

Newsletter 20: Friday 4th March 2022

Dear Parents,

Lent – thank you very much to Fr Jonathan for coming to help us get Lent off to a wonderful start with our Ash Wednesday liturgy. It was lovely to welcome back to school a number of parents and grandparents; thank you for coming. Going out with this newsletter is a flier giving lots of lovely ideas about Lenten activities. Do take a look and consider the many ways in which we can all work harder to ensure that this precious time of Lent is used well to grow as Christians.



World Book Day – what a fun day we had yesterday! Thank you to all the children who came to school dressed in their favourite book character; it was great to see such a variety of characters. Thank you, also, for the photos which have been coming into school showing your child reading in an unusual place. The closing date for this competition is Monday 7th March.

Drop-off and pick-up – we have noticed that timings for drop-off and collection have slipped! Some children are arriving either too early or too late, and often collected late at the end of the day. This is therefore a reminder of the timings of the school day.

- Children should **not arrive before 8.40am** unless they are attending a club
- All children should be **in school by 8.55am**.
- Children should be collected **at 3.20pm (3.15am for Year R)**

Also, please be sure to collect your child promptly from any after-school clubs which they may attend.

Parent Surveys – earlier this week we sent a Parentmail email out to all parents in each year group giving a link to a survey which we would like you to complete for us. The closing date is Monday 7th March – next Monday! Please refer to your emails and complete the survey if at all possible.

Zones of Regulation – you may have heard the children talking about which ‘zone’ they are in. We would like to tell you about the ‘Zones of Regulation’, a framework we are using across the school to support children in identifying and understanding their emotions. If you would like to find out more, please come into school next **Thursday 10th March at 9am**, when Mrs Higgins and Mrs Patrick, our SENCo, will be giving a talk to parents.

The ZONES of Regulation

Blue Zone Sad Bored Tired Sick	Green Zone Happy Focused Calm Proud	Yellow Zone Worried Frustrated Silly Excited	Red Zone overjoyed/Elated Panicked Angry Terrified

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.



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.

School Parish Mass – we are delighted to let you know that, after an absence of two years, there will be a special School Parish Mass at 8.45am (St John’s, Farncombe) on Sunday 27th March. All children and their families are invited to attend, with the children taking responsibility for the readings.

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



Ukraine Crisis: CAFOD has launched an emergency appeal. Donations will fund the work of their partner agency Caritas Ukraine, and Caritas agencies in neighbouring countries, who are on the ground supporting families in urgent need of help. It helps CAFOD if you donate directly online: <https://cafod.org.uk/> but you can also donate through the parish using the contactless device at Mass.

Lent Early Morning Mass: During Lent there will be a 7.30am Mass, mostly at St Edmund's Church. You can find the times of all parish Masses on the calendar on the parish website: www.stedsgod.com Children's Liturgy is available at 8.45am Mass at St John's Farncombe on Sundays.

Parish Get-Together on 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 there's no charge. 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>

IMPORTANT DATES

THIS TERM (new dates in yellow)

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'
Fri 11 Mar CAFOD Fast Day
 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
 Fri 25 Mar Y4 parents talk re Sayers Croft
Sun 27 Mar 845am School Mass at St John's in Farncombe
 Tue 29 Mar 2.45pm Rock Steady concert

THIS TERM cont ...

Wed 30 Mar Y6 Passion Play (for parents)
2.30pm Parents' Forum
 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 20: I try to appreciate the beauty and wonder of the world around me.



We pray together: Father, you and you alone are the creator and giver of all that is good. Help us to respect and appreciate the wonder and beautify of everything that you have created. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN

The Pope speaks: Ordinary civilians are the real victims, who pay for the follies of the war with their own skin. I think of the elderly, of those who are, at this moment, seeking refuge; of the mothers who are fleeing with their children. They are our brothers and sisters, for whom it is urgent to open humanitarian corridors, and who must be welcomed.



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
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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**.



Attachment: PSA Lottery poster; Lent flier