

Newsletter 14: Friday 13th December 2019

Dear Parents,

Reindeer Run – what fun we all had on Monday when the children took part in this terrific fundraising event. It will be very interesting to find out, in due course, how much was raised. If you have not already done so, there is still time to hand your sponsor envelope in to the office. Alternatively, you can give via Stan's page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stan-norris>



PSA Christmas Market – thank you to everyone who supported what was a wonderful Christmas Market which raised over £2,000, about a quarter of which was raised by the year group stalls, closely followed by the £5 Challenge.

Years 5 and 6 Christmas performances – thank you very much to the children of Years 5 and 6 for entertaining us so brilliantly. A huge amount of work is needed to prepare children for these events and we are therefore extremely grateful to all our hard-working staff for all that they do to give the children these opportunities to perform.

Lots of festive singing!

On Monday we took six of our Year 6 children to sing some carols to the elderly nuns at **Ladywell Convent**. Their efforts were exceptionally warmly received. The Sisters particularly loved the carol which is close to all our hearts at St Edmund's – "Love Shone Down"



Over forty children from the Key Stage 2 choir sang on Tuesday evening at the **Holy Trinity Church** in Guildford at a special concert to raise money for the Fountain Centre. They sang beautifully and the audience was extremely impressed by their singing and behaviour. It was a very special evening.

We are really looking forward to what is always a real annual treat: the Years 3 and 4 Service of **Readings and Carols**. This will be held at 6pm on Monday 19th December at St Edmund's Church on Croft Road. **Please note that parking along Croft Road is for residents (with permits) only!** St Hilary's School (Holloway Hill, GU7 1RZ) has, once again, very kindly given us permission to use their car park that evening.

We were contacted this week to say that the recording of our children singing 'Silent night' has made it through to the finals of a competition being organised by **Eagle Radio**. It will be aired at 7.45am on Monday 23rd December.



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.

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.



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>

End-of-Term Mass – please come and join us for our Mass which will be celebrated by Father Jonathan at 9.30am on **Tuesday 17th December**.



Indoor Athletics – well done to our Years 5 and 6 indoor athletes who took part in a competition on Wednesday of this week, missing out on first place by just two points. Better luck next time!

The last day of term – we cannot believe that we are already preparing for the end of term. On our last day of term (next Friday, 20th December) you are invited to join us at 1pm in the school hall where we will be singing carols. After the carols there will be mulled wine and mince pies for parents before we close for the holidays at 2pm.



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
- **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 17th December at 8pm at the Presbytery to discuss ideas to grow our support for young families in the parish. Please RSVP leanor.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 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**

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.

Clubs next term – please make a note of next term’s clubs. Promptly next term we will send out, via Parentmail FORMS, information about the clubs which are run by school staff. Information and sign-up letters for externally-run clubs are on the website.

Mon	KS2 Choir	Mrs Higgins	Y3-6	3.30-4.30pm	6 th Jan	27 th Jan
	Coding Club	Marta Doroszkiewicz	Y2-6	3.30-4.45pm	13 th Jan	30 th Mar
Tue	Sewing	Marta Doroszkiewicz	Y2-6	3.30-4.45pm	14 th Jan	31 st Mar
Wed	Judo	Academy Judo Services	Y3-6	8.00-8.45am	8 th Jan	1 st Apr
	Indoor Athletics	Mrs McCarthy	Y3+4	3.30-4.45pm	8 th Jan	22 nd Jan
	Dodgeball	Planet Education	YR-4	3.30-4.30pm	8 th Jan	1 st Apr
	Art	Mrs Fulford	Y3-6	3.30-4.45pm	8 th Jan	12 th Feb
	Tennis	Tennis England	All	3.45-4.45pm	15 th Jan	25 th Mar
	Netball	Mrs McCarthy	Y5+6	3.30-4.45pm	5 th Feb	25 th Mar
Thu	Football	Mrs McCarthy	Y5+6	3.30-4.30pm	9 th Jan	26 th Mar
	Football	Planet Education	Y1-2	3.30-4.30pm	9 th Jan	2 nd Apr
	Basketball	Kidz-B-Ballin	Y3-6	7.45-8.45am	16 th Jan	26 th Mar

IMPORTANT DATES

THIS TERM		NEXT TERM	
Mon 16 Dec	2.30pm Musical Concert	Mon 6 Jan	Children return to school
Tue 17 Dec	9.30am End-of-Term Mass	Tue 7 Jan	9.30am tours for prospective parents
	3pm Rock Steady Concert	Thu 9 Jan	9am reading workshop for YR parents
	5pm Crib Building at Ladywell Convent	Wed 22 Jan	9am RSE talk to Y6 parents
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		
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)		
		THIS YEAR’S DATES (2019-2020)	
		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)	
		REMAINING INSET DAYS 2019-2020	
		Fri 14 Feb, Fri 12 June & Wed 22 July 2020	

Ethos Statement 13: I try to love others as I love myself.

We pray together: Father, you command us to love others to the extent that we love ourselves. Grant us the grace to do this, especially for those with whom we don’t get on. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN



The Pope Speaks: Mary is a masterpiece, and yet she remains humble, small, poor. In her is reflected the beauty of God, which is all love, grace and self-gift.

Money Matters: first half of the Spring Term 2020

Dinners (KS2 ONLY): £68.15 (29 days at £2.35; Mon 6th Jan – Thu 13th Feb 2020)
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

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