



**ST EDMUND'S
SCHOOL**
CANTERBURY



Newsletter 2: 18th September 2020

The learning journey is well underway...

We have had a wonderful two weeks since the last newsletter and the children are certainly fully into the swing of learning – in spite of the rather soaring temperatures. There has been some marvellous learning taking place – whether in Computer Science, on the tennis courts or in the classroom. The children have confidently spoken to me about their learning, particularly around the theme of dragons, as this has been a whole school unit – and one which has inspired much conversation! Each day I have the huge privilege to carry out learning walks around the school; not only are these perfect times to get a snapshot of your child's educational provision, they also provide a time for me to get educated myself, whether discussing Buddhism in RS or animal adaptation in Science. It has been wonderful to see first hand the excellent relationships between adults and children in the school, and I look forward to reporting more about this key area of strength over the course of the term.

Another strength of the school has been around our new Outdoor Education Provision. Please do take a look at the @JSHeadStEds Twitter feed to see a brief interview with Mr Kincaid. The children have loved this new provision.

As you know, the drop off and collection routines changed for September. Now that we have collated enough data and analysed the impact on learning, there will be a few changes to the arrangements from **week beginning 28th September**.

Bubble	Drop off/ Collection	Time	Location
Pre-Prep	D/O	8.00-8.10	Giles Lane
	Collection	3.10-3.25	Giles Lane
Lower School	D/O	8.10-8.30	Giles Lane Overflow
	Collection	3.35-3.50	Giles Lane
Form 6 only*	D/O	8.30-8.50	Giles Lane Overflow
	Collection	4.00-4.20*	Giles Lane Overflow
Form 7 and Form 8*	D/O	8.30-8.50	Giles Lane Overflow
	Collection	4.30-4.50*	Giles Lane Overflow

*Wednesday collection 3.35pm – 3.50pm: Giles Lane overflow

If you need to utilise Late Stay, please do get in contact with Mrs King in the office. When you are ready to collect your child from school after Late Stay, please call the Late Stay mobile when you are parked in the Giles Lane car park.

On Sunday 20th I will be visiting Canterbury Hockey Club in the morning with Mr O'Connor – so please do come and say hello (in a socially distant manner) if you will be there with your child. A number of the children have told me about Polo Farm and my visit will give me an opportunity to see how our children excel outside of school as well as in it. In terms of parental engagement, I will be communicating with you all soon about a new initiative – Parents in Partnership (PIPs); this will launch after half term and is a forum for parents to find out more about our school. Whilst these meetings will be fairly structured (and initially virtual), they will provide you with an opportunity to provide me with feedback. In terms of feedback, thank you for your comments about school lunches. I have spoken to the Bursar and we will be meeting Holroyd Howe (with children) to discuss the best way forward. I will, of course, keep you posted.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend. I look forward to seeing you and your child on Monday morning.

Mr De Silva

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Head of Junior School



Messages from Mrs King in the office

Dear Parents

I would be most grateful if you could let me know if you have moved or changed your **contact details** in any way in recent months so that I can update your child's record.

We are missing quite a lot of **textbooks** in all subjects. Could you please ask your son/daughter to look for any they have at home, particularly from the last academic year. A good place to start is under their bed!

Calculators for Forms 7 & 8 Maths Please could all pupils have a scientific calculator in school for their mathematics lessons. All Form 8 pupils will need one for their first unit test, either at the end of next week or the beginning of the following week. The recommended calculators are: CASIO FX-83GTX OR FX-85GTX. I am told that these are currently on sale in Tesco!

Uniform Please do remind your children about the need to wear proper full school uniform. If wearing the PE/games kit, please do also remind your child of the need to cover up their legs – we will, of course, be mindful of the warm weather.

Lunch menus Here is the link to the lunch menu. We are currently in Week 3.

<https://www.stedmunds.org.uk/junior/school-life/meals/>

Message from Mr Underwood

Do you know how much time online is too much? Are your children using the internet properly? Not sure and want to find out more information? Visit <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/> for more information. Alternatively, please do get in touch with us here at school.

Do you know of any other children who would benefit from a St. Edmund's Education? If so, please ask them to email admissions@stedmunds.org.uk

Saturday 3rd October – Virtual Open Morning. Email Admissions for further detail.



Dragon eggs at St. Edmund's?