

Newsletter 10: Friday 15th November 2019

Dear Parents,

Great Sports! – many of our children have taken part in sporting events this week. A very big well-done to all those who took part in last Saturday's Cross-Country event at Glebelands School in Cranleigh. All their early-morning training paid dividends as our Y5 boys took four out of the top six places! Here is Finnian winning the Year 5 race. On Tuesday all our Years 1 and 2 children took part in a multi-skills tournament at Rodborough School. Then, on Wednesday, our Years 5 and 6 team took part in, and won, a netball tournament at Park Mead. Well done to you all.



Choir – please make a note now that there will be no after-school choir practice on Monday 25th November.



Anti-bullying week – it was great to see all the children wearing odd socks to school on Monday. This helps us to remember that we are all unique and that we should celebrate our differences. The theme this year was 'Change starts with us' and the children have made posters to display around the school, which reflect this important message. You may find the following information useful:

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-parents>

St Edmund's Day Mass 20th Nov – All are invited to share our celebration of the school and parish's saint's day. Please note that this is at **2pm** and not 2.30pm.

RSE talk – thank you to those who were able to attend Mrs Hua's talk on Wednesday. The PowerPoint presentation used at the talk is now on the website (Learning/Curriculum/Relationship and Sex Education).

Car Park – we are rather concerned about the speed at which some cars are being driven into the front-of-school car park at drop-off or even during the school day. First thing in the morning, very particularly, this is an extremely busy area as children are getting out of cars and making their way to the playground. Therefore, **please drive in slowly** and with the greatest possible caution. Pedestrians should always use the yellow pathway around the edge of the drop-off zone. All drivers should be attentive to all other users of the car park.



Has your child been sick or had diarrhoea? – this is to remind you that children must not be brought back to school until they have had **48 hours clear of sickness / upset stomachs**.

Our lovely garden! – this summer we entered the Surrey Wildlife Awards competition and were very pleased to receive a 'Gold Wildlife Garden Award'. A big thank-you to our Gardening Club and to our Caretaker, Mr Judge!

Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Day – In memory of their mother, Ollie and Tom (Y6) will be running a **cake stall** at morning break-time on Thursday 21st November. Also, if they wish, children are invited to wear **mufti** that day, particularly the **colour purple** as this is the colour of the charity. But if you don't have purple at home, any colour will be fine. If you'd like your child to support this very worthy cause, then please send them to school with 50p for a cake and, if they are going to wear mufti, a further £1.



PSA Notices – due to the number of events over the Christmas period, it has not been possible to schedule a disco or film show; these will be held early in the new year. Also, the Mufti (sweets) day is also a Crazy Hair Day. Please refer to the information sent out earlier today.

Parish Ceilidh – the parish invites everyone to join in some parish St Andrew's Day Ceilidh fun on 30th November in Milford Village Hall. Tickets are £15 adults; £5 under-16s. Includes a fish and chip supper (bring your own drinks and glasses). For tickets, please email little_oaks@hotmail.com



Flu Vaccinations – please be reminded that flu vaccinations 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

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**.

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.

IMPORTANT DATES

THIS TERM		THIS TERM cont ...	
Tue 19 Nov	3.30pm talk to Y5 parents re Bude	Thu 12 Dec	6pm Y5+6 Christmas Performance
Wed 20 Nov	7.30pm Fr Jonathan's Induction Mass in Milford 2pm St Edmund's Day Mass	Fri 13 Dec	Christmas Lunch
Thu 21 Nov	Pancreatic Cancer Awareness [Mufti]	Tue 17 Dec	9.30am End-of-Term Mass 3pm Rock Steady Concert
Fri 22 Nov	Y4 to New Victoria Theatre, Woking	Wed 18 Dec	Class parties PM
Wed 27 Nov	YR to Wintershall	Thu 19 Dec	6pm Y3+4 Service of Readings & Carols
Fri 29 Nov	PSA Mufti Day (sweets) + Crazy Hair Day	THIS YEAR'S DATES (2019-2020)	
Wed 4 Dec	2pm KS1 Christmas Performance	AUT: 4 Sep-20 Dec 2019 (half-term w/c 28 Oct)	
Thu 5 Dec	Y3 Stone Age Day	SPR: 6 Jan-3 Apr 2020 (half-term w/c 17 Feb)	
	9.30am KS1 Christmas Performance	SUM: 20 Apr-22 Jul 2020 (half-term w/c 25 May)	
Fri 6 Dec	PSA Mufti Day (bottles)	INSET DAYS 2019-2020	
Sat 7 Dec	11am PSA Christmas Market (ends 2pm)	Wed 4 Sept & Mon 4 Nov 2019	
Tue 10 Dec	2pm Y5+6 Christmas Performance 7pm Choir to Holy Trinity, Guildford	Fri 14 Feb, Fri 12 June & Wed 22 July 2020	
Wed 11 Dec	2.15pm Parents' Forum		

Ethos Statement 8: I try to be just and fair.

We pray together: Father, you are always just and you are always fair. Help us to remember that in treating others justly and fairly we build a more peaceful world. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

The Pope Speaks: Human trafficking subsists, xenophobic expressions and the selfish pursuit of national interest are abundant, there is inequality between and inside countries that grows. We need a real 'cultural revolution', a transformation of our collective mind, of our attitudes and the way we perceive and situate ourselves in the world.



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
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