

Newsletter 11: Friday 22nd November 2019

Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to welcome parents and parishioners to our St Edmund's Day Mass on Wednesday of this week. Thank you to Father Jonathan for celebrating the Mass for us, and thank you to all the children who read.



Pancreatic Cancer Awareness (Mufti) Day – well done to Tom and Ollie (Y6) who ran a cake stall on Thursday and who asked permission for a purple Mufti Day as well. It was a great success, with £556.85 raised. Thank you all, very much, for supporting Tom and Ollie.

No choir – there will be **no after-school choir practice on Monday 25th November**.

Netball brilliance! – on 13th November Mrs McCarthy took a team of netballers to Park Mead for a tournament in which 15 schools were taking part. Matches lasted for seven minutes, with the results being: 9-0, 8-0, 7-1, 3-1 which took us through to the semi-final, which we won 7-0, going through to the final which we won 5-0. Many people commented on the speed and accuracy of their play. Well done to all of them!



Y3+4 Service of Readings and Carols 19th December – there will be two services led by years 3 and 4. Parents are warmly invited to attend the evening service which will be at 6pm at Edmund's Church on Croft Road (the morning service is for the school only).

Mufti Days reminder – there are two more Mufti Days this term in support of the forthcoming PSA Christmas Market:

- Friday 29th November: sweets (mandatory!) and crazy hair (optional)
- Friday 6th December: bottles (for the tombola stall)



Christmas Lunch 13th December – a letter about this went home to you on Monday of last week. **The tear-off slip should be returned ONLY for those children who normally bring a packed lunch.** The deadline for returning the form is 29th November. No late forms will be accepted.

Crib Building Service – you might like to get into your diary a very special event for children which takes place at Ladywell Convent every year: the Crib Building Service. This will be held at 5pm on Tuesday 17th December and all children are welcome.



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.

On the subject of parking – we have received a photograph taken of a car which had been parked entirely on the pavement in The Paddock. This is both illegal and inconsiderate towards pedestrians.



Maria Chacaltana – thank you to those of you who were able to donate towards our collection to ensure that Maria's Christmas is a happy one. Maria, who is an only child, was in Year 8 at St Peter's last year when she was diagnosed with a serious cancer. £300 has been raised to date, and will shortly be given to her parents. It is not too late to add to this collection.

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.



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 ...
Wed 27 Nov YR to Wintershall	Tue 17 Dec 9.30am End-of-Term Mass
Fri 29 Nov PSA Mufti Day (sweets) + Crazy Hair Day	3pm Rock Steady Concert
Wed 4 Dec 2pm KS1 Christmas Performance	5pm Crib Building at Ladywell Convent
Thu 5 Dec Y3 Stone Age Day	Wed 18 Dec Class parties PM
9.30am KS1 Christmas Performance	Thu 19 Dec 6pm Y3+4 Service of Readings & Carols
Fri 6 Dec PSA Mufti Day (bottles)	THIS YEAR'S DATES (2019-2020)
Sat 7 Dec 11am PSA Christmas Market (ends 2pm)	AUT: 4 Sep-20 Dec 2019 (half-term w/c 28 Oct)
Tue 10 Dec 2pm Y5+6 Christmas Performance	SPR: 6 Jan-3 Apr 2020 (half-term w/c 17 Feb)
7pm Choir to Holy Trinity, Guildford	SUM: 20 Apr-22 Jul 2020 (half-term w/c 25 May)
Wed 11 Dec 2.15pm Parents' Forum	INSET DAYS 2019-2020
Thu 12 Dec 6pm Y5+6 Christmas Performance	Wed 4 Sept & Mon 4 Nov 2019
Fri 13 Dec Christmas Lunch	Fri 14 Feb, Fri 12 June & Wed 22 July 2020
Mon 16 Dec 2.30pm Musical Concert	

Ethos Statement 9: I can tell you how I look after myself.

We pray together: Father, you have given us a body so that we can do your work and a mind so that we can think about you. Help us to look after our body by eating well and to look after our inner lives by listening to you always. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.



The Pope Speaks: Our parishes have many initiatives where, often, the lives of the people are not deeply affected. You, too, are entrusted with the task of reviving the life of our parish communities, especially at this time.

Money Matters: second half of the Autumn Term 2019

Dinners (KS2 ONLY): £79.90 (34 days at £2.35; Tues 5th Nov – Fri 20th 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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