

# Newsletter 6: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents,



**Year 6 applications for secondary school** – please be reminded that the deadline for making your online application to Surrey County Council is fast approaching. Although the deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> October, SCC has recommended making the application by 19<sup>th</sup> October, next Friday.



**Photos** – on Monday your child will be bringing home the contact sheet showing the photos which were taken of your child in school recently. There will also be information about how to order the photos online. Please note that the deadline for ordering the photos is **22<sup>nd</sup> October**.

**School Mass** – how wonderful it was to see so many of you, the Reception Class children especially, at last Sunday's School Mass in Milford. Thank you to all those children who offered their services – we were really proud of you all. **Talking of Mass ....** Fr David has asked us to mention that there is the opportunity to spend time in Jesus' true presence, at Mass, every day of the week except Monday. Starting at 9.30am and lasting just 25 minutes, the weekday Masses are in Milford on Wednesdays and Fridays, and in Godalming on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



**Parents' Forum** – below is the list of parents who are the reps on this important forum. As you can see, we would love to have a couple of Reception Class parents to come forward as parent reps. The Parents' Forum meets each half term on a Wednesday afternoon, normally at 2.15pm. Our next meeting is Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Please be in touch with the office or Mrs Higgins if you would be interested.

<b>Year R</b>	<b>Year 1</b> Mrs Ayres Mrs Elias	<b>Year 2:</b> Mrs Turner Ms Bagnell	<b>Year 3:</b> Mrs Stamouli Mrs Skelton
<b>Year 4:</b> Mrs Dexter-Gadd Mrs Panzini	<b>Year 5:</b> Mrs Chare Mrs Rees	<b>Year 6:</b> Mrs Amos Mrs Groome	

**Correct money please** – if you come to the office to pay for something, please ensure that you bring the correct cash, as change cannot be given. Thank you for your attention to this.



**Mufti Day next Friday** – next Friday children are invited to come to school dressed in any of the colours of the Burkina Faso flag (green, red and yellow). This is one of the key fundraising events for our friends at St Michael's Catholic Primary School in Burkina Faso. Our support of the children of St Michael's over the last couple of years has made a huge difference to what the school is able to provide for the children. Please, therefore, do your best to bring whatever donation you can to school next Friday. Thank you.

**Harvest Celebration** – we are looking forward to our Harvest Liturgy which takes place at 10.30am on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October in the school hall. We would be very grateful if your child could bring to school some item of food that morning, though please note that fresh food and home-made items should not be brought. It is our intention to donate all these items to the Godalming Food Bank (on Franklyn Road) which serves local families who are finding it hard to make ends meet. On page 3 of this newsletter we have set out the type of things they are looking for. Thank you very much for helping us to help those who are hungry and without the financial means to feed their families.



**Parent Consultations** – we are looking forward to our Parent Consultation evenings next week on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Children in Years 5 and 6 are encouraged to attend with their parents.

**Helping your Reception Class child to read** – at 9.05am on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October Mrs Watson will be giving a talk to parents of Reception Class children about how to help their children along their reading journey, what we do in school to support their reading and how the school reading scheme works.

**A Grandparent's Prayer** – we tried to give a copy of this to every grandparent who came to our celebration last Friday. However, we are very conscious that we didn't manage to give it to everyone. Here it is again: *Dear Father, being a grandparent is a gift so incredible and yet so complex. I pray for wisdom and guidance as I discover my life as a grandparent. Help me to know when to speak and when to stay quiet. Give me words to encourage and to enrich. Protect from harm each precious child. When times of illness and challenge come, give them strength to get through and the grace to heal. May I be a channel of your wisdom, comfort and peace. May I pass on the faith, share traditions and plant the seeds of your love. St Anne and St Joachim, grandparents of Jesus, pray for me. AMEN*



**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. Please ensure that your child does not bring unduly large amounts of cash to school as nothing costs more than 40p.



**PSA Items** – the PSA needs just seven more volunteers to have a Bourne Estate Agents board advertising the school’s Christmas Market (1<sup>st</sup> Dec). Please get in touch if you can help. On 9<sup>th</sup> November (6.30pm) there will be a **Barn Dance**; tickets are now on sale at a cost of £8 per person, or £20 for a family; see Classlist or Facebook for details. The PSA is looking for £50 fund-matching donors as well, so please do get in touch with the PSA if you can help.

**Changing dinner arrangements?** – please ensure that, if you wish to change your child’s dinner arrangements, you give the office 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 going here: <http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/default.asp?pid=124>

**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. Dinner money for next half-term will be £85.10

DATES FOR THIS TERM (items highlighted are new)		DATES FOR THIS TERM continued	
Fri 12 Oct	3.30pm Second Hand Uniform sale 5.30pm KS1 Disco (ends 6.40pm) 6.50pm KS2 Disco (ends 8pm)	Wed 7 Nov	9.30am Open Morning for prospective parents
Mon 15 Oct	3.40pm Parent Consultations (ends 6.30pm)	Fri 9 Nov	9.05am Y2 Assembly; 6.30pm PSA Barn Dance
Tue 16 Oct	Y5 to Chertsey Museum	Sat 10 Nov	Cross-Country competition in Cranleigh
Wed 17 Oct	10.30am Harvest Liturgy <b>2.15pm Parents’ Forum</b> 3.40pm Parent Consultations (ends 6pm)	Wed 14 Nov	Chertsey Museum here re Y1
Fri 19 Oct	9.05am Talk on Reading (YR parents) Y4 to Poppy Factory MUFTI Day for St Michael’s in Burkina Faso 3.30pm close for the half-term holiday	Wed 20 Nov	9.30am St Edmund’s Day Mass
Mon 22 Oct	<b>DEADLINE for placing photo orders</b>	Wed 21 Nov	2.30pm RSE talk to parents
Mon 29 Oct	<b>INSET – school closed</b>	Thu 22 Nov	Y3-6 walk to 9.30am Mass at St Ed’s
Tue 30 Oct	Children return to school	Sat 1 Dec	PSA Christmas Market 11am-1.30pm
Mon 5 Nov	3.30pm Y6 children talk to Y5 parents re Bude	Wed 5 Dec	Flu vaccinations for Years R-5
Tue 6 Nov	Y2 to Hampton Court		

**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)

**INSETS** : 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018, 25<sup>th</sup> Feb and 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**Ethos Statement 5:** I know what to do if I see someone being hurt.

**We pray together:** Father, help us to remember that you command us to take especial care of the weak, the vulnerable and anybody who is suffering. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

**The Pope Speaks ...**

Our guardian angel is not only with us; he also sees God the Father. He is the daily bridge, from the moment we arise to the moment we go to bed. He accompanies us and is a link between us and God. The angel is the daily gateway to transcendence, to the encounter with the Father; he helps us go forward because he looks upon the Father, and he knows the way. Let us not forget these companions along the journey.



Money Matters: second half of the Autumn Term 2018	
<b>Dinners (KS2 ONLY):</b>	£85.10 (37 days at £2.30 between Tue 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct to Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec 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

Attachment: Koosa Kids holiday info

## **HARVEST CELEBRATION – WHAT THE GODALMING FOOD BANK NEEDS**

Dried / packet food

Jams (not home-made)

Savoury crackers

Tea bags

Biscuits

Tins of tomatoes

Hot dogs in tins or jars

Tins of corned beef/ham/Spam

Tinned mince/steak, Irish stew, Chicken/chili/meatballs

Tins of tuna

Washing up liquid

They regret that they are unable to accept fresh produce or home-made preserves