

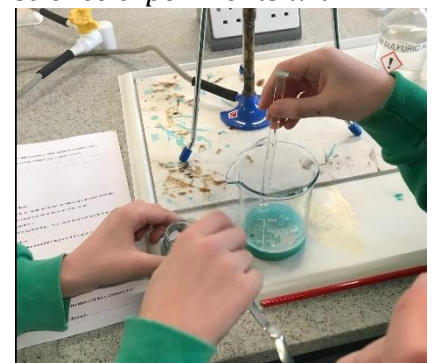
Newsletter 16: Friday 21st January 2022

Dear Parents,

Blue Letter Day – the third Monday in January is sometimes referred to as ‘Blue Monday’ due to the impact that the cold weather, post-Christmas lull and long nights can have on our mood. Research shows that writing letters of gratitude and hand-delivering them to those to whom we are grateful can have a significant and long-lasting impact upon our happiness. This is why we would like to rebrand ‘Blue Monday’ ‘Blue Letter Day’- a day in which all the children are encouraged to write a letter of gratitude, bringing joy to them, but also to the recipients of their letters, thus spreading happiness across the whole school community. Our thanks to the Bee-lieve Foundation for this wonderful initiative to help us all feel a bit brighter at this time of year!



Year 6 Fun with Science – on Tuesday the children of Year 6 went to Charterhouse School where they enjoyed the experience of the use of the wonderful new laboratories. *“We did science experiments with chemicals in which we combined sulphuric acid with copper carbonate – the acid turns blue! When we added the copper carbonate there were lots of bubbles and then it turned blue, which meant that there was both a chemical and physical reaction. Then we were able to remove the acid using a tube and filter paper, the acid came out as a lovely shade of blue. We were in a very big science lab and there were lots of resources which the pupils are allowed to use. In the demonstration the leader put two clear liquids together and, when combined, they turned yellow. We are looking forward to our next visit next week”.* Sam and Jacob (Y6)



Parent Consultation bookings – we will be using video appointments for our Parent Consultation appointments as follows: Monday 7th February (all year groups except Year 2); Tuesday 8th February (Y2 only); Wednesday 9th February (all year groups). You will need to follow the link below to book appointments. Bookings will open on **Monday 31st January from 12 noon.** <https://stedmundsprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

The Reindeer Run – we are really delighted to let you know that the final total of donations for last term’s Reindeer Run for the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice was an amazing £1,847.21. A huge well-done to you all for raising this sum for what is such an important local hospice.

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



Mass Times Details of daily and weekend Masses can be found on the parish calendar on our website www.stedsgod.com; it is no longer necessary to book to attend Mass, nor wear face coverings.

Children’s Liturgy is at the 8.45am Mass at St John’s, Farncombe (except on Sunday 31st January and 14th February). If you are not able to bring your children to Mass, or if you’d

like to prepare for Mass at home, this weekly video reflection on the Sunday Gospel is a wonderful resource for parents with children:

<https://www.colourandshapeonline.com/connect-sunday>

Bumps & Babes sessions are on Monday mornings at 10.30am at St John's, Farncombe.

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

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: alion@btinternet.com

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 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
 Fri 11 Feb **Mufti Day**
 3pm PSA Cake Sale
 3.15pm close for half term

THIS TERM DATES cont....

Mon 21 Feb **Closed for INSET day**
 Tue 22 Feb Children return to school
Fri 25 Feb 3pm Second Hand Uniform Sale

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 15: I know that I belong to a community that includes my school.

We pray together: Father, you give us the gift of belonging. Help us never to forget that it is your community which nourishes and helps us through the ups and downs of life. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

The Pope Speaks: Tenderness is not primarily an emotional or sentimental matter; it is the experience of feeling loved. Look at how nurses touch the wounds of the sick, tenderly, so as not to wound them any more. This is how the Lord touches our wounds, with the same tenderness. We all have matters to settle, but coming to terms with God is beautiful, because we begin speaking and He embraces us. It is tenderness. God always forgives – keep this in your head and your heart. God always forgives. We are the ones who tire of asking for forgiveness. But He always forgives, even the ugliest things.



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.stedmundsschoolpsa.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.stedmundsschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2,3&pid=14&viewid=1
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