

# Newsletter 9: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents,

**Anti-bullying Week and Odd Socks Day** – Monday is 'Odd Socks Day', when children are invited to come to school wearing odd socks by way of reminding us of the individuality of all people. Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week, the theme of which, this year, is '**One kind word**'. For more online resources, do visit the Anti Bullying Alliance website: <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2021-one-kind-word>



**Girls' football tournament** – well done to our Years 5 and 6 girls who took part in a football tournament yesterday at Tillingbourne. They won 4-0, 0-0, 2-0, 3-0 which took them through as winners of their group. They then beat Busbridge in the semi-final (1-0). After a very tight final, the score was 1-1, so they were joint winners with Godalming Juniors. Well done girls!

**Parent Governor Election** – going home with this newsletter is information about the need for you to elect a new Parent Governor onto our Local Governor Committee (LGC). No special qualifications are needed; the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the LGC. In order to support Governors in their work, full training is provided at no cost to the individual.



**Caution!** – there was a near miss this week when the driver of an electric car reversed quite quickly around a corner resulting in a child having to jump out of the way. It can be quite hard for pedestrians to hear electric cars, so pedestrians need to be extra aware of the cars nearby. Drivers of electric cars are asked to bear in mind that pedestrians nearby may not have heard you.

**Not too early** – please do not leave children at school unaccompanied before 8.40am. We do thank you for your attention to this.

**Year 5 Fire Safety talk** – the children of Year 5 had a really interesting afternoon learning about fire safety. They were given very useful cards detailing some of the steps we might take to ensure that our homes are as fire safe as possible.

**We will remember them** – thank you to the Year 6 children who have been selling poppies this week. We had a beautiful Remembrance assembly yesterday morning, during which we held a minute's silence.



## Notices from the PSA

Going out with this newsletter is a flier giving **important information about forthcoming dates and events.**

The PSA would like to thank all of you who baked, donated, served and ate cake at our Cake Sale last Friday; your generosity and love of cake raised a sweet £157.70 - a new record! Together with the £152.65 raised from the Mufti, we are off to a flying start, thank you so much!

**A Coffee Morning** – you are invited to come and enjoy some delicious refreshments in the school hall just after drop-off on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

**PSA Ten Pound Challenge** – please keep in mind this exciting challenge which usually raises good funds for the PSA. The flier, which went home last week, is also to be found on the website (School Information/Parents/PSA).



**The Pen Shop** – we are very pleased to announce that our Pen Shop will shortly be opening again. It will be run by a team of Year 6 children on Monday and Friday lunchtimes. The prices are: ordinary pencils 10p; push pencils 40p (KS2 only); rubbers 5p; short rulers 10p; long rulers 15p; handwriting pens 25p; glue sticks 30p; sharpeners 30p; reading records 30p; homework diaries 35p and highlighters 20p; pink and green biro 5p. Please ensure that your child does not bring unduly large amounts of cash to school as nothing costs more than 40p.

**Headteacher's Blog** – every week 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>

### PARISH ITEMS



**Baptism Preparation** New sessions are planned for December / January for parents who would like to prepare their child for this sacrament; please get in touch as soon as possible with Fr Jonathan to register.

**Urgent need** Does anyone have an unwanted laptop that could be given to a parishioner? She would be so grateful for the help. Please contact Sarah in the parish office or leave a message on 01483 416880.

**Knitting Group** If the cold weather encourages you to think of doing some knitting for charity, please get in touch with Sarah in the parish office for more information, free patterns and a copy of the knitting group newsletter.



**Bumps and Babies** This group meets on Monday mornings at 10.30am, at St John's Centre, Farncombe. All young families are welcome. More information from Eileen: [eileen.hudson@gmail.com](mailto:eileen.hudson@gmail.com)

### IMPORTANT DATES

THIS TERM (new items in yellow)		THIS TERM continued	
Mon 15 Nov	Odd Sock Day	Fri 10 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Wed 17 Nov	Start of Anti-Bullying Week	Tue 14 Dec	Class Christmas parties
Thu 18 Nov	Y2 to Hampton Court Palace	Wed 15 Dec	9.05am Parents' Forum
Thu 18 Nov	9am PSA Coffee Morning (hall)	Fri 17 Dec	2pm early close for Christmas holiday
Fri 19 Nov	9.15am St Edmund's Day Mass		
Fri 19 Nov	3.30pm PSA Film Show		
Tue 23 Nov	Stargazing Evening		
Fri 26 Nov	Crazy Hair PSA Mufti Day (sweets)		
Mon 29 Nov	School closed		
Thu 2 Dec	Y6 to Guildford Spike		
Fri 3 Dec	Xmas-themed PSA Mufti (bottles)		
Sat 4 Dec	PSA Christmas Fair 11am		
Mon 6 Dec	Y5 to Chertsey Museum		
Mon 6 Dec	1.30pm Reindeer Run		
Wed 8 Dec	Wintershall workshop YR+1		
Wed 8 Dec	7pm choir to Holy Trinity, Guildford		

#### THIS YEAR'S DATES (2021-2022)

AUT: 6 Sept-17 Dec 2021 (half-term w/c 25 Oct)  
 SPR: 4 Jan-1 Apr 2022 (half-term w/c 14 Feb)  
 SUM: 19 Apr-22 July 2022 (half-term w/c 30 May)

#### KNOWN INSET DAYS & CLOSURES

Aut: 6<sup>th</sup> Sept, 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct, 1<sup>st</sup> Nov, 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021  
 Spr: 21<sup>st</sup> Feb, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022





**Ethos Statement 8:** I try to be just and fair.

**We pray together:** Father, you are always just and you are always fair. Help us to remember that in treating others justly and fairly we build a more peaceful world. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN

**The Pope Speaks:** We should not grow weary or discouraged by our failures or apparent lack of progress. Saint Augustine evokes the image of Christ asleep in the boat amid the storm to remind us that whenever we feel weary and the tempests of life threaten to overwhelm us, we need only awaken the Christ in our hearts, trusting in his faithful presence and the life-giving power of his Spirit.



Money Matters: second half of the Autumn Term 2021	
<b>Dinners (KS2 ONLY):</b>	£80.85 (33 days at £2.45; Tue 2 Nov to Fri 17 Dec, except Mon 29 Nov)
<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.stedmundschoolpsa.co.uk">www.stedmundschoolpsa.co.uk</a>
<b>Clubhouse</b>	<a href="mailto:clubhouse@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk">clubhouse@stedmunds.surrey.sch.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.stedmundschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2,3&amp;pid=14&amp;viewid=1">http://www.stedmundschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2,3&amp;pid=14&amp;viewid=1</a>
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Attachment: Parent Governor information, PSA Christmas flier