

# Newsletter 4: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018

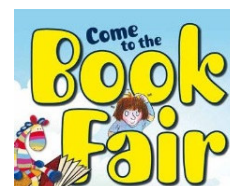
Dear Parents,

**Year 6** – “We have had an amazing week at Outdoor Adventure in Bude. The children have been brilliant, so enthusiastic and encouraging towards each other. They have enjoyed challenging activities in and out of the water and they are looking forward to telling everyone about their adventures when they get back tonight.” Mrs Higgins



**Do you help/volunteer in school?** – at 9am on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October Mrs Higgins will be giving a talk to parents and anyone else who volunteers in school on the important subject of safeguarding children. If you are someone who regularly helps in school, then please make every effort to attend this important talk. Thank you very much.

**Book Fair** – please come to school at pick-up next week prepared to pop into the Book Fair. Having an annual Book Fair benefits both the children and our school. We all know the value of reading for pleasure, and encouraging our children to read for pleasure is very important for their education and development. The other great benefit of the Book Fair is that, the more books are sold, the more the school earns in commission, thus ensuring that we are able to keep our library well-stocked with really great books. To give you a taste of some of the books which will be available, and the cost, please look out for the leaflets going home today via your child's book bag. Should you wish to buy any books, please note that cash and cheques only will be possible.



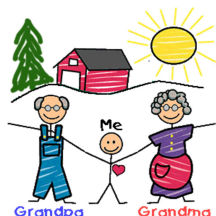
**October half-term holiday** – should you be planning a half-term getaway, we felt it was probably worth mentioning that this year's October half-term holiday is a little earlier than usual. Usually in the very last week of October, this year it is **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October**, with the children returning to school on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October (Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October is an INSET).

**CAFOD Family Fast** – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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](#).



**PSA Items** – on 9<sup>th</sup> November (6.30pm) there will be a **Barn Dance**. Tickets will be on sale from 5<sup>th</sup> October at 8.30am at a cost of £8 per person, or £20 for a family; see Classlist or Facebook for details. Also, entries will open for the **Virtual Pet Show**, a fundraising effort for the refurbishment of the library. The PSA is looking for £50 fund-matching donors as well, so please do get in touch with the PSA if you can help. Please note that the school and the PSA are not accepting book donations. Some key dates: Virtual Pet Show forms due 10<sup>th</sup> October; Barn Dance 9<sup>th</sup> November; Christmas Market 1<sup>st</sup> December 11am to 1.30pm.

**Surrey Arts Open Evening** – invites all young musicians to come along and try out some of the local ensembles at its Open Evening on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. 5.15-6.30pm**: South West Winds – woodwind, brass and percussion players (beginner to Grade 4); Prima – string players (beginner to Grade 2); Opus – string players (Grade 2-4). **6.45-8.45pm**: South West Surrey Youth Orchestra – strings, wind, brass and percussion (Grade 5+). All rehearsals take place at Tillingbourne school and the open rehearsal and first term is free. Expert tutors will be on hand to help, just bring along your instrument! For more information, please contact Alison Harding ([Alison.harding@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:Alison.harding@surreycc.gov.uk))



**Celebration of Grandparents 2pm 5<sup>th</sup> October** – also on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.



**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.



**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Autumn Census** – this week the school will be processing the DoE Autumn Census of pupil data. Our ‘Privacy Notice 2018’ is available on our website under School Information/Important Policies.

**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.

<b>DATES FOR THIS TERM (items highlighted are new)</b>		<b>DATES FOR THIS TERM continued</b>	
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	PSA Film Show 7pm Y6 return from Bude	Tue 16 Oct	Y5 to Chertsey Museum
Mon 1 Oct	Book Fair in school all week	Wed 17 Oct	3.40pm Parent Consultations (ends 6pm)
Tue 2 Oct	9.05am Commissioning Service	Thu 18 Oct	10.10am Harvest Liturgy (time TBC)
Wed 3 Oct	Y3 to Stonehenge	Fri 19 Oct	Y4 to Poppy Factory MUFTI Day for St Michael’s in Burkina Faso
Thu 4 Oct	9am Safeguarding talk for parents and volunteers		3.30pm close for the half-term holiday
Fri 5 Oct	CAFOD Harvest Fast day 2pm Celebration of Grandparents Day	Tue 30 Oct	Children return to school
Sun 7 Oct	10.15am School Mass at St Joseph’s	Fri 9 Nov	6.30pm PSA Barn Dance
Tue 9 Oct	School Council to Westminster	Sat 1 Dec	PSA Christmas Market 11am-1.30pm
Wed 10 Oct	Life Bus in school <b>Virtual Pet Show forms due</b>	Wed 5 Dec	Flu vaccinations for Years R-5
Fri 12 Oct	9.05am Y3 Assembly 2.15pm PSA EGM 5.30pm KS1 Disco (ends 6.40pm) 6.50pm KS2 Disco (ends 8pm)	<b>THIS YEAR’S DATES (2018-2019)</b> 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)	
Mon 15 Oct	3.40pm Parent Consultations (ends 6.30pm)	<b>INSETS : 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sept, 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018; 25<sup>th</sup> Feb and 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019.</b>	

**Ethos Statement 3:** I can say how I feel

**We pray together:** Father, you have given us the gift of feelings. Help us to take as much care over the feelings of others as we do over our own. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

**The Pope Speaks ...**

Like Mary, let us remain steadfast, our hearts at peace in God. Let us be ever ready to lift up the fallen, raise up the lowly and to help end all those situations of oppression that make people feel crucified themselves.



**Money Matters: first half of the Autumn Term 2018**

<b>Dinners (KS2 ONLY):</b>	£73.60 (32 days between Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept to Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2018)
<b>Governors’ Fund:</b>	£20 per family per term, cheques payable to “A&B Diocesan Trust St Edmund’s”
<b>Outings:</b>	Cheques payable to “St Edmund’s School Fund” or pay online via PMX ParentMail
<b>PSA Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk">www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk</a>

<b>Confused by educational jargon?</b>	Try our glossary or Frequently Asked Questions pages under “School Information”
<b>Still confused?</b>	Then <a href="mailto:info@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk">info@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk</a> or <a href="tel:01483414497">01483 414497</a>
<b>Dates for the year ahead</b>	<a href="http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=This+Year%27s+Dates&amp;pid=91">http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=This+Year%27s+Dates&amp;pid=91</a>
<b>Copies of the newsletters</b>	<a href="http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/news/?pid=3&amp;nid=2">http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/news/?pid=3&amp;nid=2</a>
<b>Clubs booking forms</b>	St Edmunds Catholic Primary School - Clubs and Activities