



Digital

PREP NEWSLETTER

4th September - 12th September Michaelmas Term Issue 1

Headmaster's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It was terrific to see those that could attend the welcome back meetings on Tuesday. For those that couldn't, please know, our open door policy remains in place. Never hesitate in reaching out.

We are looking forward to improving the Pupil Portal and adding to it, various information guides. Until then, we attach a [link](#) to the Parent Training Guides which includes a link to a video on how to access the VLE. Thank you for referring to them as you need to. In the first instance, we would suggest simply familiarising yourself with the document titles so, should you have a query on a topic, you know whether you have the answer in your pocket. Of course, for any questions please let us know.

With respect to incoming correspondence to the school office, as far as possible we encourage you to address emails to prep@stedmundscollege.org in order that they are picked up in a timely manner. For individual teachers, you have already been given direct communication lines via the start of term letter.

It has been a flying start, and an almost entirely positive one at that. The children are really up for engaging with the academic and character development that lies ahead, as are we all, and the foundations are being laid for a successful, happy and productive year ahead.

For those new families, thank you for taking the time to read this weekly newsletter. We hope that you find it helpful, and welcome feedback on its usefulness as we progress through the coming academic year. No doubt, there will be plenty to celebrate!

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Cartwright
Headmaster, St Edmund's Prep

Quote

"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing"

Walt Disney

Mr Cartwright's quiz

Q: How many legs do spiders have?

A: In next week's Newsletter

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Head Commendations

Kyra Naik

For applying creative thinking to her descriptive writing.

Important Dates - Next Week

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| Monday 15 th September | Individual and Sibling Photos – Please attend in uniform |
| Tuesday 16 th September | F5 History off the Page - WWII Homefront |
| Wednesday 17 th September | 9:00am – 10:30am - EYFS to Form 2 Phonics Curriculum Morning – Prep Hall 3:45pm – 4:45pm - U11 Football and U11 Netball v Keble - Home |
| Thursday 18 th September | 3:45pm – 4:45pm - U9 Football v Keble - Home |
| Friday 19 th September | 3:45pm – 4:45pm - U11 Football v Howe Green - Home 3:45pm – 4:45pm - U11 Netball v Howe Green - Home |
| Saturday 20 th September | 9:30am – 12:30pm - St Edmund's College & Prep Open Morning |

Important Dates - This Term

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| Friday 26 th September | Fairtrade Tuck Shop |
| Thursday 2 nd October | National Poetry Day - Forms 1-6 Poetry Cup Competition |
| Monday 6 th October | Flu Vaccines |
| Tuesday 14 th October | 5:00pm – 8:00pm In-Person Parent Consultations and Display of Work |
| Thursday 16 th October | 5:00pm – 8:00pm In-Person and Video Parent Consultations and Display of Work |
| Friday 17 th October | 4:30pm – School Closes for Half Term. Tea Time Club will run |
| Monday 3 rd November | Return to School |
| Thursday 6 th November | Audiology Screening |
| Friday 7 th November | 8:45am – 9:45am – Welcome Back Meeting – Coffee Shop |
| Wednesday 26 th November | Interhouse Spelling Bee Forms 3-6 |
| Wednesday 3 rd December | 2:00pm – 3:00pm – Nativity Performance EYFS & Pre-Prep |
| Friday 5 th December | 2:30pm – 3:30pm – Prep Carol Service Forms 3-6 3:30pm – 4:30pm – Friends Christmas Fayre |
| Wednesday 10 th December | 10:00am – 1:00pm – Whole School Panto |
| Friday 12 th December | 2:30pm – Term Ends |

E-Safety

Back to School Online Safety: Tips to Build Good Digital Habits Early

Keeping children safe online is a priority for all of us. Throughout the school year, children are taught about e-safety through the curriculum (particularly computing and PSHE), through assemblies and through activities around the time of National Safer Internet Day. There is a regular e-safety corner in our newsletter for parents/guardians.

Follow the link to a guide for parents to 'Discovering digital at primary school', a document packed with useful information to support children online: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/discovering-digital-at-primary-school/>



Wrap Around Care Late Collection

If you know you are likely to be late collecting from our Wrap Around Care provision which closes promptly at 6pm, please call 01920 824351. If the children are outside, all incoming calls are set up to be diverted to the mobile phone of the lead member of staff. Don't forget to book a space if you need one by emailing wraparoundcare@stedmundscollege.org

New to You Announcement

We are pleased to advise that we have now opened the shop for orders. If you have the link saved there seems to be a bug so please use as below and resave.

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DGXN>

Best wishes
N2Y team

Tuck Shop - Friday 26th September

The Eco- Ambassadors will be selling Fairtrade chocolate bars at morning break on Friday 26th September. If you would like to buy some chocolate please bring in £1.



FAIRTRADE

School Photos

The Prep school photographs are being taken on Monday 15th September.

If your child has PE scheduled for that day, please can they come into school in school uniform and change into their PE kit after lunch.

Please look out for the card with the QR code which will be in book bags on Monday. Further details can be found on the poster below.



Photographing & Filming Moments to Cherish Individual & Sibling School Photo's

- Traditional School Photos
- Individual QR code for easy access
- Access to your own private viewing gallery
- Various packages available
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Alumni News

We delighted to hear that former Prep and College pupil Zara Ferns has been selected for the England Under 17 Netball 'Red Roses' Squad. Zara joined the Prep in 2017 and was the Netball Captain of the team that went four years unbeaten and won the U11 Forest Netball Tournament and the U10 Belmont Tournament.



What's that stinky fuss in Pre-Prep?

Mrs Christodoulou has unearthed some cheese and wine dating back over 350 years! The label reads 1666 with the initials S.P... intriguing! The children became little historians, investigating what London looked like in 1666. I wonder what mystery they'll uncover next...





Performing Arts



Instrumental and Singing Tuition

Music lessons with the team of College and Prep VMTs (Visiting Music Teachers) started on Monday. As far as is possible, lesson times are rotated weekly to avoid missing the same curriculum lesson. Each Monday, Form Tutors receive a list of lesson times for the pupils in their classes for the week ahead and these are displayed daily in classrooms. All children who are new to the Prep or new to lessons are shown where to go for their music lessons. If any child has a question about the time or location of their lesson, they should speak to Miss McLauchlan (Prep Director of Music), to their Form Tutor or to the Office staff. Please note the notice period of term (10 weeks) for terminating lessons.

Questions about music lessons can be directed to Miss McLauchlan. Please copy in the College Music School Administrators on musicadmin@stedmundscollege.org

Taster Lessons on the Cello

Exciting news! We have [four spaces](#) for cello lessons in the school and four small cellos.

Mrs Hall, our cello teacher, has offered to give a [15-minute trial lesson](#) to anyone who is interested as we would love to encourage some new cellists to come forward in the Prep.

The cello is a great instrument for small children with a beautiful sound from the beginning. It is also a very sociable instrument and offers the possibility of playing in groups and orchestras.

If you are interested in a [free taster lesson for your child](#), please contact Miss McLauchlan and we will arrange it for you.

