

Just a little reminder that parents are not allowed to park in the front-of-school car park at either drop-off or pick-up. Neither are parents allowed to drive through the car park at pick-up. Thank you for your attention to this.

Newsletter 9: Friday 9th November 2018



Dear Parents,

It has been a busy week for Year 2: they visited Hampton Court Palace on Tuesday, and then led this morning's class assembly. This afternoon we will finish with our Remembrance Service; do join us at 2:30pm if you'd like to come.



Anti-bullying Week and Odd Sock Day – Odd Sock Day is **on Monday** and marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week. Children are invited to wear odd socks as per the flier which went out last Friday (and which is now on the website). The theme of the week is 'choose respect over bullying', with the odd socks intended to celebrate individuality.

NSPCC – we are looking forward to the NSPCC leading assemblies for both Key Stages on Monday. They will then return to school on Thursday 15th November to run workshops for children in Years 5 and 6. The children will then be taking part in the 'Big Workout' which is a sponsored event. Please help us to support the NSPCC and keep all children safe.

Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Day – in memory of their mother, Ollie and Tom (Y5) will be running a cake stall at morning break-time on 15th November. If you'd like your child to support this very worthy cause, then please send them to school with a little cash with which to buy a cake that day. Cakes will be 50p each.



Mr Bicknell – we are very sad to announce that our caretaker, Mr Bicknell, will be leaving us at the end of this term. We are currently advertising (<https://www.eteach.com/job/school-caretaker-1013090?lang=en-GB&frmsrh=Y>) for a replacement. If you know of anyone who might be interested, then please get in touch with Mrs Pepper, our Administrative Manager.

Coats – some children are coming to school without coats. Please could all children now have a coat in school as we do try to go outside to play whenever possible.

Thank you – to all those who helped with our Open Morning on Wednesday. This is always a busy event and we much appreciated the parental help in setting up and serving refreshments, and also in talking to our prospective parents.

PSA Items

- **Can you help?** The PSA leadership needs some support in the roles of Treasurer and Secretary. Are you willing to share the role? No prerequisite skills or knowledge needed, just a willingness to help our school. Please get in touch stedmundspsachair@gmail.com
- **Are you missing out?** If you feel that you are missing out on events, or not getting reminders about PSA activities, then do be sure that you are on Claslist and reading notifications.
- **Cake Sale Dates!** Here is a list of all the PSA Cake Sales (all Fridays): 30th Nov (YR); 11th Jan (Y1); 1st Feb (Y2); 1st March (Y3); 26th April (Y4); 17th May (Y5); 7th June (Y6); 28th June (YR); 19th July (Y1).

Advent at Home; an inspirational talk – we are so fortunate to have Katherine Bergin (The Diocesan Specialist Advisor for Marriage and Family Life) offer to come back to us to give another of her inspirational talks. Everyone is invited to come at **2.45pm on Wednesday 28th November** when Mrs Bergin will be giving us really useful ideas for making the season of Advent truly special within our family life and home. Please do come if you can.

Thinking of Teaching? – Godalming Learning Partnership, in collaboration with Winchester University, is now recruiting teacher trainees through the School Direct programme to start in September 2019. If you have thought about getting into teaching, then visit our Get Teaching website (<http://www.getteaching.org/Our-Teacher-Training-Offer/Our-Programme/>) for information about how to train as a teacher whilst based in one of our Godalming schools. Applications for the Schools Direct Programme are now open.



St Edmund's Day Mass – parents and parishioners are very welcome to join us for our St Edmund's Day Mass which will be celebrated at 9.30am on Tuesday 20th November.

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.stedmundschool.co.uk/page/default.asp?pid=124>

Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) – to help parents of children understand what is being covered in RSE this term, Mrs Hua will be leading a session for all parents at 2.30pm on Wednesday 21st November. She will be going through the material and vocabulary used.

