

Newsletter 17: Friday 28th January 2022

Dear Parents,

Parking! – We are all very much aware that parking and driving conditions have been particularly difficult recently; this has been exacerbated by the building works opposite the school and also the road closures in Quartermile Road. Whilst builders continue to park directly opposite the yellow lines, we would ask you not to do this. Normally, and historically, cars have only parked on the school side of the road all the way down The Drive. While conditions continue to be difficult, we would suggest parking slightly further away if possible. Please park carefully, with consideration for other road users and especially the safety of our children. Thank you for your attention to this.



Parent Consultation bookings – will open on **Monday 31st January at 12 noon**. The sessions on **Monday 7th Feb (3.30-6.30pm)** are for all classes except Year 2; **Tuesday 8th Feb (1-4pm)** is just for Year 2, and the **Wednesday 9th Feb sessions (3.30-6.30pm)** are for all classes. Please make a video appointment to see your child's teacher. This will be an opportunity for teachers and parents to discuss the children and their learning and progress as we approach the mid-point in the school year. Please use this link <https://stedmundsprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

More Year 6 Fun with Science – this week's visit was all about eggs and physics. In the words of Harriet and Sophie: *"We had two activities, one to design a parachute and the other a crumple zone to protect the eggs. We were given a pretend £1 coin to buy the things we needed to make both the parachutes and crumple zones. We could buy paper, string and Sellotape with the £1. Having made the parachutes, we had to drop them from different heights to see if the eggs survived. For the crumple zones we were also able to buy straws as part of the protection. We bent straws to make a front panel to secure the egg, but it didn't work and our egg smashed. Others put rolled up paper around the straws to make it stronger. The one that did win had a longer front, more of a crumple zone."*



Bringing medicines to school? – please ensure that if your child is to be given medicines during the course of the school day (antibiotics particularly), the medication is brought to school with its label on (this shows the name of the child, the name of medication plus the dosage). Further to this, you will need to complete a form for office use.

Club finish dates – a Parentmail went out on Tuesday of this week giving the final dates of various school-run after-school clubs. Here they are again (please make a note of them): Football Wednesday 2nd Feb; Indoor Athletics Thursday 10th Feb (NB no club on 3rd Feb); Netball Friday 11th Feb.

Cycle Back to Health – tomorrow, Saturday 29th January, between 10am and 2.30pm the Surrey Hills to South Downs Community Rail Partnerships will be encouraging the local community to feel confident on their bikes. For a **free bike health check** please take your bikes along and their expert (@The Cycologist) will take a look and offer advice and do some simple repairs. **Pedal with Confidence:** Glenn, a qualified Bikeability instructor, will be on hand to give tips on how to cycle with confidence. Please take a look at the flier going out with this newsletter.



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



Coffee after Mass on Wednesday 2nd at 10.30am. If you are free please do come and join parishioners for coffee at Squires in Milford, to mark the Feast of Candlemas. All welcome.

Mass Times Details of daily and weekend Masses can be found on the parish calendar at www.stedsgod.com It is no longer necessary to book to attend Mass; face coverings are encouraged.

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

Children's Liturgy is at the 8.45am Mass at St John's, Farncombe (please note there's no children's liturgy this Sunday 30th, nor on Sunday 14th February). If you're 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>

Newcomers If you are new to the parish please register your details at:

<https://stedsgod.com/welcome> and Fr Jonathan looks forward to meeting you.

IMPORTANT DATES

THIS TERM		THIS TERM DATES cont....	
Mon 31 Jan	Booking for Parent Consultations open	Mon 21 Feb	Closed for INSET day
Fri 4 Feb	5.30-6.40pm KS1 Disco 6.50-8.00pm KS2 Disco	Tue 22 Feb	Children return to school
Mon 7 Feb	Start of Mental Health week 3.30pm Parent Consultations	Fri 25 Feb	3pm Second Hand Uniform Sale
Tue 8 Feb	Safer Internet Day	THIS YEAR'S DATES (2021-2022)	
Wed 9 Feb	Y3 to Winchester Science Museum 3.30pm Parent Consultations	SPR: 4 Jan-1 Apr 2022 (half-term w/c 14 Feb)	
Thu 10 Feb	9.05am Parents' Forum	SUM: 19 Apr-22 July 2022 (half-term w/c 30 May)	
Fri 11 Feb	Mufti Day 3pm PSA Cake Sale 3.15pm close for half term	KNOWN INSET DAYS & CLOSURES	
		Aut: 6 th Sept, 8 th & 22 nd Oct, 1 st Nov, 29 th Nov 2021	
		Spr: 21 st Feb, 16 th March 2022	



Ethos Statement 16: We know that we are happiest when we are united.

We pray together: Father, a house divided against itself will fall. Help us to always work and play together well, with cooperation and with patience. Let us always work hard to be united. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

The Pope Speaks: Thinking about St Joseph, we consider the four dreams by which God spoke to Joseph and revealed his will to him. Joseph's ready response to the Lord can serve as a model for our own efforts to hear God's voice in our daily lives. In the first dream, Joseph is helped to overcome his distress at learning that Mary was with child, and he responds immediately by taking Mary as his wife. In the second dream, Joseph is told to flee with the Holy Family to Egypt to escape King Herod's wrath. Whilst in Egypt, Joseph learns in a third dream that they can safely return to their homeland. During the journey, he is told in a fourth dream to settle in Nazareth. Joseph's example of interior openness to the Lord's voice can help us to find wisdom in responding to the uncertainties in our lives, courage in facing threatening situations, and confidence in entrusting even our fears to God's providential care. May St Joseph's intercession assist all those who find it difficult to pray, and encourage us to cultivate an interior life that draws us ever closer to the Lord.



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>

Copies of the newsletters <http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=Newsletters&pid=93>

Clubs booking forms <http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=Clubs+and+Activities&pid=34>

Safeguarding at St Edmund's

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. If you are concerned about a child's welfare, please speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) who is **Mrs Higgins**, or the two Deputy DSLs, **Mrs Patrick** and **Mrs Shorten**.

