

# Newsletter 10: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents,

**Reception children** – every year the Surrey Advertiser issues a special edition showing photographs of all the children starting in Reception Class in our area. We have been told that this special edition is out now, for this weekend.



**Odd Socks for Anti-Bullying week** – don't forget that all children may wear odd socks on Monday to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week.

**COVID! – remember that we are now in a national lockdown and everyone must follow the rules around social distancing, especially at the school gates, if schools are to remain open. If any child or family member receives a positive Covid test result, please let Mrs Higgins know as soon as possible by emailing her on [head@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:head@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk)**

**Mental Health and Wellbeing bags** – we are delighted with our new bag of goodies to support and promote mental health and wellbeing, from the Bee-lieve Foundation, given to us through the Xavier Trust. The bag contains emotion stones, a cuddly worry monster, books and other great resources. We will put them all to very good use. You can find out more about the foundation here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kkr2jwL6vTg&safe=true>



**Christmas Jumper Day (11<sup>th</sup> December)** – this year we hope that everyone will wear Christmas jumpers to support The Meath Epilepsy Charity. The charity has been unable to bring in its usual,

vital, fundraised income from events and has been met with unexpected costs posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to specialist residential care for adults who live with complex epilepsy and disabilities, it offers the people they support a broad range of daily, life-enhancing activity sessions at its Skills Centre and its social enterprise, 'Changing Perceptions' on Godalming High Street. Every day the vulnerable people who are supported by The Meath benefit from a sense of achievement, purpose and belonging by taking part in these sessions. The Meath's funding covers only the basic requirements of life and does not stretch to the cost of activity

sessions or social events. By taking part in our Christmas Jumper Mufti Day, your donation will help The Meath to sustain & maintain the life-enriching services on offer. You'll be helping the incredible people who are supported by The Meath to keep smiling throughout 2021. To find out more visit [www.meath.org.uk](http://www.meath.org.uk)

**Christmas Lunch Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – on Tuesday Mrs Farrington wrote to all parents of children in KS2 regarding this year's Christmas Lunch. If your child is already receiving a school dinner, you need take no action. However, if your child normally brings a packed lunch but would like to take part in the Christmas Lunch, then you need to respond to Mrs Farrington's letter by Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November at the latest. We will not be able to take any bookings after that date.



**PSA Raffle Tickets** – as the PSA cannot hold its wonderful Christmas Market this year, it nevertheless wants to give you the chance to win some great prizes. Earlier this week the oldest child in each family was given two books of five raffle tickets (10 tickets in total) to take home. Each ticket costs £1 which can be sold to anyone over 16 years of age. Please do your best to buy / sell the tickets, and return all counterfoils, monies and unsold tickets to the

school office **by 7<sup>th</sup> December** in the envelope provided to you by the PSA. If you need extra tickets please get in touch with the school office.

**Take a moment for peace and quiet** – St Edmund's Church is open every day 10am - 4pm for people to drop in, light a candle for those who are sick or who have died, and to pray. Whilst there isn't Mass in public at the moment, there are times of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at both St Edmund's and at St Joseph's. For more details see the parish newsletter <https://stedsgod.com/>



**PE kit days** – as the weather is getting colder and PE lessons are taking place outside if the weather is dry, please could the children wear tracksuit bottoms, navy or a plain dark colour. They could also wear a base, thermal layer if they are feeling the cold.

**Families Surrey West Magazine** – this magazine would normally have been sent out to you all as hardcopy. However, we are pleased to be able to send you the link to the same magazine, but online. Here it is: <http://bit.ly/FamMagNovDec2>

**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>

**APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021 INTAKE** – the school would like to remind all parents of children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 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 2021**. 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020**.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

##### **THIS TERM' DATES** (new entries in yellow)

<b>Mon 16 Nov</b>	<b>Odd Socks Day</b> (to mark the start of Anti-bullying Week)
Fri 20 Nov	St Edmund's Feast Day
Fri 27 Nov	YR Advent Workshop TBC
Mon 30 Nov	<b>School closed today</b>
Mon 7 Dec	Elf Run for Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice
Fri 11 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day + Christmas Lunch
Fri 18 Dec	2pm Finish for Christmas Holidays

##### **THIS YEAR'S DATES (2020-2021)**

AUT: 1 Sept-18 Dec 2020 (half-term w/c 26 Oct)  
 SPR: 4 Jan-1 Apr 2021 (half-term w/c 15 Feb)  
 SUM: 19 Apr-21 July 2021 (half-term w/c 31 May)

##### **KNOWN INSET DAYS & CLOSURES**

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept, 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct, 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020  
 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**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 to us:** We have seen that Jesus prayed to his father with perseverance. Three parables in Luke's Gospel emphasise how we, too, need to be constant in our prayer. The first parable, in which a man asks for help from a friend in the middle of the night and does not give up until his friend responds, teaches us the need to pray with insistence. In the second parable we see in the widow who persists in asking the unrighteous judge for justice, the importance of patience. The third parable, that of the publican and the Pharisee in prayer in the temple, reveals that God response to those who pray with humility. We see these three attitudes – insistence, patience and humility – reflected in the saints who persevered in prayer through moments of darkness when God seemed to be silent or absent.



##### **Money Matters: second half of the Autumn Term 2020**

**Dinners (KS2 ONLY):** £81.60 (34 days at £2.40; Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov-Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 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](http://www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk)

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