

Newsletter 19: Friday 25th February 2022

Dear Parents,

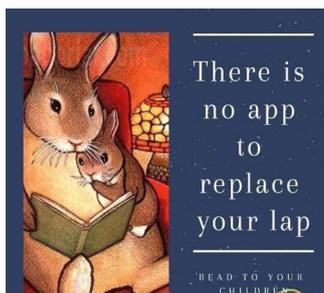
Welcome back after what we hope was a relaxing half-term holiday. It is wonderful to see the spring flowers beginning to brighten our gardens and hedgerows, signalling the end of winter and arrival of longer days.



School lunches – the children seem to have enjoyed the school packed lunches this week, and the selection of food has been good. We will update you as soon as we have any further information on the return to hot meals.

Lost property! – having reunited all the named items with their owners, the lost property box remains pretty full. If your child has lost anything, please come in and have a look in the box. Items unclaimed will be given to the PSA for their second hand uniform sale.

Please name all uniform items – in the light of so much unnamed lost property, please may we appeal to you all, once again, to ensure that all items of uniform are clearly named. Thank you for your attention to this.



World Book Day – we are looking forward to next week's World Book Day which is on Thursday 3rd March. Children may come to school that day dressed as their favourite book character. There are some great costume ideas here: <https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/> What a fun day it is going to be, a day which we hope will help children to be encouraged to pick up a book and read.

Also, and still on the subject of World Book Day and reading, on Wednesday Mrs Shorten sent out an email regarding our 'Reading in Unusual Places' competition. Children are invited to have their photo taken whilst reading in an unusual place.

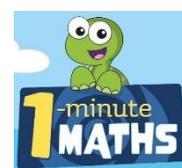
These photos should be sent in either to your child's Classteacher or via email to the school office by Monday 7th March.

*You may have tangible wealth untold; caskets of jewels and coffers of gold.
Richer than I you can never be, for I had a parent who read to me.
Gillian Strickland*



Flower pots – Mr Judge would be very grateful for donations of 6" plastic flower pots. The Gardening Club is working hard towards this year's Godalming in Bloom competition, in which we have done quite well in previous years. With the Gardening Club's help, we hope to do well this year.

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. 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 13th March 2022. Please look at the attached flier. You can apply online at www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk

The Wintershall Passion of Jesus – supported by the Mayor of London, one hundred Wintershall players bring their electric and moving portrayal of the final days of Jesus to Trafalgar Square. The 90-minute production is completely free of charge - a gift to Londoners and visitors; no tickets are required. There are performances at 12 noon and 3:15 pm. The production is open air with visibility maximised using large screens. There is a realistic interpretation of the crucifixion so parental guidance is advised.



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

Parish Get-Together - Friday 18th March The parish invites all school families to the Shared Supper & 'open mic' night at Milford Village Hall at 7.45pm, to mark the Solemnities of St Joseph & Dedication of St Joseph's Church. All are welcome and the sign up is via the calendar on the parish website. To help coordinate food and entertainment, please contact Andrew alodge@andrewlodge.co.uk or post your offers to the Padlet <https://tinyurl.com/2j28kx4p>

Ash Wednesday Mass in the parish is at 9.30am at St Joseph's and 7.30pm at St Edmund's.

For more information about Mass times, activities and groups in the parish please check the weekly newsletter at: <https://stedsgod.com/newsletters>

IMPORTANT DATES

THIS TERM (new dates in yellow)

Fri 25 Feb	3pm Second Hand Uniform Sale
Mon 28 Feb	After-school choir restarts
Wed 2 Mar	2.30pm Ash Wednesday liturgy
Thu 3 Mar	World [Dressing Up] Book Day
Fri 4 Mar	Y6 to Salesian School Chertsey (back 3.45pm)
Mon 7 Mar	Y4 Bikeability (ends Weds 9 Mar)
Wed 9 Mar	Y6 talk to parents re SATs
Thu 10 Mar	9am Talk to parents about 'Zones of Regulation'
Tue 15 Mar	Y2 to Brooklands Museum
Wed 16 Mar	INSET DAY - school closed
Thu 17 Mar	Y6 Lenten workshop at Wintershall
Tue 22 Mar	Y4 to Rugged Earth

THIS TERM cont ...

Fri 25 Mar	Y4 parents talk re Sayers Croft
Tue 29 Mar	2.45pm Rock Steady concert
Wed 30 Mar	Y6 Passion Play (for parents)
Thu 31 Mar	KS2 School Council to Westminster
Fri 1 Apr	2pm close for Easter holiday

THIS YEAR'S DATES (2021-2022)

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 19: I try to use words that make the world a better place.

We pray together: Lent is a time for giving up something valuable so that we can remember how great a blessing it is. Lent is a time for taking up something valuable so we can remember to bring some blessing to others. AMEN.



The Pope Speaks: Our throwaway society often exalts youthfulness and even dismisses the elderly as an unwanted burden. It is important, then, to consider and value the spiritual fruitfulness that this time of life can bring to the elderly themselves, as well as the gifts that they can offer to the communities of which they are an integral part.

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

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**.

