

# Newsletter 14: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents,

**Elf Run for The Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice** – we were all absolutely bowled over by the money which you raised for this wonderful local cause: £2,500! A big thank-you to everyone who took part and who helped us to support what is a critically important local hospice.

**Christmas Jumper Day** – we have had a lovely day today, wearing our special Christmas jumpers to raise £396 for The Meath, another important local charity. Thank you to everyone who has contributed.



**Winners!** – we are delighted for Dylan (YR) and Isaac (Y4). They are overall winners of the recent Remembrance writing and art competition which was organised by the Godalming Learning Partnership.



**Applications!** – as the deadline for applications approaches, we wish to remind all parents of children born between 01/09/2016 and 31/08/2017 that, if they wish their child to attend St Edmund's, they must complete the SIF and apply online to Surrey County Council by 15<sup>th</sup> January. You are free to submit the SIF and apply online at any time before then.



- **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? A flier went out yesterday by way of a reminder about how to win it.
- **PSA Raffle Tickets** – a terrific £1,200 has been raised from the sale of raffle tickets. Well done to all of you for this effort. We are really looking forward to drawing the raffle at 2pm this afternoon.
- The PSA would like to thank everyone for the kind **donations towards the Godalming Community Store** this week. **The PSA's last collection this term will be Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec** at drop-off, and they 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/>

**An Advent Walk** – did you know that there is an Advent Walk around Busbridge? In recent years the Busbridge parish church has had “Shedvent”, “Living Advent” and now, for the very exceptional, COVID 19 restriction permitting, the 2020 experience... **“Walking Advent”!** Like opening the numbered doors on an advent calendar, the Busbridge Advent Calendar Walk will take you to a new window display for every day from 1-24 December. Go daily, or visit a few at a time. Here is the link for more information about what looks like a really fun way of entering into the spirit of this important time of year: <https://www.bhcgodalming.org/walking-advent-calendar>



**RSE talk** – thank you to all the parents who attended the RSE talk on Wednesday afternoon. The presentation is available on the website for those who would like to know more. <https://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=Relationship+and+Sex+Education+%28RSE%29&pid=85>  
If you have any questions, please email the office.

**Class parties Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – we will go ahead with our Christmas parties in our classes. However, unlike previous years, we will not be asking you to donate food items for the 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](mailto: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](http://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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

<b>THIS TERM' DATES</b> (new entries in yellow)	<b>THIS YEAR'S DATES (2020-2021)</b>
Wed 16 Dec 9.30am Parents' Forum via Zoom	AUT: 1 Sept-18 Dec 2020 (half-term w/c 26 Oct)
Thu 17 Dec Christmas Class Parties PM	SPR: 4 Jan-1 Apr 2021 (half-term w/c 15 Feb)
Fri 18 Dec Early close (see timings above) for Christmas Holiday	SUM: 19 Apr-21 July 2021 (half-term w/c 31 May)
<b>NEXT TERM</b>	<b>REMAINING KNOWN INSET DAYS &amp; CLOSURES</b>
Mon 4 Jan Children return to school	30 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2020, 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Ethos Statement 12:** Simple things can make us happy.

**We pray together:** Father, you call each of us to live a more simple life. Help us to be aware of the unnecessary complications of life which distract us from you and from the simplicity of life which brings us closer to you. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

**The Pope Speaks to us:** Jesus taught us to pray to our heavenly Father, acknowledging our total dependence on him and trusting entirely in his providential care, even at the darkest moments of our lives. Prayer of petition arises naturally in human hearts. In the bible we see countless prayers to God to intervene in the face of our helplessness before situations of sickness, injustice, betrayal and despair. Even the simple cry, "Lord, help me!" is itself a powerful prayer. God always hears the cry of those who call upon him. Saint Paul tells us that our prayers echo the yearning of all creation for the coming of the Kingdom (Rom 8:22-24) and the fulfilment of God's saving plan. We make our prayers of petition with confidence in him who has triumphed over all evil through the cross and resurrection of his Son and the sending of the Holy Spirit, who intercedes on our behalf and quietly works to transform all things.



<b>Money Matters: first half of the Spring Term 2021</b>	
<b>Dinners (KS2 ONLY):</b>	£72 (30 days at £2.40; Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan- Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2021)
<b>Governors' Fund:</b>	£20 per family per term, cheques payable to "A&B Diocesan Trust St Edmund's"
<b>Outings:</b>	Cheques payable to "St Edmund's School Fund" or pay online via PMX ParentMail
<b>PSA Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk">www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk</a>
<b>Confused by educational jargon?</b>	Try our glossary or Frequently Asked Questions pages under "School Information"
<b>Still confused?</b>	Then <a href="mailto:info@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk">info@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk</a> or 01483 414497
<b>Dates for the year ahead</b>	<a href="http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2,3&amp;pid=14&amp;viewid=1">http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2,3&amp;pid=14&amp;viewid=1</a>
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