

Newsletter 16: Friday 10th January 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back – a happy new year to you all! We do hope that you managed a relaxing and holy Christmas break. It is lovely to see all the children again and to be embarking on a new term. We remain in the Season of Christmas which ends on Sunday of this weekend with the Baptism of Jesus. Thereafter we revert to 'Ordinary Time' until Ash Wednesday which, this year, falls on Wednesday 26th February.



Lost and looking for its owner – someone must be missing this gorgeous rabbit (left) which is awaiting collection from the school office.

Money raised from the Christmas performances – a big thank-you for your generous donations after the various Christmas performances. We are very happy to be able to send £560 to our friends in St Michael's Catholic Primary School in Manni, Burkina Faso.

Talking of Burkina Faso – Mrs Nicholls would normally set off for Burkina Faso in the February half-term in order to visit St Michael's and also her various projects over there (see www.les-amis-bf.org.uk). Very sadly, for the second year running, she is unable to do so due to the sharp escalation of Jihadist attacks in the country which have brought threats to Christian communities and Europeans. Here is a very interesting short video from the Rome Reports website which gives some information about the impact on many thousands of people in Burkina Faso (<https://www.romereports.com/en/2020/01/07/priest-from-burkina-faso-thousands-of-christians-forced-to-flee-because-of-their-faith/>) It is very sad to think of the children and their parents – our friends – of St Michael's Primary School in Manni being frightened for their lives. Please keep them in your prayers.

Talent show – a Parentmail Form went out yesterday inviting children to take part in our forthcoming Talent Show. Our last Talent Show was two years ago and a great success. We feel sure that many of our talented children will be looking forward to taking part.



School Mass – this term's school Mass will be the 10.15am Mass at St Joseph's in Milford on **Sunday 9th February**. As ever, we invite children from all year groups to get involved with the Mass by offering their services as a reader, a welcomer or in the Offertory Procession.

Children's Liturgy – will start again on Sunday 12th January 2020.

Applications for September 2020 intake – the deadline is five days away (15th January)! Please ensure you have done the following by then:

- completed and returned (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).
- completed the **Surrey County Council online application** (<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant/apply>)



Parent Governor – going home earlier today was information about an election for a parent governor. Please read the information carefully and consider whether you or some other parent might be interested in joining the Governing Body of St Edmund's School.

PSA events – please keep an eye out for the various PSA events coming up in the next few weeks, including Bake Sales, Discos and Parents’ Film Night.

Know a boy who loves to sing? – from 10.30am to 2.30pm on Sunday 2nd February there will be an Open Morning for prospective choristers (in Years 2 and 3) at Westminster Cathedral Choir School (www.choirschool.com). We have been given two ‘Golden Tickets’ for boys who would like to take part in a voice trial. For more information please contact lauger@choirschool.com or 020 7798 9081.



Missio Boxes – thank you for the little red Missio boxes which have been slowly but surely brought back to school resulting in £85.16. This will be sent off next week.

IMPORTANT DATES	
<p>THIS TERM (highlighted items are newly added)</p> <p>Fri 17 Jan PSA Bake Sale (Y4)</p> <p>Wed 22 Jan 9am RSE talk to Y6 parents</p> <p>Fri 24 Jan Prof Brainstorm workshops for all classes PSA Film show (ends 5.15pm)</p> <p>Fri 31 Jan 9.05am Y1 Assembly 5.30pm PSA KS1 Disco (ends 6.40pm) 6.50pm PSA KS2 Disco (ends 8pm)</p> <p>Tue 4 Feb Young Voices at O2 Arena</p> <p>Fri 7 Feb 9.05am Y2 Assembly PSA Film Night for parents</p> <p>Mon 10 Feb Y1 to Rural Life Centre Y3 to Winchester Science Museum</p> <p>Thu 13 Feb PSA Bake Sale (YR); 3.30pm close for half-term</p> <p>Fri 14 Feb INSET - school closed</p> <p>Mon 24 Feb Children return to school</p> <p>Wed 26 Feb Ash Wednesday</p>	<p>THIS TERM (cont ...</p> <p>Tue 3 Mar Y2 Pedals Training</p> <p>Thu 5 Mar 3.30pm SATs talk to Y6 parents</p> <p>Fri 6 Mar CAFOD Lent Fast Day 9.05am Y5 Assembly</p> <p>Tue 10 Mar Y4 Bikeability (+ Weds)</p> <p>Tue 17 Mar Y2 to Brooklands Museum</p> <p>Wed 18 Mar Y6 Lent workshops</p> <p>Fri 3 Apr 2pm close for Easter holiday</p> <p>THIS YEAR'S DATES (2019-2020) SPR: 6 Jan-3 Apr 2020 (half-term w/c 17 Feb) SUM: 20 Apr-22 Jul 2020 (half-term w/c 25 May)</p> <p>REMAINING INSET DAYS 2019-2020 Fri 14 Feb, Fri 12 June & Wed 22 July 2020</p>

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: You may have made a complete mess of things, but the Lord continues to love you. How often do we think that God is good if we are good, and punishes us if we are bad. Yet, that is not how he is.



Money Matters: first half of the Spring Term 2020	
Dinners (KS2 ONLY):	£68.15 (29 days at £2.35; Mon 6 th Jan – Thu 13 th 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
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
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