

Newsletter 22: Friday 19th April 2024

Dear Parents,

It is lovely to see everyone back in school after what we hope was a lovely Easter holiday. The wonderful and joyful season of Eastertide continues until the Feast of Pentecost which, this year, falls on Sunday 19th May.

Welcome – to our new office lady, Mrs Higgins, who will be here on Thursday and Friday mornings. In order to avoid any confusion with our Headteacher, she will be called **Mrs Bain**, her married name.



Summer uniform – girls in Years R to 4 may now wear the summer school uniform which is the **Navy Blue gingham dress, not the light blue**. The M&S reference number for the correct dress is T766481. We have noticed quite a variety of summer dresses being worn, some being of the wrong blue and some of the wrong style. Please could you make every effort to ensure that the correct dress (left) is worn.

Swimming – the children of Year 3 were really excited to be going for their first school swimming lesson of the term. They had a lovely time and all did really well. Swimming lessons are a mandatory part of the curriculum for children in this year group.

Houses of Parliament – Mrs Higgins has taken our KS2 School Councillors and those of Year 2 to Westminster today to find out about how parliament works.



Phyllis Tuckwell – Mrs Clifford would be very happy to receive any used postage stamps in order to raise funds for the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. Also, plastic milk bottle tops would be super as well.

Sayers Croft – the children of Year 4 are very excited about their forthcoming residential trip to Sayers Croft next week. Thank you to everyone who is involved in organising and making these trips happen. They are so valuable for the development of children. We are looking forward to hearing all about it upon their return next Friday.



Clubs for this term – information about this term's after-school clubs is available on our website (School Information/Clubs and Activities). There is no Multi-Sports club this term.

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 phrase of the week – “In bocca al lupo!” – “good luck!”



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

In the parish this weekend: We welcome FHC families to 6pm Mass at St Edmund's; all young families to Children's Liturgy at 8.45am Mass at St John's; and everyone to coffee after 8.45am Mass!



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Cake Sale after all Masses this weekend Please buy cakes and give generously to our fund raising cake sale; we hope to raise £1,500 this year for the school children in our twin parish in Kasanka, Zambia.. PS...and the Cake Sale is an added reason for you to join us for coffee!

Bank Holiday 25/26 May Family Event This year's **Big Church Festival** is at Wiston Park. Join with over 30,000 people to worship together in the surroundings of the Wiston Estate, in the company of some of the best Christian artists in the world... <https://www.bigchurchfestival.com/>

Job Opportunity at Ladywell Convent The role is Support Assistant to the Pastoral Care and Community Events Team. Apply by 29 April. For more info: Recruitment@ladywell.org.uk

Grandparents' Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation and St Francis, West Grinstead, 26 June, 10.30am-3pm. A day of sharing and prayer with other grandparents, led by Bishop Richard, with Mass, rosary, tours of the secret chapel. Book asap as places go quickly: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/h4bozjok>

IMPORTANT DATES

THIS TERM (new items in yellow)		TERM DATES 2023-2024
Wed 24 Apr	Y4 to Sayers Croft (return Fri 26 th)	Sum: 15 Apr-19 Jul 2024 (half-term w/c 27 May)
Thu 2 May	Y1 to Rural Life Museum	
	Y3 Japanese Day	REMAINING INSETS, CLOSURES & BANK HOLIDAYS
Fri 3 May	8am meeting of the LGC	
Mon 6 May	Bank Holiday – school closed	6 May (bank holiday); INSET 3 June
Wed 8 May	Y4 to Cranleigh (pm)	
Thu 9 May	10am Ascension Day Mass	
Mon 13 May	Start of KS2 SATs week	
Fri 17 May	Mufti Day	TERM DATES NEXT YEAR 2024-2025
	2.30pm Parents' Forum	Aut: 2 Sept-20 Dec 2024 (half-term w/c 28 Oct)
	3.30pm PSA film show	
Tue 21 May	Y2 Florence Nightingale workshop	Spr: 6 Jan-4 Apr 2025 (half-term w/c 17 Feb)
Wed 22 May	May Procession to Ladywell	Sum: 22 Apr-18 Jul 2025 (half-term w/c 26 May)
Fri 24 May	Class photos	INSETS, CLOSURES & BANK HOLIDAYS
	3.20pm close for half-term holiday	
Mon 3 Jun	INSET DAY – school closed	2 + 3 Sept, 4 Oct, 2 Dec 2024, 14 Mar 2025
Tue 4 Jun	Children return to school	
	2pm Mass	Bank holidays: 5 May 2025



Ethos Statement 23: I try to keep going and not give up hope when things are difficult.

We pray together: Father, we know that life is not always easy and that there will be many obstacles. Help us, whenever we are challenged, to turn to you for wisdom, guidance and hope. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN

Thought for the Week: Here is the amazing thing about Easter; the Resurrection of Sunday for Christians is this, that Christ in the dying moments on the cross gives us the greatest possible illustration of forgiveness.

T D Jakes

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 or 01483 414497
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.**

