

Newsletter 11: Friday 20th November 2020

Dear Parents,

Thank you all very much for your patience when we had to announce, with so little warning, that the children would have to learn from home on Monday of this week. How relieved we all were to be able to open up again so promptly.

St Edmund's Feast Day - we have had a lovely time today celebrating St Edmund. Although we couldn't hold our usual whole-school Mass, we had our special St Edmund's Day assemblies this morning and the children are having a fun afternoon in their classes. We all *loved* the wonderful balloon arch, very thoughtfully given to us by the Pego Family, thank you. Thank you, also, for the delicious cakes we all shared this afternoon.



Anti-bullying week – it was great to see many of the children wearing odd socks this week. This helps us to remember that we are all unique and that we should celebrate our differences. You may find the following information useful:

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers>

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

Social Media – at St Edmund's we work hard to be approachable and want to work in partnership with you to support your children's learning and wellbeing. Please could we ask you to discuss any concerns that you may have with the appropriate member of staff and not to use Facebook or other social media to air a grievance? It has a potentially massive audience and can have a negative impact on the whole school community.



School Meals – the kitchen will be up and running again from Monday, and school meals will be provided for all children who usually have them. Please note there will be a reduced menu next week. Vegetarian and special diets will, of course, be catered for.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mediterranean Pasta Bake	Sausages & Mash	Roast chicken / Quorn dinner	Veggie Brunch	Fish and chips

If you wish to change your child's meal arrangements, please remember that one week's written notice is required by the kitchen.



Christmas Jumper Day (11th December) – this year we hope that everyone will wear Christmas jumpers to support The Meath Epilepsy Charity. 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

Christmas Lunch Friday 11th December – last week, 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 25th 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. Last 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 7th 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/>



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.stedmundschool.co.uk/blog/?pid=14&nid=10>

APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021 INTAKE – the school would like to remind all parents of children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 that, if they wish their child to attend St Edmund's, they must ensure that they meet the application deadline of **15th 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 **2nd November 2020**.

IMPORTANT DATES

THIS TERM' DATES (new entries in yellow)

Fri 27 Nov Advent Workshops YR,1+2
 Mon 30 Nov **School closed today**
 Mon 7 Dec Elf Run for Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice
 Fri 11 Dec Christmas Jumper Day
 Christmas Lunch & PSA Raffle
Thu 17 Dec Christmas Class Parties
 Fri 18 Dec 2pm close for Christmas Holiday

NEXT TERM

Mon 4 Jan Children return to school

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)

REMAINING KNOWN INSET DAYS & CLOSURES

30th Nov 2020, 15th 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: There is no better way to pray than to put oneself, like Mary, into an attitude of openness, with a heart open to God. "Lord, whatever you want, whenever you want and however you want." Prayer knows how to calm restlessness, and we are restless! We want things to be ready even before we ask for them, but life doesn't work that way. This restlessness is harmful to us, and prayer knows how to calm our restlessness and transform it into availability.

Money Matters: second half of the Autumn Term 2020

Dinners (KS2 ONLY): £81.60 (34 days at £2.40; Mon 2nd Nov-Fri 18th 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.stedmundschoolpsa.co.uk

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Still confused?	Then ✉ info@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk or ☎ 01483 414497
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