

# Newsletter 13: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear Parents,

**PSA Christmas Market** – we are looking forward to seeing you all at tomorrow's Christmas Market. Doors open at 11am and close at 2pm. A great deal of hard work has gone into putting this event together and we know that all our families will give it their full support in order to ensure both great fun and fundraising. Thank you for the many bottles which were brought to school today in readiness for the tombola stall.



**Key Stage One and Reception performances** – what a great treat it was to watch the children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 performing their Christmas production of 'The Inn-spectors' this week. Thank you so much to the teachers and support staff who worked very hard to prepare the children so well.

**Congratulations** – to Mrs Morris and her family on the birth of baby Myles this week. Both mother and baby are doing well.

**A season for giving** – during Advent, the Church encourages the faithful to give more generously of themselves. This may include giving more of our time and skills, or perhaps giving really practical help such as clothes or other items for the homeless, or money for good causes. There are currently a number of opportunities to give both within school and the wider parish ....

- **The Reindeer Run** – we are looking forward to all our children taking part in this on Monday afternoon. Please don't forget to sponsor your child. If you prefer to give directly online rather than to hand your sponsor envelope in to the office, then you can do so through Stan's page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stan-norris>
- **Parish Homeless Christmas Appeal** – please refer to the attached appeal from the parish
- **Missio Boxes** – as part of our Advent preparations, on Monday we sent home with your child one of these little red boxes. Please return it to school, with your spare cash, before the end of term.
- **Maria** – thank you very much indeed for the donations which have amounted to £630. This will be given to Maria's family in good time to ensure a wonderful Christmas for her and her family.



## Some Christmas dates ....

**The Travelling Cribs** – these are now travelling 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.



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

**Crib Building Service 5pm 17<sup>th</sup> 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** – here is a summary of the remaining performances:

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00pm Y5+6 Performance (school hall)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00pm Y5+6 Performance (school hall)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00pm Y3+4 Service of Readings & Carols (St Edmund's Church)

**Cross Country at Barrow Hills School** – a very well done to those of our children from Years 5 and 6 who took part in a multi-school event at Barrow Hills on Monday afternoon. All our children did well, with a particular mention to Finnian (right in the photo, who came 2<sup>nd</sup>) and William (left, who came 3<sup>rd</sup>) and Finn who came 8<sup>th</sup>. Very well done!



## From the parish ...

- As in previous years, there will be a **Christmas Eve 5pm Family Mass**. Children attending the Mass are very welcome to dress up as Nativity characters. A few children are needed to act as welcomers. If your child would like to help with this then please email Ms Dziemba on [pollyabroad@gmail.com](mailto:pollyabroad@gmail.com)
- **Increasing our support for young families** – all those with young families, or those with an interest in children's liturgy, are invited to join Fr Jonathan and volunteers from the 8.45am and 10.15am Children's Liturgy groups, on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm at the Presbytery to discuss ideas to grow our support for young families in the parish. Please RSVP [eleonor.streatfield@gmail.com](mailto:eleonor.streatfield@gmail.com) if possible. Drinks and festive bakes will be provided.

**Applications for September 2020 intake** – this is 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**

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

<b>IMPORTANT DATES</b>	
<b><u>THIS TERM</u></b>	
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
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 <b>2pm early close</b>
Tue 24 Dec	5pm Family Mass (St Joseph’s, Milford) 9.30pm Vigil of Carols & Readings (St Edmund’s) 10pm Christmas Night Mass (St Edmund’s)
Wed 25 Dec	8.45am Mass (St John’s Farncombe) 10.15am Mass (St Joseph’s, Milford)
<b><u>NEXT TERM</u></b>	
Mon 6 Jan	Children return to school
<b><u>THIS YEAR’S DATES (2019-2020)</u></b>	
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)	
<b><u>REMAINING INSET DAYS 2019-2020</u></b>	
Fri 14 Feb, Fri 12 June & Wed 22 July 2020	

**Ethos Statement 11:** I can work, play, rest and pray each day.

**We pray together:** Father, help us to do all things in your name: to work for you, to rejoice in moments of play and rest and to spend time with you in a special way when we pray. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

**The Pope Speaks:** In his new papal document “Admirabile Signum”, the pope sends some key messages to Christians: that the tradition of a nativity scene never be lost, but be kept strong not only in homes, but in workplaces, schools, town squares, hospitals and prisons; that we should contemplate the nativity scene so as to be filled with joy and to better understand the humility of God.



<b>Money Matters: second half of the Autumn Term 2019</b>	
<b>Dinners (KS2 ONLY):</b>	£79.90 (34 days at £2.35; Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019)
<b>Governors’ Fund:</b>	£20 per family per term, cheques payable to “A&B Diocesan Trust St Edmund’s”
<b>Outings:</b>	Cheques payable to “St Edmund’s School Fund” or pay online via PMX ParentMail
<b>PSA Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk">www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk</a>
<b>Confused by educational jargon?</b>	Try our glossary or Frequently Asked Questions pages under “School Information”
<b>Still confused?</b>	Then <a href="mailto:info@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk">info@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk</a> or  01483 414497
<b>Dates for the year ahead</b>	<a href="http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2,3&amp;pid=14&amp;viewid=1">http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2,3&amp;pid=14&amp;viewid=1</a>
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Attachments: parish Christmas Homeless Appeal