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Newsletter 8: 15th January 2021

Welcome to 2021!

Convention would normally dictate that the first newsletter of a calendar year would begin with a rousing Happy New Year! Well... I certainly do wish you all a happy new year, but I am acutely aware that, for some, this may not be the most happy start to a new year and there will be many different reasons for that, however, I am hopeful that the return to schooling, albeit virtually, will provide many of you with some sort of structure to your day.

Although we are not able to be with all of our children in school, we have enjoyed providing a continuation to our virtual learning from before Christmas. We have already received some really lovely feedback from our initial weeks of online learning, however, we would welcome more. As you would have seen from the Remote Learning Pack sent out to you yesterday, we have created an online survey for you to complete. It would be incredibly helpful if you could complete the survey by midday on Friday 22nd January 2021. Please click on the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7BP9LCY>

I'm sure that we all agree that the staff are providing the very best learning offer for our children; the survey feedback will enable us to evaluate what we are currently offering and tweak if required. That being said, I am hugely grateful to the talented staff team for all they have offered and all that they continue to offer during this period of offsite learning.

In the Remote Learning Pack this week you will find more information regarding co-curricular provision, including the Menu of Opportunity as well as information regarding rules for online sessions, including the morning pastoral meetings with Mrs Ward, Mrs Barnes and myself. My intention is that the Remote Learning Pack will provide you with as much information as you require. Please do refer to the contact page at the back if you have specific questions. Please also let us know if you have questions about IT, as Mrs Barnes has offered to hold TEAMS sessions for parents. The Remote Learning Pack will change each fortnight, so please do look out for the next pack in a few weeks time.

Extended offer - This week, in conjunction with the Senior School, we began our course of academic enrichment sessions which are open to all but strongly encouraged for our academic scholars and very able and talented pupils. There was an excellent turnout from the Junior School who tuned in to hear Mrs. Burton discuss risk. There are two more sessions for this half term:

- 26th January 2021: Medieval medicine and the regression from the Egyptians and Romans. How could lives have been saved? - GLJ
- 9th February 2021: Pi and the concept of the never-ending - ERJ

If you would like your child to attend, please do email Mr Comfort (rac@stedmunds.org.uk),

Towards the end of last term, we held a very successful Virtual Event for potential Form 7 children – hoping to join us in September this year. The session was incredibly well attended and there seems to be a real buzz about learning at St Edmund's. Of course this is, in part, due to all you are doing in and around the city and the county. I love hearing that prospective parents are considering St Edmund's due to current parents at the school telling them about our learning offer. Of course, Form 7 is not our only point of entry into the Junior School. If you know of other children who would benefit from a St Edmund's Education, please do send them our way. As a parent, I am delighted with what the school is doing for my son and am confident that many of us feel the same. Whilst we may be happy with our school, this doesn't mean that I am content to leave it there. During the Christmas Holiday, our new Library was installed – please do watch the video on our Twitter feed (@JSHeadStEds), and during the first few days of this term, our Genius Laboratory became a step closer to being finished – with a brand new teaching wall and interactive TV. As you would expect, my priority is to give my current children the very best provision and am delighted that I have the support of my staff, the governors, my parents and our children.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr De Silva

Head of the Junior School



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Congratulations!

Bronze Star certificates:

Jamie J, George W, Niamh D

Silver Star certificates:

Maria H-S, Oren R, Seamus C, Sonny M, Ben H

Gold Star Certificates:

Thomas L

Bronze and Silver Star Certificates

Lucy S, Thomas H-W, Joran K

Silver and Gold Star Certificates:

Olivia D, Jeremy I, Alex S-B

Bronze, Silver and Gold Star Certificates:

Alice F, Alexa P

Platinum star certificate:

Thomas A

Gold, Platinum & 2nd time around Bronze star certificates:

Morgan A

Trinity and ABRSM Music Exam results:

Alex R, Daisy B, Autumn G, Rhyd L, Cassius P

Message from Mr Shearer: Mind's Eye

Last term we invited Year 6, 7 and 8 children to write articles about the lockdown and how it had affected them. The response was phenomenal and we were able to submit several of them to *Mind's Eye*, a magazine that represents schools across East Kent. This was a golden opportunity to showcase the excellent work being produced at St Edmund's and we were delighted to find out three of our submissions had been successful. The editor of the magazine, Anthony Lyons, contacted me directly to let me know how impressed he was with the quality of the writing and also to express regret that he was unable to publish more. The successful articles were:

- *My Time in Lockdown*, a poem by Richard D C-M
- *A Chorister's Tale*, by Dylan S
- *My Lockdown*, by Charles B



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Virtual learning @ SES JS

Examples of online learning

We would love to showcase more photographs of our learning. Please feel free to email Mrs King some examples of your child learning at home. Please note, however, that photos may be shared on social media.

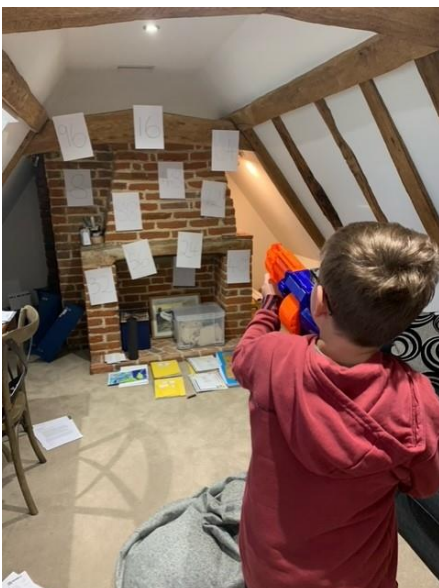
We can't wait to see what's happening!



Winter Sky by Isabella R - pixelated a photograph she took. Artwork done on an ipad



Even staff parents are getting involved in Mr Pellett's Thursday Lunchtime fitness sessions!



Thomas A finding an ingenious way to practice his times tables for our times table test



Emma SK's Winter Sky silhouette



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RECREATE ART TO PHOTOGRAPHY

ST EDMUND'S ART DEPARTMENT CHALLENGES YOU TO RECREATE A WORK OF ART WITH MATERIALS AT HOME.



DEADLINE
Monday 8th February



WHO
Open to all
(Teachers and Pupils)

St Edmund's School Canterbury



BE INSPIRED • The Getty Art Challenge • @gettymuseum •
<https://mymodernmet.com/recreate-art-history-challenge/>

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**PRIZES FOR THE
WINNING
ENTRIES!**

ENTRIES TO:
Mr Hodge
njh@stedmunds.org.uk
By Monday 8th February



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