

# Newsletter 11: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019

Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to welcome parents and parishioners to our St Edmund's Day Mass on Tuesday of this week. Thank you to Father David for celebrating the Mass for us. During the afternoon the children visited different classes and enjoyed a range of different activities with other children across the school. They were able to choose from baking, print-making, outdoor learning, comic art, making advent calendars, music and more!



**NSPCC Big Workout** – this week the children have all taken part in the 'Big Workout' which is a sponsored event. Help us to support the NSPCC and if you have not done so already, **please return your sponsor forms and money by 27<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Christmas Lunch 14<sup>th</sup> December** – a letter went out to all parents this week. **The tear-off slip should be returned ONLY for those children who normally bring a packed lunch.** The deadline for forms is Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November, no late forms will be accepted.



**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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Crib Building Service** – you might like to get into your diary a very special event for children which takes place at Ladywell Convent every year: the Crib Building Service. This will be held at 5pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December and all children are welcome.



**RSE talk** – following Mrs Hua's talk on how we teach 'Relationship and Sex Education', we have posted onto the website the slides which were used. They can be found under Learning/ Curriculum/RSE.

**Not too early please** – just a polite reminder that children should not be left unsupervised at school before 8.40am. We do thank you for your attention to this.

**Mufti Days ... what are they and what is their purpose?** A Mufti Day is a day when children are allowed to wear their home clothes in school. However, in order to earn the privilege of wearing mufti, they have to bring something to school. For instance, for today's Mufti Day children were asked to bring sweets to school (sweets which will be sold at the forthcoming PSA Christmas Market). Next Friday there is another Mufti Day when children are asked to bring bottles to school, bottles of something you may want to win at the tombola stall. There are other Mufti Days during the course of the school year when children are asked to bring a donation of money in order to raise money for specific charities.



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

**Coats** – some children are still 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.

**St Edmund's Parish Barn Dance** – if you enjoyed 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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 Father David has commitments elsewhere.



**Dinner money** – please ensure that you keep your account in credit as the term progresses. 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.



**Ice-Skates** – for a donation to her charity (<http://www.les-amis-bf.org.uk/>) Mrs Nicholls (in the school office) is offering her much-loved pair of Size 4 ice-skates. Please pop into the office if you are interested.

<b>DATES FOR THIS TERM (items highlighted are new)</b>		<b>DATES FOR THIS TERM continued</b>	
Tue 27 Nov	2.30pm Musical Concert	Fri 14 Dec	Christmas Lunch
Wed 28 Nov	2.45pm ‘Advent at Home’ talk by Katherine Bergin – all welcome!		PSA Jingle Disco (all ages) 6-7.15pm
Fri 30 Nov	PSA Bottle Mufti; 3.30pm YR Cake Sale	Mon 17 Dec	2pm Y5+6 Christmas performance 6pm Y5+6 Christmas performance
Sat 1 Dec	11am-1.30pm PSA Christmas Market	Tue 18 Dec	9.30am End-of-Term Mass; PM class parties 5pm Crib building at Ladywell Convent
Sun 2 Dec	First Sunday of Advent	Wed 19 Dec	1pm carols in the hall; <b>2pm early close</b>
Tue 4 Dec	Fossil talk for Y3+6; 3pm Rock Steady concert	Thu 3 Jan	Children return to school
Wed 5 Dec	Flu vaccinations for Years R-5		<b>THIS YEAR’S DATES (2018-2019)</b> AUT: 4 Sep-19 Dec 2018 (half-term w/c 22 Oct) SPR: 3 Jan-5 Apr 2019 (half-term w/c 18 Feb) SUM: 23 Apr-24 Jul 2019 (half-term w/c 27 May)
Fri 7 Dec	3.30pm PSA Film Show		<b>REMAINING INSETS</b> : 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb and 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2019
Sat 8 Dec	<b>2.50pm KS2 singing under the Peppercot</b>		
Tue 11 Dec	2pm KS1 Christmas performance 7pm choir to Holy Trinity Church, Guildford		
Wed 12 Dec	9.30am KS1 Christmas performance 2.15pm Parents’ Forum		
Thu 13 Dec	9.30am Y3+4 Service of Readings & Carols (at school) 6pm Y3+4 Service of Readings & Carols (St Edmund’s Church)		

**Ethos Statement 10:** I think before I make choices that affect my health.

**We pray together:** Father, you created us to look after ourselves that we might be strong and steadfast workers for you. Help us to do our best to keep ourselves well by making the right choices. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.



**The Pope Speaks:** The aim of the Law is to bring people to his Truth. Only God’s mercy heals the heart. Blessed are those who recognise their own evil desires. Those who have a repentant and humbled heart and don’t go before God and people as righteous, but as sinners. These are those who know how to have compassion, who know how to be merciful to others because they experience it in themselves.

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