

Newsletter 13: Friday 4th December 2020

Dear Parents,

Elf Run for The Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice – don't forget that **on Monday (7th) all children should come to school wearing their PE kit**. Everyone is excited about the run which will take place in the afternoon. Please do support this event if you can and ensure that you return your sponsor envelopes and money ASAP.



PSA sealed-bid auction for a personalised video from Father Christmas! – can you imagine how exciting it would be to win a personalised video message from Father Christmas? Going out with this newsletter is a flier giving information about how to win it.

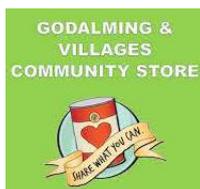
The PSA would like to **thank everyone** for the kind donations towards the Godalming Community Store this week. The PSA will continue to collect donations each Tuesday morning at drop-off until the end of term, and will then continue to do so through January. Please see the store's website for details of items they would particularly welcome: <https://godalming-tc.gov.uk/community-store/>

PSA Raffle Tickets – thank you all very much for the raffle tickets which have so far been bought. The deadline for buying / selling tickets is **7th December**. If you need extra tickets please get in touch with the school office.

Christmas Jumper Day (Friday 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



Class parties Thursday 17th December – we can go ahead with our Christmas parties in our classes. Unlike previous years, we will not be asking you to donate food items for the class parties; these will be brought in by the classteachers. Children should come to school that day wearing the clothes that they'd like to wear to the party.



Helping local families – we have been asked by Godalming Town Council to pass on information about helping those living in the Godalming and villages area who have been financially affected by Covid-19. The Godalming & Villages Community Store in the town centre has food, toiletries and household items for emergency assistance. It looks just like a normal shop to walk around and choose what you need, but you have a private appointment and there is no till. We have been asked to assure you there is a warm welcome! Contact details to organise a visit are as follows: email: office@godalming-tc.gov.uk or phone 01483 523575

Christmas cards – this year, as we want to reduce the amount of items brought into school from home, we are asking that, rather than sending Christmas cards to friends and teachers in school, families make a donation to charity. As an alternative, perhaps you would like to make a donation to Mrs Nicholls' charity, Les Amis-Burkina Faso (www.les-amis-bf.org.uk). Normally, at this time of year, we have a collection in aid of the charity after each Christmas performance but unfortunately this will not be happening this year. Last year, we raised over £550!



Christmas Masses – the parish is getting ready to welcome as many as possible to Mass over Christmas. These are usually very popular and to help manage numbers the parish is running a booking system and making use of the whole Christmas period between Christmas Eve and Sunday 27th December. There is a simple form which asks for your preferences. It is probably best if you complete one form for all those in your linked household ('Christmas bubble') who would like to come to Mass with you. After Sunday 13th December it will be used to allocate places and let people know. After that, any remaining places will be on a first-come first-served basis. The form can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/y3bd6jy3>

Pick-up times for the last day of term – please take a moment to make a note of what time you will need to collect your child on the last day of term, given that we close at the earlier time of 2pm.

YR (no siblings)	St Matthew	St Mark	St Luke	St John
1.45pm	1.45pm	1.50pm	1.55pm	2.00pm

A message from a past pupil (Mrs McCarthy's daughter) Grace Delia Bakery – looking for a yummy treat this Christmas? Secret Santa? Stocking fillers? Or a pick-me-up for the family? I can offer you large Brownies or Blondies in boxes of 6 for £10; cookies or Rocky Road in boxes of 6 for £8 and Cakesicles in boxes of 4 for £8. As well as celebration boards of mixed bakes and showstopper Cakes! I can deliver locally for free as well. Please pre-order to avoid disappointment as December is filling up fast. Contact: Hannah 07889593979 or on Facebook/Instagram @gracedeliabakery



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>



Take a moment for peace and quiet – it is a wonderful thing that Fr Jonathan can resume celebrating of public Masses. If you wish to attend Mass, a booking system is in place. Please refer to the parish website (<https://stedsgod.com/>) or contact the parish (01483 416880) if you need help. St Edmund's church on Croft Road remains open every day from 10am to 4p for quiet personal prayer.

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)

Mon 7 Dec	Elf Run for Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice
Wed 9 Dec	2pm RSE meeting via Zoom
Thu 10 Dec	CAFOD 'Light of the World' assembly
Fri 11 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch & PSA Raffle
Wed 16 Dec	9.30am Parents' Forum via Zoom
Thu 17 Dec	Christmas Class Parties PM
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, **26th Feb**, 15th March 2021

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 to us: Every time we read a short passage from the Gospel we hear Jesus speaking to us. Prayer is having a conversation with Jesus, listening and replying to him. Our heart changes when we pray.



Money Matters: second half of the Autumn Term 2020

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

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
Dates for the year ahead	http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2,3&pid=14&viewid=1
Copies of the newsletters	http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=Newsletters&pid=93
Clubs booking forms	http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=Clubs+and+Activities&pid=34

Attachments: PSA auction flier; Churches Together in Godalming flier; Let's make an angel