

Newsletter 23: Friday 25th March 2022

Dear Parents,

How quickly this term has gone by! Please be reminded that we close for the Easter Holiday at the earlier time of 2pm next Friday. The children of Year 6 are looking forward to performing their Passion Play to the parents of Year 6 next Wednesday after drop-off.



Fun outings! – this week there have been a number of really enjoyable outings and events, but let the children tell you about them ...

- On Tuesday the children of Year 4 went to **Rugged Earth** (near Sutton Green): We were put into two teams and we had to compete against each other. One of the team-building exercises involved pretending that someone had broken their leg and we had to build a stretcher to carry that person.



- Also on Tuesday, the children of Year 5 enjoyed a visit by 'The Learning Dome' which was about space and the planets, especially the Earth and the moon. He explained how we tend to think the sun is moving, but he showed us that it is the Earth that moves around the sun. At the end he turned the lights off and put a star projector screen on which showed us some of the planets, such as Venus. He also told us some stories about the planets, based on Greek gods. He had a light which represented the sun, and a ball on a stick which represented the moon and he showed us how it is that the shape of the moon depends upon where the sun is.



- This afternoon, the mothers of children in Reception Class will be coming in to school for a special celebration of mothers to mark this weekend's Mothering Sunday.

Open Classroom – parents are welcome to come and look at their child's work, in their classroom, between 3.30pm and 4pm on Thursday 31st March.



Earth Day – going out with this newsletter is information about this year's Earth Day which takes place on Friday 22nd April.

Latest school dinner menu – this has been put onto the website (school information/school dinners). We are very grateful that hot dinners are, once again, being made available at school. We think you will agree that the menu looks really appetising and healthy.

From the PSA – we are looking forward to the Easter Baking and Decorating Competition and Cake Sale on Wednesday 30th March. Also, do save the date for the PSA's Summer Fest, which will be on Saturday 9th July.

Surrey Arts Easter Holiday activities – here is a link to details of fun activities being run by Surrey Arts, including dance, art and music workshops. <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/culture-and-leisure/arts/music/easter-holiday-activities>

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.



Summer Alpha We are delighted to announce our summer Alpha programme. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Each session includes supper, a short film and discussion. The course will run on Sunday evenings from Sunday 1st May, 7-9pm. Full details and registration form can be found on the parish website www.stedsgod.com (scroll down the home page). This course is for everyone, and is the ideal tonic to renew and to inspire you, especially if you feel your faith has waned as a result of recent world events. The greatest gift we can give a fellow human is faith, as unlike every other gift, faith can last for an eternity; so, if you know of anyone who might like to come to this course, please invite them or offer to come along with them. For more information: Nicki and Alan 01483 420859 or alison@btinternet.com

It won't be long before **Holy Week** is upon us (it begins on Palm Sunday). There are key three liturgies which form the **Easter Triduum** – the most important liturgies of the whole year: the Mass of the Lord's Supper (Maundy Thursday), the Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Good Friday) and then the Solemn Vigil of Easter (Saturday evening before Easter Sunday). Here are the timings:



Maundy Thursday 14th April: Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Joseph's, 8pm
Good Friday 15th April: Family Stations of the Cross at St Edmund's, 10.30am;
 Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday at St Joseph's, 3pm
Holy Saturday 16th April: Easter Vigil at St Joseph's, 8.30pm
Easter Sunday 17th April: Mass at St John's, 8.45am; Mass at St Joseph's, 10.30am

Birdbox – it must be spring! We have spotted a pair of Bluetits flying in and out of the birdbox. You can follow their progress here:

<http://www.seenature.org.uk/schools/st-edmunds-cep-school/>

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>



IMPORTANT DATES

THIS TERM (new dates in yellow)

Fri 25 Mar Y4 parents talk re Sayers Croft
 Sun 27 Mar 8.45am School Mass at St John's in Farncombe
 Tue 29 Mar 2.45pm Rock Steady concert
 Wed 30 Mar 9.05am Y6 Passion Play (for parents)
 2.30pm Parents' Forum
 3.20pm PSA Easter Cake Sale
 Thu 31 Mar KS2 School Council to Westminster
 3.30-4pm Open Classroom
 Fri 1 Apr 2pm close for Easter holiday

NEXT TERM

Mon 18 Apr Bank Holiday – school closed
 Tue 19 Apr Children return to school
 Y6 children to Devon
 Wed 20 Apr Police visit to YR
 Y3 swimming lessons start

NEXT TERM cont...

Fri 22 Apr Earth Day
 Y6 return to school
 Tue 26 Apr Author visit
 Wed 27 Apr Y4 to Sayers Croft (Ewhurst)
 Fri 29 Apr Y4 return
 3pm Y6 ice-cream/lolly sale
 Mon 2 May Bank Holiday – school closed
 Tue 3 May YR to Arundel Castle
 Mon 9 May KS2 SATs week
 Mon 16 May Whole school photo

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 23: I try to keep going and not give up hope when things are difficult.



We pray together: Father, we know that life is not always easy and that there will be many obstacles. Help us, whenever we are challenged, to turn to you for wisdom, guidance and hope. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN

The Pope Speaks: In a world that at times seeks to cancel aspects of history and culture, or replace truth with fake news or propaganda, we greatly need the wisdom and experience of the elderly to help new generations know the Church from the inside, to live lives of fidelity to God's word, to persevere in hope amid trials, and to show compassion and love for all our brothers and sisters. May we value this precious vocation of the elderly as we cherish the gifts of the past and look forward to the fulfilment of God's promises.



Money Matters: first half of the Summer Term 2022

Dinners (KS2 ONLY): £68.60 (28 days at £2.45; Tue 19 Apr-Fri 27 March 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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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**.



Attachment: Earth Day flier