 'Ordinary Time' which will last until Ash Wednesday which, this year, falls on Wednesday 2nd March.

APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022 INTAKE

Please be reminded that the deadline for applying for places in Reception 2022 is next week, **15th January**. By that time you should have completed a school Supplementary Information Form (SIF) and handed it in to the school office. You should also have completed the Surrey County Council online application.



Drop-off Safety – please be reminded that you may only use the drop-off facility in the front-of-school car park if your child is able to exit the car **unaided**. Please ensure that your child leaves the car on the left hand side so that they can access the yellow walkway. Children should never get out of the car on the right hand side. Thank you for your attention to this.



Egg boxes – Mr Judge would be very grateful for donations of empty egg boxes. Thank you.

Governor's Fund – as we embark upon a new term, please may we remind you of the important role of the Governors' Fund in meeting the financial needs of school. As an Academy, 90% of the funding for capital projects at St Edmund's Catholic Primary School comes from the Government via the Xavier Catholic Education Trust and the remaining 10% must be found by the school i.e. from you, the parents. The major source of this 10% funding is through the annual voluntary donation scheme to support the Governors' Fund. We ask for £20 per family per term if possible. You can contribute by cash, cheque or regular bank transfer. The Bankers Standing Order form can be found on our website (School Information/Useful forms).



Would your child like to play in their very own rock band? Rocksteady in-school band lessons (Tuesday afternoons, not after school) are the perfect opportunity for your child to learn new skills, develop friendships and have the time of their life. Watch this short video to see what learning in a band could do for your child's well-being and then consider signing up for lessons: <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/watch-video/>

Clubs this term – the sign-up forms for this term's Judo, Tennis and Sewing clubs are now on our website.

DAY	WHAT	LEAD BY	FOR WHOM	TIME	FROM DATE	END DATE
Mon	Football	Kickstart	Y1+2	3.20-4.25pm	10/01	29/03
Wed	Judo	Witley Schools Judo Ltd	Y2-6	8-8.45am	05/01	16/02
	Gardening	Mrs Patrick & Mr Judge	Y1+2	Lunchtimes	12/01	TBC
	Tennis	Tennis England	All	3.25-4.25pm	19/01	23/03
	Football	Mrs McCarthy	5+6	3.30-4.45	12/01	TBC
	Football	Kickstart	Y3+4	3.20-4.20pm	12/01	30/03
Thu	Basketball	Kidz B-Ballin'	Y3-6	7.45-8.45am	13/01	24/03
	Indoor Athletics	Mrs McCarthy	5+6	3.30-4.45pm	06/01	TBC
Fri	Running	Mrs McCarthy	Y3-6	7.50-8.45am	07/01	TBC
	Netball	Mrs McCarthy	5+6	3.30-4.45pm	14/01	TBC
	Sewing	Marta Doroszkiewicz	KS2	3.20-4.40pm	07/01	25/03

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.stedmundsschool.co.uk/blog/?pid=14&nid=10>

PARISH ITEMS



Our Parish Synodal Discussion Groups start next week. Have you signed up yet? The invitation to take part comes from Pope Francis to all Catholics, and it is the first time that *everyone* has been invited to join in a Synod. It is too good an opportunity to miss! Our parish small groups take place at Ladywell Convent



from 8-10pm, on three Wednesday evenings in January (9th, 16th and 23rd). You can register using the link in the parish calendar on the home page of the parish website: www.stedsgod.com We look forward to seeing you there! NB if you can't make these dates, there are some other options, including a zoom option; there's more information at <https://stedsgod.com/synod>

Mass Times Details of daily and weekend Masses can be found on the parish calendar on our website; it is no longer necessary to book to attend Mass, but face coverings are required. **Children's Liturgy** resumes at St John's, Farncombe, on Sunday 9th January at the 8.45am Mass.

Bumps & Babes sessions start back on Monday 10th January at 10.30am at St John's, Farncombe.

Newcomers If you are new to the area the parish welcomes you and looks forward to meeting you. Please register your details at: <https://stedsgod.com/welcome>

IMPORTANT DATES

THIS TERM

Mon 10 Jan 9.30am tours for prospective parents
 Fri 21 Jan 3pm PSA Book Sale
 Mon 31 Jan Booking for Parent Consultations open
 Mon 7 Feb Start of Mental Health week
 3.30pm Parent Consultations
 Tue 8 Feb Safer Internet Day
 Wed 9 Feb Y3 to Winchester Science Museum
 3.30pm Parent Consultations
 Thu 10 Feb 9.05am Parents' Forum

THIS TERM DATES cont....

Fri 11 Feb 3pm PSA Cake Sale
 3.15pm close for half term
 Mon 21 Feb Closed for INSET day
 Tue 22 Feb Children return to school

THIS YEAR'S DATES (2021-2022)

AUT: 6 Sept-17 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

Aut: 6th Sept, 8th & 22nd Oct, 1st Nov, 29th Nov 2021
 Spr: 21st Feb, 16th March 2022



Ethos Statement 14: I try to follow our school and classroom rules

We pray together: Father, you give us rules to keep us and others safe and close to you. Help us to do our very best to be obedient to both your rules and the rules at school. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.



The Pope Speaks: We consider Joseph's dignity as the foster-father of Jesus. As Mary's husband and Jesus' legal father, Joseph had all the rights of a father, including that of naming their child. Yet Joseph had learned from the angel that, in God's plan, Mary's Son was to be named Jesus, which means, "the Lord saves." Joseph's docility to God's will and his fatherly care of the child Jesus can teach us much about the authentic meaning of parenthood. To be a mother or father is not simply a matter of biology; more profoundly, it entails caring for the life of a family. Let us pray that, through St Joseph's intercession, fathers of families will be given the grace to respond to their noble vocation.

Money Matters: first half of the Spring Term 2022

Dinners (KS2 ONLY): £71.05 (29 days at £2.45; Mon 4 Jan to Fri 11 Feb 2022)
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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