

Newsletter 13: Friday 7th December 2018

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that there are less than two weeks of term left before the Christmas holidays. There is a lot going on as we enter the final weeks: Christmas performances, Christmas Lunch, Christmas parties, singing under the Pepperpot and at the Holy Trinity Church in Guildford to name just a few! Please keep your eye on notices going out at this busy time of year.

LOTS OF CHRISTMAS THINGS GOING ON!



Well done and thank you! – thank you to everyone who did so much to ensure a fun and fruitful PSA Christmas Market last Saturday. Organising these important annual events which raise significant money for our school requires a lot of hard work and dedication. Here is a message from Mrs Golding: *“The PSA would like to thank everyone who enjoyed and helped support the Christmas Market. Our current tally is £2,200 but we are still counting! Thank you, as well, to all the brilliant pupil-run Five Pound Challenge stalls, which made the market extra special”.*

Singing under the Pepperpot – thank you to all those children who have volunteered to sing under the Pepperpot at 2.50pm this Saturday. It is always a great privilege to be asked to take part in this important town event. We look forward to seeing and hearing you on Saturday.

The Travelling Crib – as we mentioned last Friday, the Travelling Cribs have begun their travels through the families of our school. We do hope that you will all make the most of this lovely opportunity to reflect more carefully about Advent. **Please ensure that, if your child brings the Travelling Crib home, it is returned to school the next day** to avoid other children in the class will missing out.

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

Advent Boxes – please bring in an item to school for your child’s Advent Box (see attached letter). The boxes will be taken in due course by Mrs Gordon down to the Cellar Café which, as many of you know, is a key facility in the centre of Godalming which reaches out to very local families in need.



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>

Christmas Performances! – it is almost time for the children to perform for you. Here is a summary of the various performances:

Tuesday 11 th December	2.30pm	Key Stage One Performance (school hall)
Wednesday 12 th December	9.30am	Key Stage One Performance (school hall)
Thursday 13 th December	6.00pm	Y3+4 Service of Readings & Carols (St Edmund’s Church)
Monday 17 th December	2.00pm	Y5+6 Performance (school hall)
	6.00pm	Y5+6 Performance (school hall)

APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019 INTAKE

The school would like to remind all parents of children born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 that, if they wish their child to attend St Edmund’s, they must ensure that they meet the application deadline of **15th January 2019**. As well as applying online to Surrey County Council **it is necessary to complete a school Supplementary Information Form (SIF)** which is available from the school office or from the website.

Parents’ Forum – thank you very much to the two Reception Class parents who have volunteered to represent the parents of Reception Class on this important forum. As a reminder, below is an overview of all the reps:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Ms Bryant	Mrs Elias	Mrs Turner	Mrs Stamouli	Mrs Panzini	Mrs Chare	Mrs Amos
Ms Flick	Mrs Ayres	Ms Bagnell	Mrs Skelton	Mrs Dexter-Gadd	Mrs Rees	Mrs Groome



New St Edmund’s Lottery! – we do urge you all to read the leaflet going out with this newsletter which gives information about the new St Edmund’s Lottery. The Lottery is a great way of raising money for the school and for giving you lots of opportunities to win cash prizes. Do join our St Edmund’s Lottery!

Lego Masters – do you or does someone in your house eat, sleep and breathe the little plastic bricks? Is the ‘Lego Masters build room’ with over one million bricks your idea of heaven? The producers of the popular Channel 4 series LEGO MASTERS are looking for a new bunch of imaginative building pairs to take part in a third series of the bold brick-building competition. If you think you, a family member or a friend have the creativity, skill and imagination to be crowned Britain’s best amateur building team then please email build@tuesdayschild.tv Applicants must be aged 9+ by 03/02/2019 in order to take part.



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>

Feeling well? – you may be now, but after the festivities (and excesses?) of Christmas you will be ready for some healthier living come January. Building on the success of our previous ‘Wellness Week’ we are looking forward to the ‘Wellness Week’ which begins on Friday 18th January (information on the attached flier). There are two further fliers which we have put onto the website under ‘News and Events’ then ‘Outings & Events, letters and other useful things’.

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.



Clubs next term – 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	
Fri 7 Dec	3.30pm PSA Film Show	Mon 17 Dec	2pm Y5+6 Christmas performance
Sat 8 Dec	2.50pm KS2 singing under the Pepperpot		6pm Y5+6 Christmas performance
Tue 11 Dec	2pm KS1 Christmas performance	Tue 18 Dec	9.30am End-of-Term Mass; PM class parties
	7pm choir to Holy Trinity Church, Guildford		5pm Crib building at Ladywell Convent
Wed 12 Dec	9.30am KS1 Christmas performance	Wed 19 Dec	1pm carols in the hall; 2pm early close
	2.15pm Parents’ Forum	Thu 3 Jan	Children return to school
Thu 13 Dec	9.30am Y3+4 Service of Readings & Carols (at school for the school only – not for parents)	THIS YEAR’S DATES (2018-2019)	
	6pm Y3+4 Service of Readings & Carols (St Edmund’s Church)	AUT: 4 Sep-19 Dec 2018 (half-term w/c 22 Oct)	
Fri 14 Dec	Christmas Lunch	SPR: 3 Jan-5 Apr 2019 (half-term w/c 18 Feb)	
	PSA Jingle Disco (all ages) 6-7.15pm	SUM: 23 Apr-24 Jul 2019 (half-term w/c 27 May)	
		REMAINING INSETS : 25 th Feb and 14 th June 2019	

Ethos Statement 12: Simple things can make us happy.

We pray together: Father, you call each of us to live a more simple life. Help us to be aware of the unnecessary complications of life which distract us from you and from the simplicity of life which brings us closer to you. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

The Pope Speaks: Advent is a perfect period in which to abandon selfish ways of life that, in fact, chain down and deplete a person. This Sunday’s Gospel [Luke 21:25-28, 34-36] goes precisely in that direction and puts us on-guard against being oppressed by an egocentric lifestyle, a lifestyle which exhausts, bores and closes one to hope.



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