

# Newsletter 24: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

Dear Parents,



**Earth Day** – thank you very much to everyone who worked so hard to ensure a really excellent Earth Day today. With Mrs Tod’s help, a number of parents ran an assembly and workshops for every year group. We also had visitors from Lush and Yard Market to talk to the children about their zero waste philosophy and sustainable inspiration to help ‘Reduce, Re-use and Recycle’.



**Year 6** – we are really looking forward to hearing from the children of Year 6 about their wonderful trip to Georgeham in Devon. We are expecting them to return at about 6.30pm, but do watch out for any notices you might receive from Mrs Higgins between now and then.

**Year 4** – the children of Year 4 are preparing for their residential trip to Sayers Croft from Wednesday of next week. This is a lovely introduction to residential trips and we know that they will have

a wonderful time. The children of Year 4 have also been busy preparing for their class assembly in which they will tell us about the ancient Egyptians. This will be at 9am on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. It will be wonderful to be able to invite parents back into school for class assemblies after a period of two years!



**Godly Play** – we are grateful to Lucy, from Wintershall, for coming to us this term on a regular basis to lead Godly Play sessions. This is an ingenious way of engaging children in biblical stories which bring faith to life.

**PSA EGM** – this will be taking place virtually on Wednesday 18th May at 18:00. Please join the meeting from the comfort of your own home to find out about the projects we have delivered so far this year and, information of what is still to come. Feel free to observe the meeting or join in with questions and ideas. The more parents/carers we have involved the more joy we can bring to our children and school community. The zoom invite will be sent out nearer the date.

**Uniform** – children may now wear the summer uniform. We do appeal to you to ensure that you purchase the **correct summer dress**. That is to say, the **NAVY BLUE** version of reference code T766481 from Marks & Spencer.



**Clubs for this term** – there are now a number of booking forms on the website for those clubs which are run by external providers, i.e. tennis, sewing, judo and Kickstart. Below is an overview of the list of clubs which can also be found on the website:

DAY	WHAT	LEAD BY	FOR WHOM	TIME	FROM DATE	END DATE
Mon	Football	Kickstart	Y1+2	3.25-4.25pm	25/04	11/07
Wed	Judo	Witley Schools Judo Ltd	Y2-6	8-8.45am	27/04	13/07
	Gardening	Mrs Patrick and Mr Judge	Y1+2	Lunchtimes	TBC	TBC
	Tennis	Tennis England	All	3.25-4.25pm	27/04	22/06
	Rounders	Mrs McCarthy	5+6	3.30-4.30pm	04/05	06/07
	Football	Kickstart	Y3+4	3.25-4.20pm	27/04	13/07
Thu	Basketball	Kidz B-Ballin'	Y3-6	7.45-8.45am	28/04	07/07
	Netball	Mrs McCarthy	5+6	3.25-4.45pm	05/05	TBC
Fri	Sewing	Marta Doroszkiewicz	KS2	3.25-4.40pm	22/04	15/07

**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.

**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.stedmundschool.co.uk/blog/?pid=14&nid=10>



**Summer Alpha** Our parish Alpha programme starts soon – on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 7-9pm – and all parents are warmly invited. 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, and takes place on Sunday evenings. Full details and registration form can be found on the parish website [www.stedsgod.com](http://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 [alion@btinternet.com](mailto:alion@btinternet.com)

**Cake Sale after Masses w/e 30<sup>th</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> May** Our St Edmund's parish is twinned with Kasanka in Zambia, and to support their school and community we are holding a Cake Sale, so please be ready to buy, and to get baking – and let Mary know if you can help: 01483 428031. All types, sizes and flavours of cake are welcome – and as many as you can offer! Please label your cakes to identify allergens: gluten, eggs, milk, peanuts, sesame, and nuts. Thank you. There will also be **Coffee after 8.45am Mass on 1<sup>st</sup> May** – an ideal opportunity to buy a cake!

