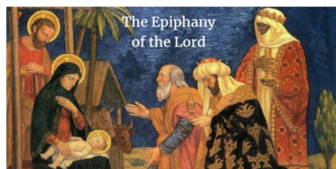


Newsletter 15: Friday 4th January 2019

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and **welcome back** to everyone after what we hope was a relaxing and joyful Christmas holiday. It is lovely to see all the children again and to be embarking on what will be a fun and busy term. Please keep a close eye on the information we send out and which is also posted on the website. A big **thank-you** for the many gifts which were given to staff members at the end of last term. We are always bowled over by the kindness and generosity of our parents and greatly appreciate these gestures.



The Feast of the **Epiphany of the Lord** is this Sunday 6th January. After this, the Season of Christmas continues until Sunday 13th January when the Church celebrates the Feast of Baptism of the Lord. We then revert to 'Ordinary Time' until Lent which, this year, begins on 6th March.

APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019 INTAKE

Please be reminded that if your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 and you wish him/her to attend St Edmund's, you must ensure that you 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.

Tours – we are looking forward to welcoming prospective parents for tours at 9.30am on Tuesday of next week. This isn't the same format as our more formal Open Morning, but an opportunity for prospective parents to be given a tour of the school before the application deadline of 15th January.

Income from the Christmas performances – a big thank-you to all of you for your generous donations after the various Christmas performances. We are not sure of the total just yet, but we will be sending a sum of money to our friends at St Michael's Catholic Primary in Burkina Faso before then paying them a visit in February. As well as our financial help, it is our hope to give them new footballs and skipping ropes. Right is a picture of the footballs we gave them in 2015 – four years ago!



RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) – parents of children in Year 6 who are interested in knowing how we cover RSE are invited to attend a talk to be given by Mrs Hua at 2.30pm on Wednesday 16th January.

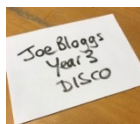


Wellness Week – after the excesses of Christmas we are all looking forward to this year's Wellness Week which begins on Friday 18th January. There is more information on the website under 'News and Events' then 'Outings & Events, letters and other useful things'.

School Mass – this term's school Mass will be the 10.15am Mass at St Joseph's in Milford on Sunday 27th January. As ever, we invite children from all year groups to get involved with the Mass by offering their services as a reader, a welcome or in the Offertory Procession.



Club Forms – we have had very good feedback from parents who have found it very easy to sign their child up for clubs using the Forms facility in Parentmail. Sign-up forms and information for externally run clubs are on the school website along with an overview of all the clubs this term.



Paying for things? – just a little reminder that, if you are coming to the office to pay for something in cash, you ensure that you bring it to the office as **correct cash** and **in an envelope** clearly marked as to what the cash is for.

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>

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.



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	
Thu 3 Jan	Children return to school	Mon 11 Feb	Year 3 to Winchester Science Museum
Tue 8 Jan	9.30am tours for prospective parents		3.40pm Parent Consultations (ends 6.30pm)
Fri 11 Jan	3.30pm Y1 Cake Sale	Wed 13 Feb	3.40pm Parent Consultations (ends 6.10pm)
Tue 15 Jan	Application deadline for YR intake 2019	Fri 15 Feb	Year 4 to GLive; 3.30pm close for half-term
Wed 16 Jan	2.30pm RSE talk to Y6 parents	Mon 25 Feb	INSET – school closed
Fri 18 Jan	Start of Wellness Week		
Mon 21 Jan	Surrey Uni in school for Y5&6		THIS YEAR'S DATES (2018-2019)
Fri 25 Jan	9.05am Year 1 Assembly		SPR: 3 Jan-5 Apr 2019 (half-term w/c 18 Feb)
Sun 27 Jan	10.15am School Mass at Milford		SUM: 23 Apr-24 Jul 2019 (half-term w/c 27 May)
Fri 1 Feb	3.30pm Year 2 Cake Sale		
Tue 5 Feb	Choir to the o2 Arena		
Fri 8 Feb	9.05am Year 4 Assembly		REMAINING INSETS : 25th Feb and 14th June 2019

We pray together: Father, as we start a new year we ask you to inspire us to give ourselves to you more fully. Help us to remember that you need us to bring your kingdom alive in this world so that harmony, justice and peace will reign on Earth. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

The Pope Speaks: Do not think that politics is reserved only for politicians; we are all responsible for the common good. Politics is only as good as the extent to which each person plays his or her part in the service of peace.



Money Matters: first half of the Spring Term 2019

Dinners (KS2 ONLY): £73.60 (32 days at £2.30 between Thu 3rd Jan to Fri 15 Feb 2019)
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

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