

Newsletter 22: Friday 1st March 2019

Dear Parents,



Lent – begins on Wednesday! This is one of the most important times of the Church's year when we are all invited to think more deeply and clearly about our relationship with God and with others. The Church invites us do three specific things during Lent to help us to become more like Jesus: to pray more; to deny ourselves more and to give more generously. We would be delighted if you would help us to get Lent off to a great start by joining us for our **10.40am Ash Wednesday liturgy** (including the distribution of ashes) that day.

Indoor Sportshall Play-off – having done so well in previous indoor athletics competitions, our KS2 athletes took part in a final play-off competition held at Broadwater School on Thursday of this week. We are delighted to have come second; well done to all the children who worked so hard, and to Mrs McCarthy who is such an inspiration.



Marie Curie Daffodils – the lovely daffodil flower badges for raising funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care are now on sale in the office. Please buy a daffodil to support this wonderful charity.

We love to read! – our letter about **World Book Day** went home this week and can also be downloaded from the website. We are, as always, very keen to promote in all our children the love of reading. Here are some key things going on next week:

- **On Monday** we will be running a **book sale** with all proceeds going towards the refurbishment of our library. If you have any used children's books in good condition that you would like to donate to the sale, then please put them in the boxes provided in the school office/reception area by Monday morning. Children should come to school on Monday with 50p so that they can have the opportunity to buy a book. Also on Monday there will be a lunchtime book quiz for the House groups.
- As part of our celebration of reading, we have set up a **competition** to see who can be found reading in the most unusual place. If your child would like to enter, please send in a photograph of them reading in their chosen place (please write their name and year group on the back) and address it to Mrs Shorten/Mrs Norton (Year 5). Alternatively email the photograph to the office. **The closing date is Tuesday 5th March.**
- Finally, on **Thursday** (World Book Day) the children can come to school dressed up as a book character. A 'Best Dressed' winner will be chosen from KS1 and KS2 and announced during assembly.



PSA Notices

Girls' Night In – is this evening! Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets for this. If past GNI events are anything to go by, we know that it will be a fun evening.



St Edmund's and the PSA are organizing an '**International Day**' on 29th April. If you or your family would like to contribute ideas, food and/or items from your culture please get in touch either with the school or the PSA as soon as you can.

The PSA would like to kindly remind parents that absolutely **no items containing nuts** should be contributed to Bake Sales. Thank you for your understanding.



Parish proposals for the re-development of St Edmund's Church on Croft Road –

You may not be aware that at the recent Parish AGM, plans for the future of St Edmund's Church were discussed. Parents can go to

<http://www.stedmundgodalming.btck.co.uk>

and click on Parish AGM for information regarding the architect's plans on the proposals. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-UdrNasiHqlui61b-GfjE-03zCBm57g17DXHaiVHyMcE-Kw/viewform>

Then click on Parish Vision to participate in the questionnaire.

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Writing Competition – once again children have the opportunity enter into the BBC Radio Two’s ‘500 Words’ writing competition, the **closing date for which is 8th March**. If you would like more information, then please visit this website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0orfvk1>



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. Do remember to have a look every week to keep yourselves up to date by going here: <http://www.stedmundschool.co.uk/page/default.asp?pid=124>

Weekday Masses in the parish – Fr David would love to welcome you to the parish weekday Masses. Starting at 9.30am and lasting just 25 minutes, they are in Milford on Wednesdays and Fridays, and in Godalming on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please keep an eye on the parish newsletter as Masses are subject to change from time to time if Father David has commitments elsewhere.



Paying for things? – just a little reminder that if you are coming to the office to pay for something in cash, please ensure that you bring it to the office as **correct cash** and **in an envelope** clearly marked as to what the cash is for.



Also, if you are paying for things online, could we ask you to consider paying by card rather than Paypal Express. This is because Paypal Express is much more expensive for us. Thank you.

The Pen Shop (Mon + Fri) – ordinary pencils 10p; push pencils 30p (KS2 only); rubbers 5p; short rulers 10p; long rulers 15p; handwriting pens 25p; glue sticks 40p; sharpeners 25p; reading records 25p; homework diaries 30p and highlighters 50p.



DATES FOR THIS TERM (items highlighted are new)		DATES FOR THIS TERM continued	
Fri 1 Mar	3.30pm Y3 Cake Sale ; 7.30pm Girls Night In	Tue 26 Mar	3pm Rock Steady Concert
Tue 5 Mar	Y1 to Godalming for Annual Mayor’s Pancake Race Y2 to Brooklands Museum	Wed 27 Mar	Hydestile Animal Rescue in school (Y3)
Wed 6 Mar	10.40am Ash Wednesday liturgy	Fri 29 Mar	8.15am Lenten Mass 3pm Mothers’ Day Celebration YR
Thu 7 Mar	World Book Day 3.40pm Mrs Hua talk for Y6 parents about SATs	Wed 3 Apr	2pm Easter Egg Hunt 7pm Passion Play in school
Fri 8 Mar	8.15am Lenten Mass at school	Thu 4 Apr	9.30am End of Term Mass
Mon 11 Mar	9.30am Pedals training for Y2	Fri 5 Apr	2pm close for the Easter Holiday
Tue 12 Mar	9am-12.15pm Bikeability for Y4 (+ Wed 13 th)	Mon 22 Apr	Easter Monday – school closed
Wed 13 Mar	Y1 to Painshill Park	Tue 23 Apr	Children return to school
Thu 14 th Mar	Y5 tree-planting at Ladywell Convent	THIS YEAR’S DATES (2018-2019) SPR: 3 Jan-5 Apr 2019 (half-term w/c 18 Feb) SUM: 23 Apr-24 Jul 2019 (half-term w/c 27 May)	
Fri 15 Mar	8.15am Lenten Mass; CAFOD Fast Day 2.15pm PSA meeting at school	REMAINING INSETS : 14th June 2019	
Wed 19 Mar	Y6 to Wintershall		
Thu 20 Mar	6pm Y2 Infant Singing at Rodborough		
Fri 22 Mar	8.15am Lenten Mass; 9.05am Y5 Assembly 3.30pm PSA Film Show		

Ethos Statement 18: I co-operate with others in work and play.

We pray together: Father, a house divided against itself cannot stand. We therefore ask you to help us work together peacefully as a team so that your will may always be done. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

The Pope Speaks: We cannot pray [the Our Father] repeating words like a parrot. Either we enter into the mystery, aware that God is our Father, or we are not praying. The expression ‘in Heaven’ does not express remoteness; it expresses a radical diversity and another dimension of love. It is a tireless love, which will remain forever and will always, always be available. It is enough to just say, “Our Father who art in Heaven’ and his love comes ...”



Money Matters: second half of the Spring Term 2019

Dinners (KS2 ONLY): £66.70 (29 days at £2.30 between Tue 26th Feb to Fri 5th Apr 2019)
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.stedmundschoolpsa.co.uk

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