**St Edmund's Parish Easter Egg Hunt** The weather was wonderful and there was an excellent turn out, with lots of appreciative feedback; and every time a Ukrainian flag was found, prayers were said for peace in Ukraine. Prize winners will be notified soon, but we hope and pray that the real winner will be peace in Ukraine.

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### THIS TERM (new dates in yellow)

Tue 26 Apr	Author visit
Wed 27 Apr	Y4 to Sayers Croft (Ewhurst)
Fri 29 Apr	Y4 returns 3pm Y6 ice-cream/lolly sale
Mon 2 May	<b>Bank Holiday – school closed</b>
Tue 3 May	<b>9am Y4 Assembly</b> YR to Arundel Castle 2.45pm Rocksteady Concert
Thu 5 May	<b>Y3 Japanese Children's Day</b>
Mon 9 May	KS2 SATs week
Mon 16 May	Whole school photo
Mon 23 May	<b>Y5+6 First Aid training</b>
Tue 24 May	<b>Y1 to Rural Life Centre</b>
Wed 25 May	Class photos
Thu 26 May	<b>2pm Ascension Day Mass</b>
Fri 27 May	<b>Close (normal time) for half-term</b>
Mon 6 Jun	<b>Children return to school</b>
Thu 9 Jun	<b>Y6 to Henley Fort</b>

#### THIS TERM cont...

Mon 13 Jun	<b>Y5 to Henley Fort</b>
Wed 15 Jun	<b>Y4 to Broadwater for Multi Skills</b>
Mon 20 Jun	<b>Y6 Bikeability (all week)</b>
Fri 24 Jun	<b>Y4 to Life of Christ</b>
Mon 27 Jun	<b>YR to Tuesley Farm</b>
Fri 1 Jul	<b>Sports Morning</b>
Thu 7 Jul	<b>Y6 Retreat at Wintershall</b>
Fri 8 Jul	<b>Sports Morning (reserve)</b>
Fri 22 Jul	<b>2pm close for summer holiday</b>

#### NEXT YEAR'S DATES (2022-2023)

AUT:	5 Sep-21 Dec 2022 (half-term w/c 24 Oct)
SPR:	9 Jan-31 Mar 2023 (half-term w/c 13 Feb)
SUM:	17 Apr-21 Jul 2023 (half-term w/c 29 May)

#### KNOWN INSETS / CLOSURES 2022-2023

5+6 Sept, 7 Oct, 28 Nov 2022



**Ethos Statement 25:** I know when to ask for help and from whom to ask for help.

**We pray together:** Father, you have given us the gift of family and friends. You have also given us the gift of yourself. Help us to recognise those moments when we need help and the grace to turn to you first. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN



**The Pope Speaks:** Dear young people, do not be afraid of making decisive choices in life. Have faith; the Lord will not abandon you! From my point of view, God is the light that illuminates the darkness, even if it does not dissolve it, and a spark of divine light is within each of us.

#### Money Matters: first half of the Summer Term 2022

<b>Dinners (KS2 ONLY):</b>	£68.60 (28 days at £2.45; Tue 19 Apr-Fri 27 March 2022)
<b>Governors' Fund:</b>	£20 per family per term, cheques payable to "A&B Diocesan Trust St Edmund's"
<b>Outings:</b>	Cheques payable to "St Edmund's School Fund" or pay online via PMX ParentMail
<b>PSA Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk">www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk</a>
<b>Clubhouse</b>	<a href="mailto:clubhouse@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk">clubhouse@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk</a>

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<b>Dates for the year ahead</b>	<a href="http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2,3&amp;pid=14&amp;viewid=1">http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2,3&amp;pid=14&amp;viewid=1</a>
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<b>Clubs booking forms</b>	<a href="http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=Clubs+and+Activities&amp;pid=34">http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=Clubs+and+Activities&amp;pid=34</a>

#### 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**.

