

Newsletter 21: Friday 22nd March 2024

Dear Parents,

Next week is Holy Week, the holiest and most important week of the liturgical year. We prepare best for the great feast of Easter by first taking time to reflect on the passion and suffering of Jesus. Thank you to the children of Year 6, who have been working hard on their Passion Play; they will perform it to parents at 6pm on Tuesday 26th March in the school hall. Everyone is invited to attend.



Sayers Croft – just a reminder that the parents of children in Year 4 are invited to a meeting in the Year 4 classroom at 3.30pm on Tuesday 26th March.



Lost property – there is a large amount of lost property which, if unnamed and uncollected by this evening, will be washed and donated to the Second-Hand Uniform sale which takes place next Wednesday at 3.15pm. There are also quite a few unnamed water bottles and snack boxes. If these remain unclaimed by the end of term, they will be disposed of. If we may take this opportunity to remind you that **every item of clothing and personal belongings really should be**

named. Also, please check, on a regular basis, that your child has not inadvertently taken home something which does not belong to them.

Egyptian Day – yesterday the children of Year 3 had a really good day immersing themselves in the life and times of Ancient Egypt. Thank you to Mrs Every for making this such an inspiring way to learn about the ancient Egyptians.



Emotion Coaching – our thanks to Dr Ali D'Amario for coming yesterday to give a talk to our parents on 'Emotion Coaching', which is a way of supporting children to regulate their emotions. This is something we use in school alongside the Zones of Regulation. Details subsequent to the workshop were sent out to you all yesterday.

Legami pens – many children are bringing into school these very popular pens. Please make sure that they are named as there have been some disputes over ownership!

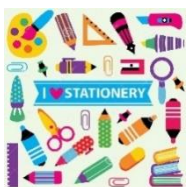


Clubs for next term – information about most of next term's after-school clubs has already been loaded onto our website (School Information/Clubs and Activities). Please note that **Cross Country Running Club** will resume on Friday 19th April and will continue to the half-term holiday (with the exception of Friday 3rd May).

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, "Buona Pasqua", "Happy Easter"



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 biro 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

On Good Friday there are services, performances and outdoor witness events:

10.00 am Churches Together in Elstead are gathering on the Green in Elstead

10.30am Family Stations of the Cross at St Edmund's

11.00 am the 'Witness in the Town' is led by the Trinity Trust Team on Godalming High Street

12 noon & 3.15 pm Wintershall Passion of Jesus in Trafalgar Square - a moving portrayal of the final days of Jesus; no tickets are required, performances are free.

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. And don't forget that the clocks go forward Saturday next!



CAFOD Big Lent Walk Thank you to all who signed up to the parish Big Lent Walk to help support the hungry and needy around the world. We are now close to our target of 6,880km so keep walking and giving us your steps via:

<https://forms.office.com/e/acfyMUj4V0> And if you can sponsor the team the link is:

<https://parishes.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-edmund-godalming>

Parenting young people and mental health The Green Hub Project for Teens is a local community project which supports teenagers and their families/carers facing mental health challenges. Their Parent Support Group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7pm-8.30pm. For more info: <https://greenhub.org.uk/parent-hub/>

What is your view on the future of our parish churches Fr Jonathan welcomes all feedback. The information and questionnaire are at: <https://www.stedsgod.com/news/our-churches> Please send your comments by Easter Monday.

IMPORTANT DATES

THIS TERM (new items in yellow)

Fri 22 Mar 3.30pm PSA Film Show
 Tue 26 Mar 2.45pm Rocksteady Concert
 6pm Y6 Passion Play
 Wed 27 Mar 3.15pm second hand uniform sale
 Thu 28 Mar 2pm early close for Easter Holiday

NEXT TERM

Mon 15 Apr Children return to school
 10am Easter Mass in school
 Wed 17 Apr Y3 swimming (each Wed until 26th Jun)
 Wed 24 Apr Y4 to Sayers Croft (return Fri 26th)
 Thu 2 May Y1 to Rural Life Museum
 Fri 3 May 8am meeting of the LGC
 Mon 6 May Bank Holiday - **school closed**
 Mon 13 May Start of KS2 SATs week
 Fri 17 May 2.30pm Parents' Forum
 Tue 21 May Y2 Florence Nightingale workshop
 Thu 23 May May Procession to Ladywell
 Fri 24 May Class photos
 3.20pm close for half-term holiday

TERM DATES 2023-2024

Sum: 15 Apr-19 Jul 2024 (half-term w/c 27 May)

REMAINING INSETS, CLOSURES & BANK HOLIDAYS

3 June 2024
 Bank holidays: 29 Mar, 6 May 2024

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)

INSETS, CLOSURES & BANK HOLIDAYS

2 + 3 Sept, 4 Oct, 2 Dec 2024, 14 Mar 2025
 Bank holidays: 5 May 2025



Ethos Statement 22: I can learn from my mistakes and failures.

We pray together: Father, our mistakes are healed over by your mercy and forgiveness. Give us the humility to accept that we make mistakes and the humility to accept correction. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN



Thought for the Week: So, you have failed? You have not failed: you have gained experience. Forward! *St Josemaria Escriva*

Money Matters: first half of the Summer Term 2024

Dinners (KS2 ONLY): £78.30 (29 days at £2.70; Mon 15 Apr to Fri 24 May 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.stedmundschoolpsa.co.uk

Confused by jargon? Try our glossary or Frequently Asked Questions pages under "School Information"

Still confused? Then [✉ info@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk) or [☎ 01483 414497](tel:01483414497)

Dates for the year ahead <http://www.stedmundschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2,3&pid=14&viewid=1>

Copies of the newsletters <http://www.stedmundschool.co.uk/page/?title=Newsletters&pid=93>

Clubs booking forms <http://www.stedmundschool.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.**

