

# Newsletter 18: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parents,



**Parent Consultation bookings** – we do hope that you have found it easy to book a consultation with your child's Classteacher for next week's consultations. Click on this link if you have not yet booked your appointment <https://stedmundsprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/> If you are experiencing difficulties in accessing School Cloud, please call the office and we'll be able to book your appointment for you.



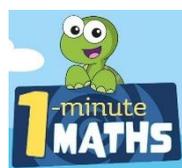
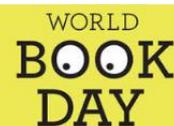
**Children's Mental Health Week** – we will be doing activities during the week as we focus on children's mental health. Part of this will be an 'Inside Out Day' next Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> February, when children and staff are invited to wear mufti but ... inside out! This will serve as a reminder that how someone looks on the outside doesn't necessarily reflect how they are truly feeling on the inside.

**Safer Internet Day** – next Tuesday we will be focusing on how to help our children to use the internet safely. Over the years, Safer Internet Day has become a landmark event in the online safety calendar. Starting as an initiative of the EU SafeBorders project in 2004, it has grown beyond its traditional geographical zone and is now celebrated in approximately 200 countries and territories worldwide. From cyberbullying to social networking to digital identity, each year Safer Internet Day aims to raise awareness of emerging online issues and current concerns. For more information please visit their website <https://www.saferinternetday.org/en-GB/about>



**Yet More Year 6 Fun with Science** – Wow, what a session that was! But let's hear all about it from Daniel and Ben: *"This time we did biology and chemistry. We did an experiment which involved live maggots to see how far they could travel in ten seconds, in both light and dark conditions. We found out that they went a lot further in the light! We had to colour the maggots with food dye so that we could see its trail and then measure the distance. The other amazing experiment was with the chemistry teacher. He showed us one which involved spraying flammable chemicals onto a Bunsen burner which made amazing colours flare up. We also used ethanol which we poured into a big blue container; we put a lid on it, shook it around and then we poured the ethanol back out so that the ethanol gas was trapped inside the container. We then put a match into the container and it made a massive 'pop' and flared up."*

**Advance warning!** – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March is World Book Day, when children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.



**One Minute Maths** – White Rose Maths, which we use to teach in school, has launched a free app aimed at Reception, Years 1 and 2 to support learning at home. Please take a look at the attached flier. You can download the app by going to their website: <https://whiterosemaths.com/resources/1-minute-maths#download>

**Junior Bake Off** – Channel 4 has recently opened applications for the eighth series of Junior Bake Off, a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain. They are looking for young budding bakers between 9-12 years old. Filming would take place from July 2022, but applications close on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Please look at the attached flier. You can apply online at [www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk](http://www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk)



**Well done, footballers!** – yesterday Mrs McCarthy took a team to a tournament at Tillingbourne. We won two and drew two, which took us through to the semi-final in which we played against Tillingbourne. Unfortunately, we lost 1-0. That was the only game we lost! We then played against Grayswood in the play-off and won 2-0, placing us third overall in the tournament in which ten schools took part. Thank you to the parents for helping with transport, and to the children for playing so well.

**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



**Faith, fun and fellowship for school years 3-6** The Trinity Trust Team runs **Fusion**, a group for children in school Years 3-6, on Wednesday evenings, 6-7pm, during term-time, at Godalming Baptist Church on Queen Street. The group offers games, drama, Jesus' stories, teaching and songs, and is run by the TTT team for all children; it's ecumenical and free! For more information and to register please go to: [www.trinitytrustteam.co.uk](http://www.trinitytrustteam.co.uk)

**Mass Times** Details of daily and weekend Masses can be found on the parish calendar on our website [www.stedsgod.com](http://www.stedsgod.com) It is no longer necessary to book to attend Mass; nor are face coverings essential though they are encouraged.

**Children's Liturgy** is at the 8.45am Mass at St John's, Farncombe (except on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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>

## IMPORTANT DATES

THIS TERM		NEXT TERM	
Mon 7 Feb	Start of Mental Health week 3.30pm Parent Consultations (exc Y2)	Tue 22 Feb	Children return to school
Tue 8 Feb	Safer Internet Day 3.30pm Parent Consultations Y2 only	Fri 25 Feb	3pm Second Hand Uniform Sale
Wed 9 Feb	Y3 to Winchester Science Museum 3.30pm Parent Consultations (all Yrs)	Wed 2 Mar	Ash Wednesday
Thu 10 Feb	9.05am Parents' Forum	Thu 3 Mar	World Book Day
Fri 11 Feb	Mufti <b>'Inside Out'</b> Day 3pm PSA Cake Sale 3.20pm close for half term	<b>THIS YEAR'S DATES (2021-2022)</b> SPR: 4 Jan-1 Apr 2022 (half-term w/c 14 Feb) SUM: 19 Apr-22 July 2022 (half-term w/c 30 May)	
Mon 21 Feb	<b>Closed for INSET day</b>	<b>KNOWN INSET DAYS &amp; CLOSURES</b> Aut: 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 8 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct, 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov, 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2021 Spr: 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb, 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	



**Ethos Statement 17:** I listen to what you say; I show that I am listening to you

**We pray together:** Father, help us to never stop listening out for your voice and for what you are trying to tell us, because the world will know that we are listening to you when we do your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.



**The Pope Speaks:** Devotion to the saints is not something magical, it is not a superstition. It is simply speaking to a brother, a sister, who is in front of God, who has lived a just life, a holy life, an exemplary life, and who is now in front of God. And I talk to this brother, to this sister, and I ask them for their intercession for our needs.

### Money Matters: **second half of the Spring Term 2022**

**Dinners (KS2 ONLY):** £68.60 (28 days at £2.45; Tue 22 Feb to Fri 1 April 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](http://www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk)

**Clubhouse** [clubhouse@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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**.