St Edmund’s Parish Barn Dance – if you find that you enjoy the PSA barn dance so much that you’re keen to get to another one, then there’s good news for you. The parish is hosting a Barn Dance on Saturday 1st December at Milford Village Hall, from 7.30pm to 11pm. Tickets cost £15, which includes a fish and chip supper. Music will be provided by a live band. Please bring your own drink. This will be a very lively event and all parishioners are warmly welcome. Tickets are available from Andrew Lodge 01252 717705 / 07768 830984 or email: alodge@andrewlodge.co.uk

Weekday Masses in the parish – Fr David would love to welcome you to the parish weekday Masses. Starting at 9.30am and lasting just 25 minutes, they are in Milford on Wednesdays and Fridays, and in Godalming on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please keep an eye on the parish newsletter as Masses are subject to change from time to time if Fr David has commitments elsewhere.



Dinner money – please ensure that you keep your account in credit as the term progresses. **Changing dinner arrangements?** If you wish to change your child’s dinner arrangements you must give the office a week’s written notice. Thank you.

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.



DATES FOR THIS TERM (items highlighted are new)	DATES FOR THIS TERM continued
Fri 9 Nov 6.30pm PSA Barn Dance	Wed 12 Dec 9.30am KS1 Christmas performance
Sat 10 Nov Cross-Country competition in Cranleigh	Thu 13 Dec 9.30am Y3+4 Service of Readings & Carols
Mon 12 Nov Odd Sock Day/ start of Anti-Bullying Week	6pm Y3+4 Service of Readings & Carols (St Edmund’s Church)
Wed 14 Nov Chertsey Museum in school for Y1	Fri 14 Dec Christmas Lunch
Tue 20 Nov 9.30am St Edmund’s Day Mass	PSA Jingle Disco (all ages) 6-7.15pm
Wed 21 Nov 2.30pm RSE talk to parents	Mon 17 Dec 2pm Y5+6 Christmas performance
Thu 22 Nov Y3-6 walk to 9.30am Mass at St Ed’s	6pm Y5+6 Christmas performance
Fri 23 Nov PSA Sweetie Mufti	Tue 18 Dec 9.30am End-of-Term Mass; pm class parties
Tue 27 Nov 2.30pm Musical Concert	Wed 19 Dec 1pm carols in the hall; 2pm early close
Wed 28 Nov 2.45pm ‘Advent at Home’ talk by Katherine Bergin – all welcome!	Thu 3 Jan Children return to school
Fri 30 Nov PSA Bottle Mufti; 3.30pm YR Cake Sale	THIS YEAR’S DATES (2018-2019)
Sat 1 Dec 11am-1.30pm PSA Christmas Market	AUT: 4 Sep-19 Dec 2018 (half-term w/c 22 Oct)
Tue 4 Dec Fossil talk for Reception Class	SPR: 3 Jan-5 Apr 2019 (half-term w/c 18 Feb)
3pm Rock Steady concert	SUM: 23 Apr-24 Jul 2019 (half-term w/c 27 May)
Wed 5 Dec Flu vaccinations for Years R-5	REMAINING INSETS : 25th Feb and 14th June 2019
Fri 7 Dec 3.30pm PSA Film Show	
Tue 11 Dec 2pm KS1 Christmas performance	

Ethos Statement 8: I try to be just and fair.

We pray together: Father, you are always just and you are always fair. Help us to remember that in treating others justly and fairly we build a more peaceful world. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

The Pope Speaks: Loving God means to invest one’s energies every day to be his collaborators in serving our neighbours without reserve, in trying to forgive without limits; and in cultivating relationships of communion and fraternity.



Money Matters: second half of the Autumn Term 2018	
Dinners (KS2 ONLY):	£85.10 (37 days at £2.30 between Tue 30 th Oct to Wed 19 th Dec 2018)
Governors’ Fund:	£20 per family per term, cheques payable to “A&B Diocesan Trust St Edmund’s”
Outings:	Cheques payable to “St Edmund’s School Fund” or pay online via PMX ParentMail
PSA Website:	www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk
Confused by educational jargon?	Try our glossary or Frequently Asked Questions pages under “School Information”
Still confused?	Then info@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk or 01483 414497
Dates for the year ahead	http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=This+Year%27s+Dates&pid=91
Copies of the newsletters	http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=2
Clubs booking forms	St Edmunds Catholic Primary School - Clubs and Activities

Attachments: PSA Christmas flier