

Newsletter 2: Friday 14th September 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome! – a really warm welcome to all the children of our new Reception Class who have joined us this week. We have really enjoyed getting to know them and would like to congratulate them on coming to school so happily. We particularly welcome all those families who are new to St Edmund's.



“Meet the Teacher” Monday 17th Sept (Y1-6, 3.35pm and 3.55pm) and on Monday 24th Sept (Reception Class 3.35pm) – this is an opportunity for you to hear about what your child will be doing in school this year. There are two identical sessions per class for those with more than one child here. Just proceed to the classroom of your choice

after pick-up. Children of school age can be left in the hall where they will be supervised. If you cannot attend, important information will be sent to you and also put onto the school website under [‘Meet the Teacher’](#)

NSPCC Online Safety Workshop – you will hopefully all have seen our message giving details of a very important workshop which is being led by the NSPCC regarding the online safety of your children. It takes place at 2pm on Wednesday 19th September and lasts for an hour. The details we sent out should appear in the ‘Forms’ facility of Parentmail.



Thank you – from The Flew family ([left](#)) to everyone who helped to raise money to purchase a children's beach wheelchair. The family delivered the wheelchair to West Wittering beach during the summer holidays. This wheelchair will allow disabled children to enjoy the beach and the sea, and is a wonderful tribute to Mrs Flew.

Individual Photos – the photographer will be coming in on Thursday 20th September to take photographs of each of the children. Your children are always smart, but please make sure that they are very smart for their photograph on that day.

Helping others – due to the new GDPR regulations, we are unable to send you via Parentmail the latest newsletter for Mrs Nicholls' charity, Les Amis-Burkina Faso. If you would like a hard copy, please pop into the office and pick one up.

Nut-free – just a reminder that the school is a nut-free zone. This is because there are a few children who have a severe allergy to nuts. Therefore, please ensure that no nuts, in any form, are brought into school for snacks or in packed lunches. We do thank you for your attention to this.



Changing dinner arrangements? – please ensure that, if you wish to change your child's dinner arrangements, the office needs a week's notice. Thank you.



Parentmail Forms – we have begun to use a new Parentmail facility called ‘Forms’. It is this facility which should have already alerted you to a couple of things this term, including the NSPCC talk (above). Do keep an eye out for the various events and other items which will now be sent to you via Forms. We do hope this will be easy to use and will mean that you no longer have to print out and return paper reply slips.

Parking and Drop Off – please do your best to park legally and with consideration towards our neighbours. You will have noticed the yellow lines on the corner of The Paddock – please do not park too close to any driveway or junction. Also, do not park or stop on the yellow zig-zags or yellow lines outside the school. For the benefit of our new parents, the front-of-school car park is not for use by parents. Thank you all for your cooperation.

If you are dropping children off at school for before-school clubs and Koosa, **please do NOT park in the front car park**. You may use the car park as a drop-off zone for dropping off; if you need to park and/or get out of your car, then please park on the road. Also, if other people are driving your child, please ensure that they are aware of parking and drop-off rules. Thank you.



Coffee Morning – every year Mrs Ali McAully (a parishioner) has held a fundraising event for Macmillan Cancer Support. Everyone is invited to her house, where there will be lots of refreshments and interesting stalls, from **9am on Friday 21st September**.

School Mass – this term’s School/Parish Mass will be on **Sunday 7th October**. As ever, we would dearly love as many of our children to play an active role in the Mass by offering to do a reading or a Bidding Prayer, taking part in the Offertory Procession or being a welcomer.

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 clicking [here](#).



Notes please – please ensure that your child knows, before you leave them at school in the morning, who will be collecting them if it is not going to be yourself. The office staff are happy to pass on messages in the case of an emergency change of plan. Also, remember to pop a note into your child’s bag if he/she is to be collected by someone other than yourself. We cannot release your child to another parent at pick-up time if we don’t have your permission in writing. We thank you for your attention to this.

Dinner money – dinner money for this half term is £73.60 for those children in Key Stage Two who receive a school dinner. Children from Reception to Year 2 receive free school dinners. Please ensure that you keep your account in credit as the term progresses.

DATES FOR THIS TERM (items highlighted are new)		DATES FOR THIS TERM continued	
Mon 17 Sept	3.35pm Meet the Teacher Y1-6 3.55pm Meet the Teacher Y1-6	Wed 10 Oct	Life Bus in school
Wed 19 Sept	2pm NSPCC workshop for parents	Fri 12 Oct	9.05am Y3 Assembly
Thu 20 Sept	Photos (individuals)	Mon 15 Oct	3.40pm Parent Consultations (ends 6.30pm)
Fri 21 Sept	9.05am Y5 Assembly	Tue 16 Oct	Y5 to Chertsey Museum
Mon 24 Sept	7am Y6 leave for Bude (back Fri 28 th) 3.30pm Meet the Teacher Year R	Wed 17 Oct	3.40pm Parent Consultations (ends 6pm)
Fri 28 th Sept	7pm Y6 return from Bude	Fri 19 Oct	Y4 to Poppy Factory MUFTI Day for St Michael’s in Burkina Faso 3.30pm close for the half-term holiday
Mon 1 Oct	Book Fair in school all week	THIS YEAR’S DATES (2018-2019)	
Tue 2 Oct	9.05am Commissioning Service	AUT: 4 Sep-19 Dec 2018 (half-term w/c 22 Oct)	
Wed 3 Oct	Y3 to Stonehenge	SPR: 3 Jan-5 Apr 2019 (half-term w/c 18 Feb)	
Thu 4 Oct	9am Safeguarding talk for parents and volunteers	SUM: 23 Apr-24 Jul 2019 (half-term w/c 27 May)	
Fri 5 Oct	CAFOD Harvest Fast day 2pm Celebration of Grandparents Day 3.30pm PSA Film Show	INSETS : 4 th , 5 th Sept, 29 th Oct 2018; 25 th Feb and 14 th June 2019.	
Sun 7 Oct	10.15am School Mass at St Joseph’s		
Tue 9 Oct	School Council to Westminster		

Ethos Statements – each week you will see a brief ‘Ethos Statement’ in the newsletter. This is a statement about our school ethos upon which we will have focused that week. All classes spend time on Thursday morning discussing that week’s Ethos Statement, thinking and talking about it and how it impacts upon our personal lives and our life as a school community.

Ethos Statement 1: We are all special

We pray together: Father, as you see and love our uniqueness, please us in our turn to see the and love the uniqueness of those around us, particularly those we have trouble liking. Through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

The Pope Speaks ...

Sunday is not the day to erase the other days, but to remember them, to bless them and make peace with life. Sunday is the day to make peace with life by saying: life is precious! Life is not easy and sometimes it is painful, but it is precious.



Money Matters: first half of the Autumn Term 2018

Dinners (KS2 ONLY): £73.60 (32 days at £2.30 per day between Thu 6th Sept & Fri 19th Oct 2018)
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

Confused by educational 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/page/?title=This+Year%27s+Dates&pid=91>

For copies of this newsletter: <http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=2>

For after-school clubs booking forms please visit: [St Edmunds Catholic Primary School - Clubs and Activities](#)

Attachment: Imago School Portraiture flier