

# Newsletter 10: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents,

**St Edmund's Day Mass** – it was really wonderful to have the opportunity to gather together this morning, as a whole school, to celebrate our school and parish patron saint's feast day. Thank you to Father Jonathan for celebrating the Mass for us.



**Christmas Lunch** – on Monday of this week a Parentmail Form giving information about this year's

Christmas school dinner went out to parents of all Key Stage Two children. **If your child is already on school dinners, please ignore the form.** However, if your child ordinarily brings a packed lunch but would like a Christmas dinner, you need to complete the form by Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November at the very latest.

**Mufti Days reminder** – there are two more Mufti Days this term in support of the forthcoming PSA Christmas Market:



- **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November:** children should wear mufti and bring sweets to school. The sweets will then sold at the Christmas Market. Also, children who wish to do so may come to school with Crazy Hair that day.
- **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December:** children should come to school dressed in Christmas-themed mufti. They should also bring to school a bottle (the sort you'd like to win at the tombola stall!).



**Christmas Performances** – the children have begun preparations for Christmas performances which we hope to be able to invite you to come and watch. However, this is entirely dependent upon Covid conditions nearer the time. Should we be able to invite you in, there will be restrictions on the number of people who can attend any one performance. Provisional dates are:

YR-2	Y3-6
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30am	Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2.00pm
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30am	Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30am

**children's grief awareness week UK**  
18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**Preparing a child for grief** – preparing a child for the loss of someone important to them makes a big difference to how a child copes with the eventual loss. Going out with this newsletter is information about 'Children's Grief Awareness Week'.

**Notes please** – the office is again experiencing an increasing number of messages about collection arrangements. Please could we appeal to you to ensure that your child knows, before you leave them at school, who will be collecting them? If you have to contact the office, please try do so before 1pm if at all possible so that teachers can see the message when they take the afternoon register. Of course, in the event of an emergency change of arrangement, the office staff are happy to takes messages to the classrooms.



**Parent Governor Election** – last week we sent out 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.

**The Pen Shop** – we are very pleased to announce that our Pen Shop is now open. It is being 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 biros 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.stedmundsschool.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 Babes** 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	
Fri 19 Nov	3.30pm PSA Film Show	Fri 10 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Tue 23 Nov	Stargazing Evening	Tue 14 Dec	Class Christmas parties
Fri 26 Nov	Crazy Hair PSA Mufti Day (sweets)	Wed 15 Dec	9.05am Parents' Forum
Mon 29 Nov	<b>School closed</b>	Fri 17 Dec	<b>2pm early close</b> for Christmas holiday
Thu 2 Dec	Y6 to Guildford Spike	<b>THIS YEAR'S DATES (2021-2022)</b>	
Fri 3 Dec	Xmas-themed PSA Mufti (bottles)	AUT: 6 Sept-17 Dec 2021 (half-term w/c 25 Oct)	
Sat 4 Dec	PSA Christmas Fair 11am	SPR: 4 Jan-1 Apr 2022 (half-term w/c 14 Feb)	
Mon 6 Dec	Y5 to Chertsey Museum	SUM: 19 Apr-22 July 2022 (half-term w/c 30 May)	
	<b>9.30am YR-2 Christmas production</b>	<b>KNOWN INSET DAYS &amp; CLOSURES</b>	
	1.30pm Reindeer Run	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	
<b>Tue 7 Dec</b>	<b>9.30am YR-2 Christmas production</b>	Spr: 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb, 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	
Wed 8 Dec	Wintershall workshop YR+1		
	7pm choir to Holy Trinity, Guildford		
<b>Thu 9 Dec</b>	<b>2pm KS2 Christmas performance</b>		
<b>Fri 10 Dec</b>	<b>9.30am KS2 Christmas performance</b>		



**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:** Open your heart to Christ by living among the people as St Francis did. Just as he became a "mirror of Christ", so can you. I encourage you to go out to the peripheries, the peripheries that exist out there today, and to promote the word of the Gospel. Do not forget about the poor, who are the flesh of Christ.



### Money Matters: second half of the Autumn Term 2021

**Dinners (KS2 ONLY):** £80.85 (33 days at £2.45; Tue 2 Nov to Fri 17 Dec, except Mon 29 Nov)  
**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)  
**Clubhouse** [clubhouse@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:clubhouse@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk)

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Attachments: child bereavement posters; Koosa Kids poster