

# Newsletter 20: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents,

**World Book Day** – well done to all the children who came to school today dressed as their favourite book character; we have had such a fun day. Reading is so important, not just for children as they grow up, but for us all. Reading reduces stress and helps us to relax, it improves our concentration and memory, it broadens our vocabulary and strengthens our writing ability. It enhances our knowledge and increases our imagination and creativity. Reading is great!



**Bikeability** – this begins next week for those children of Year 4 who have signed up to take part. Please ensure the following: 1) that you check the group to which your child has been assigned (there are three groups, one for each of the three days there will be Bikeability training), 2) that your child's bicycle is in good working condition. Where a bicycle is found not to be in appropriate condition, training will not be allowed to go ahead for the owner of that bicycle.

**Big Plastic Count** – please join us and keep a count of all the single use plastics used at home each week. You can add your totals to the following links and we can build up a picture of our plastic use as a school and help reduce it!

Year R: <https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/8751/year-r-5>

Year 1: <https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/8751/year-1-193>

Year 2: <https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/8751/year-2-188>

Year 3: <https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/8751/year-3-198>

Year 4: <https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/8751/year-4-214>

Year 5: <https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/8751/year-5-213>

Year 6: <https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/8751/year-6-220>



**Year R Mothers' Day Celebration** – it was beautiful, as ever, to hold this special celebration of mothers. All the children of YR made special cards and a gift for their mummies.



**St Edmund's Science Fair** – further to all the wonderful submissions to the Science Fair, we are delighted to announce the winners as follows. The overall winner was Martha (Y4). The class winners were: Arthur (Y6), Alma (Y5), Yevhen (Y4), Alice (Y3), Fearne (Y2) and August (Y1). These children along with the runners up will be invited to represent St Edmund's at the Xavier Trust Science Fair on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at ACS International School in Cobham.

**Swimming Gala 9<sup>th</sup> March 1.30pm at Charterhouse** – good luck to all of our children who are going to be taking part in tomorrow's swimming gala.

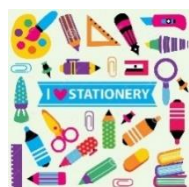


**Second Hand Uniform Sale** – this will be at 3.15pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Please could all items of second-hand uniform be brought to school the week commencing Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

**Parent/Carer workshops** – there are a number of online courses which may be of interest to parents/carers across Surrey. They cover the following subjects: 1) talking to your child and supporting them to cope with their worries, 2) Understanding, expressing and managing emotions, and 3) Supporting your child with the transition from primary school to secondary school. Booking details are available by clicking on this link: [Parent/Carer Workshops - YMCA East Surrey](#)

**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, is "ci vediamo", "see you later"



**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 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](mailto: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>

**Easter Services in the parish** Maundy Thursday 8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Joseph's; **Good Friday**: 10.30am Family Stations of the Cross at St Edmund's; 3pm Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday at St Joseph's; **Holy Saturday** 8pm Solemn Vigil of Easter at St Joseph's; **Easter Sunday** - 6.45am Dawn Service (not Mass) at the Minster Field followed by refreshments at Ladywell Convent; 8.45am Mass at St John's; 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's.

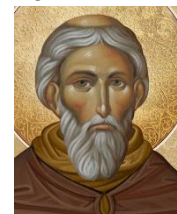
## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>THIS TERM (new items in yellow)</b>		<b>TERM DATES 2023-2024</b>
Sat 9 Mar	<b>2pm</b> Cross Country at Charterhouse 1.30pm Swimming Gala at Charterhouse	<b>Spr</b> : 8 Jan-28 Mar 2024 (half-term w/c 12 Feb) <b>Sum</b> : 15 Apr-19 Jul 2024 (half-term w/c 27 May)
Mon 11 Mar	Y4 Bikeability (plus 12 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>INSETS, CLOSURES &amp; BANK HOLIDAYS</b> 15 Mar, 3 June 2024 Bank holidays: 29 Mar, 6 May 2024
Tue 12 Mar	8am Y6 Booster Class	
Wed 13 Mar	6.30pm Stargazing (new date)	<b>TERM DATES NEXT YEAR 2024-2025</b> <b>Aut</b> : 2 Sept-20 Dec 2024 (half-term w/c 28 Oct) <b>Spr</b> : 6 Jan-4 Apr 2025 (half-term w/c 17 Feb) <b>Sum</b> : 22 Apr-18 Jul 2025 (half-term w/c 26 May)
Fri 15 Mar	<b>INSET DAY - school closed</b>	
<b>Mon 18 Mar</b>	<b>Collection of second hand uniform this week</b>	<b>INSETS, CLOSURES &amp; BANK HOLIDAYS</b> 2 + 3 Sept, 4 Oct, 2 Dec 2024, 14 Mar 2025 Bank holidays: 5 May 2025
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	
<b>Wed 27 Mar</b>	<b>3.15pm second hand uniform sale</b>	
Thu 28 Mar	2pm early close for Easter Holiday	



**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 beauty of everything that you have created. Through Christ our Lord, AMEN



**Thought for the Week:** I was no longer the centre of my life and therefore I could see God in everything. *St Bede the Venerable*

<b>Money Matters: second half of the Spring Term 2024</b>	
<b>Dinners (KS2 ONLY):</b>	£75.60 (28 days at £2.70; Mon 19 Feb to Thu 28 Mar 2024)
<b>Governors' Fund:</b>	£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
<b>Clubhouse:</b>	£6.75 am session; £14.50 pm session
<b>PSA Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk">www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk</a>
<b>Confused by jargon?</b>	Try our glossary or Frequently Asked Questions pages under "School Information"
<b>Still confused?</b>	Then <a href="mailto:info@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk">info@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk</a> or  01483 414497
<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>
<b>Copies of the newsletters</b>	<a href="http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=Newsletters&amp;pid=93">http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=Newsletters&amp;pid=93</a>
<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, Mrs Patrick or Mrs Millis**.

