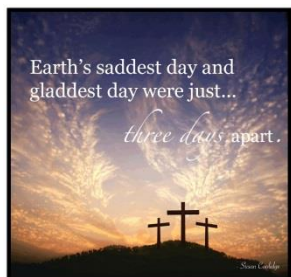




newsletter



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Holy Week & Easter at Church

MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Mass of the Lord's Supper:
7.30 p.m. (OLHoC)

GOOD FRIDAY

The Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion: 3.00pm (OLHoC)

EASTER DAY

Mass: 9.00am (OLHoC)
Mass: 10.00am (St Joseph's)
Mass: 11.00am (OLHoC)

Easter Competition Winners

Very well done to all the children for taking part in the Easter Parade. As usual, a very high calibre of bonnets, gardens and eggs were on display; this year's winners are:-

Imps: Arthur & Isabella

Pixies: Iris & Lluís

Elves: Lucas & Lottie

Hobbits: Szymon & Sarah

Dragons: Callum & Lily

Griffins: Nicole & Nathan

Unicorns: James & Evie



On behalf of CAFOD, thank you very much for the superb support that has been given in support of this year's Lenten Fundraising. We have been lucky to raise:-

Lenten Breakfast & PJ Day	£335.00
Imps Fundraising	£395.93
Pixies Fundraising	£23.46
Elves Fundraising	£18.00
Hobbits Fundraising	£111.85
Dragons Fundraising	£25.50
Griffins Fundraising	£110.75
Unicorns Fundraising	£69.00
TOTAL RAISED	£1089.49

Wow! Over £1000. Amazing and thank you all 😊

ParentPay - our new online payment service

We are pleased to announce that we will shortly be accepting payments online for items such as dinner money, school trips etc. Using a secure website called ParentPay you will be able to pay online using your credit or debit card. ParentPay will be our preferred method of making payments to school.

What are the benefits to parents and pupils?

- ParentPay is easy-to-use and will offer you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24/7
- The technology used is of the highest internet security available ensuring that your money will reach school safely – offering you peace of mind

- Payments can be made by credit/debit card or also through PayPoint
- full payment histories and statements are available to you securely online at anytime
- Your children will not have to worry about losing money at school
- Parents can choose to be alerted when their balances are low via email and/or SMS text

What are the benefits to our school?

The more parents that use ParentPay, the greater the benefit is to our school.

You can help us reduce workloads for all staff, creating more time to lend to educational support and the smooth running of the school.

Using ParentPay also ensures that all financial transactions are safe and secure - helping us to remove costs associated with us having to manage cash securely on the school premises.

How to get started with ParentPay



We have now sent out all the activation letters to parents to get started. If your child has not passed on this letter, please

email the school office (office@stellamaris.kent.sch.uk). We will then organise for a replacement letter to be issued. If you want to find out more about ParentPay go to:

www.parentpay.com/Parents

We are awaiting confirmation that Chartwells have been able to update their side of the system – all being well this should be ready to launch with Dinner Money Accounts on Monday 16th April. If your child has school dinners, please ensure you log on prior to this date and activate your account and credit your account for the necessary dinners. Any questions, please see the school office on return from Easter or, if it is more urgent, please email the school office over the holidays on office@stellamaris.kent.sch.uk.



Parental Questionnaire

A letter was issued earlier this week regarding the feedback received from Parents Evening through the questionnaire. Once again, thank you for taking the time to complete this. If you have not yet received a copy of this letter, please check your child's book bag. Thank you once again for these valuable comments.

Car Parking

As detailed in the letter sent to all parents this week, after the Easter holiday we are able to use the front car park for Goldwyn School but only between the following times from 8.30am – 8.45am, and from 3.00pm – 3.20pm. If you

chose to use this facility, please be considerate to other users to ensure that all runs smoothly.

Parents should not park at the rear of the school or in any of the bays marked for Staff.

Book Week

Book Week was a great success! Thank you for your support from making costumes, penguins or attending our reading event. Choosing winners was extremely difficult but the following children won the dressing up prizes;

Imps: Leon & Tessa

Pixies: Aaron, Emerald & Theo

Elves: Eleanor & Olivia

Hobbits: Amy & Ben

Dragons: Daisy & Thomas

Griffins: Connie, Isabella, Megan & Ruby

Unicorns: Jules & Natalia

The standard of penguin entries was overwhelmingly high! Every child who brought in a penguin received a chocolate but the two winners were:

Toby (Hobbits) and Rosie (Griffins)

PE Kits

Over the past term, Elite Coaching have advised us that many children are still coming to school without their PE kits. PE is a part of the National Curriculum and therefore the children MUST be prepared for this activity. Please ensure they can access this important part of the curriculum by having the right kit.

Make Time for Music

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A MUSIC TEACHER FOR AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY? [MAKE TIME FOR MUSIC OFFER TUTION ON CLARINET, FLUTE, BRASSGUITAR, KEYBOARD, DRUMKIT, CELLO OR VIOLIN. FOR MORE](#)

INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT JAMES WALKER ON 07947 131712.

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St Edmund's News

If you were listening to Classic FM on Wednesday 21st February at 8.14am then you will have heard the "Huge shout out" to everyone going to St Edmund's in Dover in *The School Run*. That was thanks to James in Year 7, who texted the show from the school minibus on his way to school (from Deal to Dover) after presenter Tim Lihoreau told listeners they had two minutes to get in touch and secure the last space on this segment of the show. Everybody on the minibus gave a cheer in response to their "shout out". James was delighted, especially as he had never contacted a radio show before. You can listen again to the broadcast here:

<http://www.classicfm.com/radio/aod/?episodeId=5951ae68-0392-4971-af3a-4f5d7425aa70>

THE SCHOOL RUN is broadcast at 2:11:11 in the programme.

If you would like to receive a copy of St Edmund's newsletter please speak to the school office.

Term Dates

16 th April	Return to School from Easter break.
17 th April 2018	Hobbits Trip to Pizza Express
26 th April 2018	Meeting in ICT suite for Parents Association to plan summer fair.
4 th May 2018	TAG Day for Parents Association
7 th May	Early Spring Bank Holiday
w/c 14 th May 2018	SATS Tests
25 th May 2018	Break Up for Half Term
4 th June 2018	Return to school