

Newsletter 9: Friday 8th November 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school after what we hope was a relaxing half-term holiday for you all. The rest of this term promises to be very busy, including lots of events and outings, as well as all the preparations for the various Christmas productions. All of these are listed overleaf; do take a moment to ensure that you have made a note of them in your diary.

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 : stedmundschurch@outlook.com



Anti-bullying Week and Odd Sock Day – next Monday (11th November) marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week and is a day when children are invited to wear odd socks as per the flier which is going out with this newsletter. The theme of the week is 'Change Starts With Us', with the odd socks intended to celebrate individuality.

Relationships and Sex Education – information was sent to you all earlier this week regarding RSE and the talk which will be given by Mrs Hua at 9.05am on Wednesday 13th November. All parents are welcome to attend, and we look forward to seeing you then.

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 14th November.



Coats – as the weather becomes more wintry, all children should have a coat in school. Also, as the evenings become more gloomy, if your child walks any distance from school, it might be worth investing in something hi-vis to ensure that they can be easily seen.

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.

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. Tomorrow from 10am to 2pm. All the details are on the attached flier.

SALE

St Edmund's Day Mass 20th Nov – please note that this is at **2pm** and not 2.30pm

APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020 INTAKE – the school would like to remind all parents of children born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 that, if they wish their child to attend St Edmund's, they must ensure that they meet the application deadline of **15th 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 **4th November 2019**.

Flu Vaccinations Please be reminded that the flu vaccination will be administered to children across all year groups on 12th December. The online consent form must be completed no later than 5th 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 and enter the school's unique code SR125216

Weekday Masses in the parish – Fr Jonathan would love to welcome you to the parish weekday Masses. Starting at 9.30am, they last just 25 minutes. 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.



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.

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 on 24th Nov.

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<p>THIS TERM Mon 11 Nov Odd Sock Day for Anti-Bullying Week Wed 13 Nov Y2 to Hampton Court Palace Y1 Seaside workshop (in school) 9.05am RSE talk (parents of all year groups) Fri 15 Nov 9.05am Y3 Assembly Tue 19 Nov 3.30pm talk to Y5 parents re Bude Wed 20 Nov 2pm St Edmund's Day Mass Fri 22 Nov Y4 to New Victoria Theatre, Woking Fri 29 Nov PSA Mufti Day (sweets) Wed 4 Dec 2pm KS1 Christmas Performance Thu 5 Dec 9.30am KS1 Christmas Performance Fri 6 Dec PSA Mufti Day (bottles) 3.30pm Film Show Sat 7 Dec 11am PSA Christmas Market (ends 2pm) Tue 10 Dec 2pm Y5+6 Christmas Performance 7pm Choir to Holy Trinity, Guildford Thu 12 Dec 6pm Y5+6 Christmas Performance</p>	<p>THIS TERM cont ... Fri 13 Dec Christmas Lunch TBC 5.30pm KS1 Disco (ends 6.40pm) 6.50pm KS2 Disco (ends 8pm) Tue 17 Dec 9.30am End-of-Term Mass 3pm Rock Steady Concert Wed 18 Dec Class parties PM Thu 19 Dec 9.30am Y3+4 Service of Readings & Carols</p> <p><u>THIS YEAR'S DATES (2019-2020)</u> AUT: 4 Sep-20 Dec 2019 (half-term w/c 28 Oct) SPR: 6 Jan-3 Apr 2020 (half-term w/c 17 Feb) SUM: 20 Apr-22 Jul 2020 (half-term w/c 25 May)</p> <p><u>INSET DAYS 2019-2020</u> Wed 4 Sept & Mon 4 Nov 2019 Fri 14 Feb, Fri 12 June & Wed 22 July 2020</p>

The Pope Speaks: Christ's love for us drives him to weep, to weep for each of us. What tenderness we find in this expression. This is the tender love of God in Jesus. This is exactly what Paul understood. If we cannot feel or understand the tender love of God in Jesus for each of us, then we will never, never, be able to understand Christ's love for us. It is a type of love which waits patiently. He loves even the worst of sinners with this tenderness, all the way to the end.



Money Matters: second half of the Autumn Term 2019	
Dinners (KS2 ONLY):	£79.90 (34 days at £2.35; Tues 5 th Nov – Fri 20 th 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
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/calendar/?calid=1,2,3&pid=14&viewid=1
Copies of the newsletters	http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=Newsletters&pid=93
Clubs booking forms	http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=Clubs+and+Activities&pid=34

Attachments: Odd Socks Day flier