

# Newsletter 8: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parents,

**INSET reminder!** – please be reminded that Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov (the first Monday after the half-term holiday), is an INSET day and that **the school will be closed**. Children return to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.



**Winter uniform please** – after the half-term holiday all children should be wearing their winter uniform. No summer dresses; ties to be worn by all pupils from Years 1 to 6. Please visit the uniform list on our website: <https://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=41>

**Dinner money balance** – please ensure that you clear your balance as we close for the half-term holiday.

**Maria Chacaltana** – is a 13-year-old ex-pupil of St Edmund's who was in Year 8 at St Peter's when she was diagnosed with cancer. The parish is appealing for help to make this Christmas a very special one for Maria and her family. We'd like to make a good donation towards the cost of getting her grandparents and cousin over from Peru and other expenses for their visit. If you would like to donate towards this special collection then you can do so by giving it to the school office in an envelope clearly marked "Maria". As Maria's family lives in a small house in the Ockford Ridge area of Godalming, the parish is wondering if there is anyone who could offer the use of a bedroom for the duration of the family's visit. Also, any help with driving the family around would be appreciated. If you are able to help with either a bedroom or driving, please get in touch with the parish : [stedmundchurch@outlook.com](mailto:stedmundchurch@outlook.com)



**Safeguarding children** – parents are invited to attend a safeguarding talk to be given by Mrs Higgins. This is aimed at volunteers who help in school or any parent who is interested. It will be at 9.05am on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

**Flu Vaccinations** – please be reminded that flu vaccinations will be administered to children across all year groups on 12<sup>th</sup> December. The online consent form (details of which were sent to you yesterday) must be completed no later than 5<sup>th</sup> December to ensure that your child receives their vaccination. Whether or not you want your child to receive a vaccination, the form must be completed. To complete the form please go to [www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk](http://www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk) and enter the school's unique code SR125216

**SALE** **Ladywell Convent** – the Sisters of Ladywell Convent have asked us to let you know that they will be holding a big one-off sale of lots of items which may be of interest to you. All the details are on the attached flier.

**If you volunteer in school** – you will now be required, upon signing in at the front office, to confirm that your mobile phone will be kept in either your bag or your pocket for the duration of your visit to the school as a volunteer/helper as these devices may not be used whilst in school. We do thank you for your attention to this.

**Poppies** – as we will shortly be in the month of November, poppies will be available from the school office after half-term. Year 6 children will be selling poppies to children of all year groups at lunchtime break. If you would like your child to have a poppy, please send them to school with a small donation.



## APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020 INTAKE

The school would like to remind all parents of children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 that, if they wish their child to attend St Edmund's, they must ensure that they meet the application deadline of **15<sup>th</sup> January 2020**. Applicants need to do two things before that date:

- complete and return (to the school office) the **school SIF** (application form) which can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from the school website (School Information/Admissions).
- complete the **Surrey County Council online application** (<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant/apply>) which is open from **4<sup>th</sup> November 2019**.



**Anti-bullying Week and Odd Sock Day** – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week, the theme for which this year is 'Change Starts With Us'. That Monday is a day when children are invited to wear odd socks that day by way of a celebration of our individuality. We will send a reminder after our return from the half-term holiday.

**Weekday Masses in the parish** – Fr Jonathan 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 Jonathan has commitments elsewhere.



**Want to change dinner arrangements?** – please ensure that, if you wish to change your child’s dinner arrangements, you give the office a week’s notice in writing. Thank you.

**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 clicking on this link. <https://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/blog/?pid=14&nid=10>

**Children’s Liturgy** – these take place during Mass every Sunday at St John’s (Farncombe) 8.45am and St Joseph’s (Milford) 10.15am. Please note that there will be no session during half-term, on 3/11 or 24/11.

**The Pen Shop** – Monday and Friday lunchtimes: 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. Please ensure that your child does not bring unduly large amounts of cash to school as nothing costs more than 40p.



### IMPORTANT DATES

<b><u>THIS TERM</u></b>	<b><u>THIS TERM cont ...</u></b>
Fri 25 Oct 3.30pm close for half-term	Thu 12 Dec 6pm Y5+6 Christmas Performance
Mon 4 Nov <b>INSET DAY</b> – school closed	Fri 13 Dec Christmas Lunch <b>TBC</b>
Tue 5 Nov Children return to school	5.30pm KS1 Disco (ends 6.40pm)
Wed 6 Nov 9.30am Open Morning for prospective parents	6.50pm KS2 Disco (ends 8pm)
<b>Fri 8 Nov 2.45pm PSA meeting in school library</b>	<b>Mon 16 Dec 2.30pm Musical Concert</b>
Wed 13 Nov Y2 to Hampton Court Palace	Tue 17 Dec 9.30am End-of-Term Mass
Y1 Seaside workshop (in school)	3pm Rock Steady Concert
9.05am RSE talk (parents of all year groups)	Wed 18 Dec Class parties PM
<b>Thu 14 Nov 9.05am Safeguarding talk by Mrs Higgins</b>	Thu 19 Dec 9.30am Y3+4 Service of Readings & Carols
Fri 15 Nov 9.05am Y3 Assembly	Fri 20 Dec <b>2pm</b> close for the Christmas holiday
Tue 19 Nov 3.30pm talk to Y5 parents re Bude	
Wed 20 Nov 2.30pm St Edmund’s Day Mass	<b><u>THIS YEAR’S DATES (2019-2020)</u></b>
Fri 22 Nov Y4 to New Victoria Theatre, Woking	AUT: 4 Sep-20 Dec 2019 (half-term w/c 28 Oct)
Fri 29 Nov PSA Mufti Day (sweets)	SPR: 6 Jan-3 Apr 2020 (half-term w/c 17 Feb)
<b>3.30pm PSA Film Show (moved from 6<sup>th</sup> Dec)</b>	SUM: 20 Apr-22 Jul 2020 (half-term w/c 25 May)
Wed 4 Dec 2pm KS1 Christmas Performance	<b><u>INSET DAYS 2019-2020</u></b>
Thu 5 Dec 9.30am KS1 Christmas Performance	Wed 4 Sept & Mon 4 Nov 2019
Fri 6 Dec PSA Mufti Day (bottles)	Fri 14 Feb, Fri 12 June & Wed 22 July 2020
<del>3.30pm Film Show</del>	
Sat 7 Dec 11am PSA Christmas Market (ends 2pm)	
Tue 10 Dec 2pm Y5+6 Christmas Performance	

**Ethos Statement 7:** I try to stand up for myself and others without hurting others.

**We pray together:** Father, you demand both justice and peace from us all. Help us to always work for justice, but in a peaceful way. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

**The Pope Speaks:** This is the secret of mission: to go, it is necessary to leave something; to proclaim, it is necessary to renounce. It is necessary to abandon a horizontal life, to fight against the gravitational pull of selfishness, to make an exodus from one’s own ego.



#### **Money Matters: second half of the Autumn Term 2019**

**Dinners (KS2 ONLY):** £79.90 (34 days at £2.35; Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Nov – Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 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](http://www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk)

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Attachments: Koosa Kids flier; Ladywell Convent Sale flier