

Newsletter 3: Friday 21st September 2018

Dear Parents,

Year 6 – we are very excited at the prospect of our Year 6 trip to Bude in Cornwall next week. The weather forecast looks very promising, which is a relief given that they have a programme including body boarding, abseiling and surfing (see right, last year's Year 6). Bon voyage, and tell us all about it when you get back, Year 6!



“Meet the Teacher” – Mrs Watson is looking forward to seeing the parents of Reception Class children at 3.35pm on Monday 24th September in the Reception classroom. This an opportunity for you to hear about what your child will be doing in school this year. All the handouts which given out at these meetings are now on the website under ‘Meet the Teacher’ (click [here](#)) except for Reception Class; this will be posted after the meeting on Monday.

Please don't forget – if you weren't at ‘Meet the Teacher’ and therefore didn't pick up the Data Collection Sheet for your child, then please don't forget to come and pick it up from the school office. It has been our experience that there are often changes to be made, such as new mobile numbers or even changes of address. As you can imagine, not having up-to-date contact information makes it hard to contact you should we need to. If we could take this opportunity to remind you that it is your responsibility to ensure that the contact details we hold for you are always up-to-date and correct. Thank you for your attention to this.

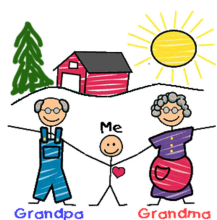


School Mass – thank you very much indeed to all those children who have offered their services at this term's School/Parish Mass which will be on **Sunday 7th October**. For those who have just joined us, for one Sunday in every term, the children of St Edmund's School play leading roles in the 10.15am Sunday parish Mass at St Joseph's in Milford. These Masses are a wonderful way of reminding everyone that our school is part of a large and vibrant parish. All St Edmund's children attending the School/Parish Mass should wear smart school uniform.

NSPCC Online Safety Workshop – thank you to all those parents who were able to come to this really useful workshop last Wednesday afternoon. Please take a moment to follow the links below for more information about helping your children to be safe online in an increasingly unsafe online world. Click [here](#) for the NSPCC and [here](#) for Net-Aware.



CAFOD Family Fast – Friday 5th October is CAFOD Harvest Fast day. Being a little bit hungry helps us to understand what it is like for those who do not have enough to eat every day. Therefore, children should not bring their morning snack with them on that day. Instead, please could the children bring to school what money you save by not buying/bringing a snack. This will be given to CAFOD.



Celebration of Grandparents 2pm 5th October – also on Friday 5th October is our celebration of grandparents. As many of you will recall, last year this event attracted so many people that we were not able to accommodate everyone in the hall safely. This was partly due to the number of our parents who accompanied the grandparents to the event. This year we are going to have to ask that our parents do not come into the hall, but rather leave / drop the grandparents at school. For those who would like to be there, we will be recording the event, and a DVD will be available to purchase. We do thank you for your understanding.

Individual Photos – the photographer was in school yesterday and has taken individual photos of each child. We are re-sending the flier which gives information about how to secure a photo of your child.



Anyone for violin lessons? – our Surrey Arts violin teacher, Mrs Davies, has asked us to let you know that there are currently spaces in her schedule (Tuesday afternoons during the school day) should any child wish to take up the violin. She will be delivering a special assembly on Monday 1st October after which a letter will be sent home explaining how to sign up for lessons and about the special discount. To look at the Surrey Arts website which gives more information, click [here](#).

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.

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](#).

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.

<p>DATES FOR THIS TERM (items highlighted are new)</p> <p>Mon 24 Sept 7am Y6 leave for Bude (back Fri 28th) 3.30pm Meet the Teacher Year R</p> <p>Fri 28th Sept PSA Film Show 7pm Y6 return from Bude</p> <p>Mon 1 Oct Book Fair in school all week</p> <p>Tue 2 Oct 9.05am Commissioning Service</p> <p>Wed 3 Oct Y3 to Stonehenge</p> <p>Thu 4 Oct 9am Safeguarding talk for parents and volunteers</p> <p>Fri 5 Oct CAFOD Harvest Fast day 2pm Celebration of Grandparents Day</p> <p>Sun 7 Oct 10.15am School Mass at St Joseph’s</p> <p>Tue 9 Oct School Council to Westminster</p> <p>Wed 10 Oct Life Bus in school</p> <p>Fri 12 Oct 9.05am Y3 Assembly 2.15pm PSA EGM 5.30pm KS1 Disco (ends 6.40pm) 6.50pm KS2 Disco (ends 8pm)</p>	<p>DATES FOR THIS TERM continued</p> <p>Mon 15 Oct 3.40pm Parent Consultations (ends 6.30pm)</p> <p>Tue 16 Oct Y5 to Chertsey Museum</p> <p>Wed 17 Oct 3.40pm Parent Consultations (ends 6pm)</p> <p>Thu 18 Oct 10.10am Harvest Liturgy (time TBC)</p> <p>Fri 19 Oct Y4 to Poppy Factory MUFTI Day for St Michael’s in Burkina Faso 3.30pm close for the half-term holiday</p> <p>THIS YEAR’S DATES (2018-2019) AUT: 4 Sep-19 Dec 2018 (half-term w/c 22 Oct) SPR: 3 Jan-5 Apr 2019 (half-term w/c 18 Feb) SUM: 23 Apr-24 Jul 2019 (half-term w/c 27 May)</p> <p>INSETS : 4th, 5th Sept, 29th Oct 2018; 25th Feb and 14th June 2019.</p>
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Ethos Statement 2: I can say one good thing about myself.

We pray together: Father, you created us not only to love others, but to love ourselves. Help us to be grateful for how you have created us and help us to make the best of ourselves by remaining close to you . We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

The Pope Speaks ...

Jesus does not want you to stay on the bench, he asks you to go out into the world. He doesn’t want you behind the scenes, or in the audience commenting on the play. He wants you in the scene! Are you afraid of making a fool of yourself? We have all done it many times. Embarrassing oneself is not a drama; what is drama is not doing anything.



Money Matters: first half of the Autumn Term 2018	
Dinners (KS2 ONLY):	£73.60 (32 days between Thu 6 th Sept to Fri 19 th 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
PSA Website:	www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk
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
Copies of the newsletters	http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=2
Clubs booking forms	St Edmunds Catholic Primary School - Clubs and Activities

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