

Newsletter 12: Friday 30th November 2019

Dear Parents,

How fast this term has gone! This Sunday, we begin the season of Advent. The liturgical colour for the season of Advent is purple, which reminds us of **preparation** and **reflection**.



LOTS OF CHRISTMAS THINGS GOING ON!



See you tomorrow! – thank you all so much for the sweeties which came in last Friday, and for the bottles which came in today, all of which are in preparation for tomorrow's PSA Christmas Market. It starts at 11am and runs until 1.30pm – see you there!



The Travelling Crib – every year, at the start of Advent, we send home a travelling crib. This is an extremely special way for our children to think about this important season of preparation. Going home with this newsletter is a letter giving more information about The Travelling Crib and how it works.

Crib Building Service – this very special event for children takes place at Ladywell Convent 5pm on Tuesday 18th December. All children are welcome.

Advent Boxes – also going out with this newsletter is information about the Advent Food Boxes which Mrs Gordon would like to put together for the Cellar Café. As you may know, the Cellar is a key facility in the centre of Godalming which reaches out to very local families in need. Please bring in an item to go in the boxes during Advent.



Advent at Home; an inspirational talk – we were delighted to welcome Mrs Katherine Bergan back to school on Wednesday. Thank you to those of you who were able to come and listen to her talk. We are sure that the ideas she has given will transform your experience of Advent.

Wintershall – if you haven't yet been to a Wintershall Nativity play, then we would thoroughly recommend it as a way of preparing for Christmas. For more information: <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/nativity-play>



Pancreatic Cancer Action – Tom and Ollie were delighted to get a really personal thank-you letter from this charity, and also some goodies by way of a thank-you for their fundraising efforts. We are very proud of them!

NSPCC Big Workout – a very big well-done to everyone who brought their sponsorship forms and money back to school following the Big Workout. To date, it has come to an astonishing £1,215.71.



Nut free please – please could we remind you that if you are bringing cakes and biscuits to school for the after-school cake sales, to ensure that they are completely nut-free.



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.

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>

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.



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 in to the office if you are interested.

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.



CLUBS NEXT TERM – NEW WAY OF SIGNING UP!

From next term we will not be putting letters on the website for school-run clubs. All alerts about clubs will be sent out via the ‘Forms’ facility in Parentmail to the relevant year groups. Having gone into the Form you will see details of the club. At the bottom of the form there will be a ‘Yes’ button. Click on that if you want your child to join that club and then click the ‘Submit’ button. It is very easy indeed! There will, however, be the usual grid/overview of clubs on the website. For clubs run by external providers, information and sign-up letters will still be on the website.

DATES FOR THIS TERM (items highlighted are new)		DATES FOR THIS TERM continued	
Sat 1 Dec	11am-1.30pm PSA Christmas Market	Fri 14 Dec	Christmas Lunch
Sun 2 Dec	First Sunday of Advent		PSA Jingle Disco (all ages) 6-7.15pm
Tue 4 Dec	Fossil talk for Y3+6; 3pm Rock Steady concert	Mon 17 Dec	2pm Y5+6 Christmas performance
Wed 5 Dec	Flu vaccinations for Years R-5		6pm Y5+6 Christmas performance
Fri 7 Dec	3.30pm PSA Film Show	Tue 18 Dec	9.30am End-of-Term Mass; PM class parties
Sat 8 Dec	2.50pm KS2 singing under the Pepperpot		5pm Crib building at Ladywell Convent
Tue 11 Dec	2pm KS1 Christmas performance	Wed 19 Dec	1pm carols in the hall; 2pm early close
	7pm choir to Holy Trinity Church, Guildford	Thu 3 Jan	Children return to school
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 for the school only – not for parents)		
	6pm Y3+4 Service of Readings & Carols (St Edmund’s Church)		
			THIS YEAR’S DATES (2018-2019)
			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)
			REMAINING INSETS : 25th Feb and 14th June 2019

Ethos Statement 11: I can work, play, rest and pray each day.

We pray together: Father, help us to do all things in your name: to work for you, to rejoice in moments of play and rest and to spend time with you in a special way when we pray. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

The Pope Speaks: As we reflect on the Ten Commandments, we reflect on how, in the light of Christ, the Decalogue should be seen not as a series of rules, but rather the guide to an authentic human life that comes to fulfilment in the love, joy and peace born of obedience to the Father’s will. Our Lord came not to abolish the Law, but to fulfil it. The Holy Spirit, by enabling us to live a new life in Christ, takes away our hearts of flesh and opens them to the holy desire to abandon sin and to be conformed to Jesus’ own heart, his love and his desires. The Ten Commandments invite us first to enter into a faithful and loving relationship with God our Father, to reject every false idol that enslaves us, and to find our authentic rest in the freedom of Christ and the Holy Spirit. They then teach us how to live redeemed lives, marked by fidelity, integrity and honesty towards our neighbour. The commandments show us the face of Christ and open the door to the new life of grace; by accepting God’s offer of saving love, we find our true selves and the source of a joy that will never end.



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: Travelling Crib letter, Advent Food Box flier