

Newsletter 29: Friday 20th May 2022

Dear Parents,

Hedgehogs! – on Tuesday of this week we were delighted to welcome Graham Bowring, from St Francis Animal Care. Let's hear about it from Sophie M (Y6): *"On Tuesday, Harry the hedgehog was brought to our school. This was because we have been doing a science topic about adaptation. We looked at how a hedgehog adapts to its habitat and why it does what it does. We found out that hedgehogs have approximately 5,000 spikes which they use for self-defence. Also, hedgehogs can climb, but they can't get down, so when they are stuck somewhere high, they curl up into a ball and stick their spines out, to make a cushion for when they land. Hedgehogs have 36 teeth which they use to crunch beetles which are their favourite food."*



Xavier Musician of the MAT – we are very proud of both Aria (Y5) and Ambrose (Y4) for taking part in this year's Musician of the MAT competition which was held yesterday evening at one of the Xavier Trust schools, Cardinal Newman School in Hersham. Each school of the Xavier Trust was allowed to enter two pupils. Aria sang 'A Change in Me' from 'Beauty and the Beast', and Ambrose played 'Shadow Wizard' on his violin.

Musical Concert – after a two-year absence, it will be wonderful to have all our musicians taking part in this term's Musical Concert which will be on Monday 18th July in the afternoon. A Parentmail Form was sent out yesterday – please complete it if your child would like to take part. There will, separately, be a Rocksteady concert on 12th July at 2.45pm for those children who take part in Rocksteady.

Ascension Day – parents are warmly invited to attend next Thursday's 2pm Ascension Day Mass, particularly those of Year 4 children who made their First Holy Communion recently. Those who have recently made their FHC are invited to bring their FHC outfits to school that day, to change into for the Mass.

PSA Bake-Off & Mufti – just a little reminder that next Friday is the PSA's Bake-Off and Mufti Day as per the attached flier, which gives more information. Children are invited to come to school dressed in the colours of the Union Jack.



Emails for Clubhouse bookings – please could we ask you to email info@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk as we have found that this is the email address more easily checked during the course of the school day.

KOOSA Kids St Edmund's Holiday Club Update – after 10 wonderful years of holiday fun and excitement, and due to building works and knock on logistical challenges over the upcoming holiday periods, their holiday club at St Edmund's will be moving permanently to Busbridge Junior School after May Half Term. They would like to thank all St Edmund's parents for booking with KOOSA Kids over the years and hope to welcome many of you to their holiday club at Busbridge Junior School, which will be opening from Summer 2022 and every school holiday thereafter. If you have an existing booking for the summer holidays, they will be in contact over the next week to discuss available options. For more information about their holiday clubs, please visit <https://www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club>



Godalming Library Family Activity Trail and Workshop – going out with this newsletter is information from Godalming Library about some fun half-term activities.

The Godalming Run – this will be on Sunday 22nd May and is open to everyone for fun and fundraising. Please go to <https://www.godalmingrun.co.uk/> for more information or contact Michael O'Sullivan mosullivan03@gmail.com

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>



Children's Liturgy is at 8.45am Sunday Mass at St John's Farncombe, and **Bumps & Babes** is on Mondays at 10.30am at St John's, Farncombe.

Baptism Preparation Please get in touch with the parish office if you have young children for baptism as preparation sessions start in June. Email: godalming@abdiocese.org.uk

Grandparents Day is celebrated on 8th June at the Shrine to Our Lady at West Grinstead 11am-3pm

Further information about this annual day with Bishop Richard:

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

Feast of Corpus Christi - Sunday 19th June To celebrate this feast you are invited to join the whole-parish outdoor Mass at Ladywell Convent at 10.30am, with the opportunity for a picnic afterwards in the grounds.

Plant Sale this weekend at St Joseph's Please come along and bag yourself some great bargains from the wide array of plants on sale. Donations go to our twin parish in Kasanka to help the local school 'go digital'. The Sale is outside at the front of St Joseph's, and there is plenty of parking available.

IMPORTANT DATES**THIS TERM (new dates in yellow)**

Mon 23 May	Y5+6 First Aid training
Tue 24 May	Y1 to Rural Life Centre
Wed 25 May	9am Parents' Forum Class photos
Thu 26 May	2pm Ascension Day Mass
Fri 27 May	9.05am Y5 Assembly PSA Jubilee Bake Off & MUFTI Close (normal time) for half-term
Mon 6 Jun	Children return to school Start of Jubilee Week
Thu 9 Jun	Y6 to Henley Fort
Fri 10 Jun	3.20pm Jubilee display Y3 doughnut sale (3.20pm)
Mon 13 Jun	Y5 to Henley Fort
Wed 15 Jun	Y2 Toy Workshop (in school) Y4 to Broadwater for Multi Skills
Thu 16 Jun	9.05am Y3 Assembly Y1+2 Italian Day
Fri 17 Jun	KS2 Italian Day
Mon 20 Jun	Y6 Bikeability (all week)
Tue 21 Jun	Y2 Fire Safety talk

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Fri 24 Jun	9.05am Y1 Assembly Y4 to Life of Christ at Wintershall
Mon 27 Jun	YR to Tuesley Farm
Tue 28 Jun	Moving up Day (here and St Peter's) New YR Induction Morning 7pm Y6 transition to second school webinar
Fri 1 Jul	Sports Morning
Thu 7 Jul	Y6 Retreat at Wintershall
Fri 8 Jul	9.05am Y2 Assembly
Sat 9 Jul	1-4pm PSA Summer Fest
Tue 12 Jul	2.45pm Rocksteady Concert Y6 play (evening, time TBA)
Wed 13 Jul	1-4pm District Sports at Charterhouse
Mon 18 Jul	2.30pm Musical Concert
Fri 22 Jul	2pm close for summer holiday

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 29: I try to forgive people when they hurt me.

We pray together: Father, as you forgive us so you demand that we forgive others. Grant us the courage to forgive those who have hurt us. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN

The Pope Speaks: If you have a wound in your heart, a pain, and you want to protest, then protest! God hears you; God is Father. Be free, be free in your prayer. Don't imprison your prayers in preconceived patterns. No, prayer must be spontaneous, like a child with their parent.

**Money Matters: second half of the Summer Term 2022**

Dinners (KS2 ONLY):	£85.75 (35 days at £2.45; Mon 6 June - Fri 22 July 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	info@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**.



Attachment: PSA Jubilee Bake-Off flier; Library