

Newsletter 19: Friday 1st March 2024

Dear Parents,



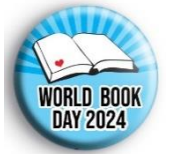
St Edmund's Science Fair – well done to all the children who took part in this week's Science Fair. All the entries were really interesting, and it was clear that the children had worked very

hard on their project. We invited Mrs Gordon and Fr Jonathan to help us judge the entries. The outcome will be announced next week. The KS 2 winners will have the opportunity to take their entry to represent St Edmund's at the Xavier Trust Science Fair on Wednesday 27th March at ACS International School in Cobham.



SATs talk – parents and children in Year 6 are invited to a talk at **3.30pm on Monday**. This will be a valuable opportunity to learn a little more about the forthcoming KS2 SATs tests.

World Book Day – is next Friday! Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. 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.



Swimming Gala 9th March 1.30pm at Charterhouse – thank you to those children who have signed up to take part. If your child is in KS 2 and would like to take part (we particularly need more boys) then please sign them up using this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/F6Yv6yeWK5>

Year 6 Booster Classes – Year 6 booster classes will be at 8am on Tuesdays 5th, 12th and 19th March.



Trips – the children of YR had a wonderful time at Little Street in Rudgwick. For those who haven't been before, it is an indoor play town which features a pizza parlour, theatre, beauty salon, supermarket, construction site and vets. There is a post office with delivery points around the town, a picnic area and a police station complete with a jail! We were lucky with the weather and enjoyed our picnic outside. We are keeping our fingers crossed that the children of Year 4 are having a lovely time at Fishbourne Roman Palace today, despite the rather inclement weather.



Important Reminders!

- **Calling to tell us of your child's absence?** – please try to let the office know before 9am if your child is going to be absent that day. You can leave a message on the absence answerphone (giving your child's name and year group), or call the office directly or email. If this could be done by 9am that would be much appreciated.
- **Received an SMS text from school/Arbor?** – if you receive an SMS text from school and need to respond, **please do not text back** but call the office instead, if a response is necessary. This is because inbound SMS messages are not necessarily monitored. Thank you.
- **Someone else collecting your child?** – please can we appeal to you, again, to give us the **full name** of the person collecting your child if you are not collecting them. Giving us the first name of the parent who is to collect your child is not as helpful as giving us the first and surname, particularly as we refer to parents in the formal manner.

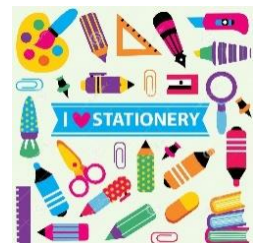


Headteacher's Blog – every Friday Mrs Higgins writes about what has been happening in school during the week in her Headteacher's Blog in the website. Have a look every week to keep yourselves up to date by clicking on [this](#) link.



Italian – this week's Italian phrase, "Grazie" ("Thank you")

Pen Shop – the children of Year 6 run our weekly Pen Shop on Fridays at lunchtime. For your information, here are the prices: ordinary pencil 20p, automatic pencil 45p, eraser 15p, short ruler 15p, long ruler 20p, Berol handwriting pen 30p, glue stick 40p, sharpener 30p, Reading Record book 30p, Homework diary 40p, highlighter pen 20p, pink and green biros 10p, small notebook 20p. As you can see, these prices are such that no child should need to bring to school as much as a £5/£10 note.



PARISH NEWS

Parish meeting on the future of our parish churches There will be an open parish meeting on **Tuesday 12th March**, 7pm for 7.30pm, at St Edmund's School. This will be an opportunity for discussion and exchange of views about future options for our churches. Everyone is invited, and if you have questions for the parish to consider at the meeting please email Fr Jonathan: Jonathan.how@abdiocese.org.uk The information, report and questionnaire are at: <https://www.stedsgod.com/news/our-churches>



CAFOD Big Lent Walk Thank you to all the school families who have signed up to join in the parish Big Lent Walk to help support the hungry and needy around the world. Please keep counting your daily steps and add them to the spreadsheet <https://forms.office.com/e/acfyMUj4V0> so that the parish can reach the target of 6,880km. And if you can sponsor the team the link is: <https://parishes.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-edmund-godalming>

Wintershall Passion of Jesus in Trafalgar Square On Good Friday there are two 90-minute performances at 12 noon and 3.15 pm. It's a moving portrayal of the final days of Jesus and is highly recommended. No tickets are required, performances are free. <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/passion-jesus>

IMPORTANT DATES

THIS TERM (new items in yellow)		TERM DATES 2023-2024
Fri 1 Mar	2.45pm Master Readers workshop for parents of Y2-6	Spr: 8 Jan-28 Mar 2024 (half-term w/c 12 Feb) Sum: 15 Apr-19 Jul 2024 (half-term w/c 27 May)
Mon 4 Mar	3.30pm SATs talk to Y6 parents	INSETS, CLOSURES & BANK HOLIDAYS 15 Mar, 3 June 2024 Bank holidays: 29 Mar, 6 May 2024
Tue 5 Mar	8am Y6 Booster Class	
Wed 6 Mar	2.45pm YR Mothers' Day Celebration	TERM DATES NEXT YEAR 2024-2025 Aut: 2 Sept-20 Dec 2024 (half-term w/c 28 Oct) Spr: 6 Jan-4 Apr 2025 (half-term w/c 17 Feb) Sum: 22 Apr-18 Jul 2025 (half-term w/c 26 May)
Fri 8 Mar	World Book Day Y6 Lent Retreat (in school)	
Sat 9 Mar	1pm Cross Country at Charterhouse 1.30pm Swimming Gala at Charterhouse	INSETS, CLOSURES & BANK HOLIDAYS 2 + 3 Sept, 4 Oct, 2 Dec 2024, 14 Mar 2025 Bank holidays: 5 May 2025
Mon 11 Mar	Y4 Bikeability (plus 12 th & 14 th)	
Tue 12 Mar	8am Y6 Booster Class	
Wed 13 Mar	6.30pm Stargazing (new date)	
Fri 15 Mar	INSET DAY - school closed	
Tue 19 Mar	Y6 Booster Class 2pm Y5+6 Stations of the Cross	
Wed 20 Mar	1.45pm Y3+4 Stations of the Cross	
Fri 22 Mar	8am meeting of the LGC 2.30pm Parents' Forum 3.30pm PSA Film Show	
Tue 26 Mar	2.45pm Rocksteady Concert 6pm Y6 Passion Play	
Thu 28 Mar	2pm early close for Easter Holiday	



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

We pray together: Lord, help us to remember that the words we speak have an impact on those around us. Keep our thoughts and therefore our words always positive, helpful and kind. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN

Thought for the Week: If we do not fill our minds with prayer, it will fill itself with anxieties, worries, temptations, resentments and unwelcome memories. *Scott Hahn*

Money Matters: second half of the Spring Term 2024	
Dinners (KS2 ONLY):	£75.60 (28 days at £2.70; Mon 19 Feb to Thu 28 Mar 2024)
Governors' Fund:	£20 per family per term, cheques payable to "St Edmund's School Governors Godalming" If setting up a Direct Debit online: 40-05-20; 21127306; account name as above
Clubhouse:	£6.75 am session; £14.50 pm session
PSA Website:	www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk
Confused by 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, Mrs Patrick or Mrs Millis**.



Attachment: Planet Sport INSET day flier; Planet Sport Easter holiday flier