

Newsletter 15: Friday 14th January 2022

Dear Parents,

Admissions – the deadline for completing and submitting our school SIF (for **both Catholics and non-Catholics**) is **tomorrow**. The same is true for the Surrey online application. If you have not already completed a SIF we are taking this opportunity to send it out with this newsletter.



Young Voices – we have a new date for the Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena. It is Friday 6th May. More details will shortly be sent out to those parents whose children are in the choir.

Help our parish – Mrs Rees (Jess, Y5) needs your help and input on behalf of Fr Jonathan. She is helping the parish with its 'Buildings Review' in order to determine what will happen with the facilities the parish owns. Key to this is what you and your families need, so the parish can ensure that its parish buildings meet those needs in the future. The parish would like to hear from parents (you!) through a focus group. Mrs Rees needs 40 minutes of your time to capture your thoughts and opinions; she will do all the hard work, so please offer your time and voice. The parish really does need your input, so please contact Mrs Rees on [07879 627652](tel:07879627652) or fionajrees@gmail.com. Thank you!

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 – thank you very much for all the egg boxes which have been coming in following Mr Judge's appeal. Having received sufficient, he doesn't need any more.

Koosa Kids half-term activities – going out with this newsletter is information about the February half-term holiday Koosa Kids club and how to book your child onto it.

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/>



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



Synod Discussion Groups It is not too late to join for either or both of the next sessions on 19th and 26th January, when we will be looking at the themes of 'Participation' and 'Mission'. We meet at 8pm in person, and socially distanced, at Ladywell



Retreat Centre. There's more information at: www.stedsgod.com/synod If you would like to contribute individually, please see the form under 'newsletters' on the parish website, with details of how and where to send your response.

Thank you from LOAF (Love One Another Fellowship) to all the children and teachers at St Edmund's Primary School for all your beautifully designed Christmas cards. LOAF has received many messages of thanks and knows the cards were much appreciated. If you would like to know more about LOAF, please contact Alan: alio@btinternet.com

This Sunday is Peace Sunday. Pax Christi is the international Catholic movement for peace and their website <https://paxchristi.org.uk/> features many helpful resources and a link to Pope Francis' Message for World Peace Day.

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 have resumed: Mondays, 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

Fri 21 Jan	3pm PSA Book Sale
Fri 28 Jan	Y5 to Salesian Chertsey for African drumming workshop (back 3.45pm)
Mon 31 Jan	Bookings for Parent Consultations open
Mon 7 Feb	Start of Mental Health week 3.30pm Parent Consultations (except Y2)
Tue 8 Feb	Safer Internet Day 3.30pm Parent Consultations (Y2 only)
Wed 9 Feb	Y3 to Winchester Science Museum 3.30pm Parent Consultations (all years)
Thu 10 Feb	9.05am Parents' Forum
Fri 11 Feb	3pm PSA Cake Sale 3.20pm close for half term
Mon 21 Feb	Closed for INSET day

THIS TERM DATES cont....

Tue 22 Feb	Children return to school
Wed 2 Mar	Ash Wednesday (start of Lent)
Fri 4 Mar	Y6 to Salesian school for music
Mon 7 Mar	Y4 Bikeability (ends Weds 9 Mar)
Tue 15 Mar	Y2 to Brooklands Museum
Wed 16 Mar	Closed for INSET

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

The Pope Speaks: We think of all those workers in our world who struggle to make a living or raise a family, and who often encounter injustice, exploitation and the threat of unemployment. Let us pray, through the intercession of St Joseph the worker, for the protection of the fundamental rights of all workers, for an increased awareness of the worth of human labour, and for an economic order that will promote the dignity and prosperity of all peoples.



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
Dates for the year ahead	http://www.stedmundschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2,3&pid=14&viewid=1
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Clubs booking forms	http://www.stedmundschool.co.uk/page/?title=Clubs+and+Activities&pid=34

Attachment: Koosa Kids flier; SIF