

Newsletter 12: Friday 29th November 2019

Dear Parents,

Sunday of this weekend marks the start of **Advent** and therefore the start of a new liturgical year in the Church's calendar. Having just come to the end of Year C, the cycle of readings for Sundays will now revert to Year A (Year II for weekday readings). The colour purple reminds us that we are now in a time of serious preparation and reflection.



Helping those less fortunate – as part of our Advent preparations, on Monday we will be sending home with your child a little red Missio box. At this time of year, when we are thinking of children who have much less than we have, we ask you to put as much change as you can into your child's little red box and send it back to school before the end of term. As ever, we do ask that you keep an eagle eye out for foreign coins with a view to not putting them into the boxes. Thank you very much. Also going home on Monday will be the lovely little **Advent 'Day by Day'** booklets which the children do love.

A complaint – following a complaint from a resident of The Fairway last Friday about poor parking and rude behaviour from parents, we would ask you all to take a moment to look at the leaflet attached. Ideally, nobody should be parking down The Fairway as it is a very narrow road. At the very least there should definitely be no parking on the turning circle or near/opposite driveways. If we continue to receive complaints from neighbours we will ask the police to come and monitor the situation. We do thank you for your attention to this.

(Sweets) Mufti & Crazy Hair – thank you to everyone who brought sweets to school today in preparation for the forthcoming PSA Christmas Market. It was also terrific to see the amazing efforts to which some of the children had gone for crazy hair day. Just by way of a reminder, **next Friday is another mufti day**, but please bring a bottle of something you'd like to win at the tombola stall.



Wintershall Nativity workshop – our Reception Class children were very lucky indeed to have the opportunity to learn all about Advent at Wintershall. They learned about the various characters, were able to get into costume and, also, to meet all the animals which will shortly be appearing in the Wintershall Nativity in December. What a lovely way to help them think about the real meaning of Christmas.

Some Christmas dates

The Travelling Cribs – these will soon begin their travels through the families of our school. We do hope that you will all make the most of this lovely opportunity to reflect more carefully about Advent. **Please ensure that, if your child brings the Travelling Crib home, it is returned to school the next day** to avoid other children in the class missing out.



PSA Christmas Market – Saturday 7th December 11am to 2pm

Reindeer Run 9th December – information about this went home on Monday of this week. Please do your best to sponsor your child and to raise as much money for the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. Once your child has raised money you can either bring it back to school in the envelope provided, or donate online via this link set up by Stan (Year 6) <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stan-norris>

Holy Trinity 7pm Tuesday 10th December – thank you to those children who have volunteered to come and sing at this lovely annual event in Guildford.

Christmas Together in Godalming Saturday 14th December – we will shortly be appealing to the children to come and sing under the Pepperpot at 2.50pm that day. It is always a great privilege to be asked to take part in this important town event. Attached is a flier giving information about the events in Godalming that day.

Crib Building Service 5pm 17th December – this very special event for children takes place at Ladywell Convent. All welcome!

Wintershall – if you haven't yet been to a Wintershall Nativity play, then we would thoroughly recommend it as a way of preparing for Christmas. For more information: <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/nativity-play>

Christmas Performances – it is almost time for the children to perform for you. Here is a summary of the various performances:

Wednesday 4 th December	2.00pm Key Stage One Performance (school hall)
Thursday 5 th December	9.30am Key Stage One Performance (school hall)
Tuesday 10 th December	2.00pm Y5+6 Performance (school hall)
Thursday 12 th December	6.00pm Y5+6 Performance (school hall)
Thursday 19 th December	6.00pm Y3+4 Service of Readings & Carols (St Edmund's <u>Church</u>)

An English Christmas – please take a look at the attached flier giving information about what will be a lovely concert to be held on Saturday 14th December at 7.30pm at St John's Church in Farncombe.

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.

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.



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 (CL) – these take place during Mass every Sunday at St John's (Farncombe, 8.45am) and at St Joseph's (Milford, 10.15am), including Sunday 22nd December.

IMPORTANT DATES	
<p><u>THIS TERM</u> Wed 4 Dec 2pm KS1 Christmas Performance Thu 5 Dec Y3 Stone Age Day 9.30am KS1 Christmas Performance Fri 6 Dec PSA Mufti Day (bottles) Sat 7 Dec 11am PSA Christmas Market (ends 2pm) Mon 9 Dec 1.30pm Reindeer Run Tue 10 Dec 2pm Y5+6 Christmas Performance 7pm Choir to Holy Trinity, Guildford Wed 11 Dec 2.15pm Parents' Forum Thu 12 Dec Flu vaccinations 6pm Y5+6 Christmas Performance Fri 13 Dec Christmas Lunch Mon 16 Dec 2.30pm Musical Concert</p>	<p><u>THIS TERM cont ...</u> Tue 17 Dec 9.30am End-of-Term Mass 3pm Rock Steady Concert 5pm Crib Building at Ladywell Convent Wed 18 Dec Class parties PM Thu 19 Dec 6pm Y3+4 Service of Readings & Carols Fri 20 Dec 1pm Carols in the hall 2pm early close <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) <u>REMAINING INSET DAYS 2019-2020</u> Fri 14 Feb, Fri 12 June & Wed 22 July 2020</p>

Ethos Statement 10: I think before I make choices that affect my health.

We pray together: Father, you created us to look after ourselves that we might be strong and steadfast workers for you. Help us to do our best to keep ourselves well by making the right choices. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.



The Pope Speaks: Many things have been invented, but thank God there are still no 'selfies' of the soul! To be happy we need to leave ourselves, forget ourselves and go out to others.

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: 1) Guildford Borough Council leaflet, 2) Christmas Together in Godalming, 3) An English Christmas Godalming Choral Society