

Newsletter 11: Friday 26th November 2021

Dear Parents,

Stargazing – what an amazing evening it was, made all the better by a totally clear night sky. We looked at stars and constellations, and were able to look at the planet Jupiter. The children and parents found it fascinating. We know that there were many other families who wanted to come, so we are hoping to run further another science evening next term. Thank you to Mr Holloway for leading us through such a super evening.



Masks are back – from Monday 29th November, please note that **all visitors are, once again, to wear masks whilst in school.**

The PSA – would like to thank everyone for the incredible support for last Friday's Film Show which raised another record-breaking £250! Thanks, also, for the generous sweetie donations today, with all those creative crazy hairstyles; everyone looked fantastic. Tombola at the Christmas Market is going to be very well-stocked! With the Christmas Market only a week away (Sat 4th December), we are looking forward to seeing as many of you there as possible... friends and family all welcome!



Mufti Day reminder – next Friday is another Mufti Day (Christmas-themed) when children should bring to school a bottle, the sort you'd like to win at the tombola stall.

Cards, mugs, tea-towels, bags, gift-tags and gift-wrap – all the orders which you placed were received and distributed to your children this week.



Reindeer Run – on Monday of this week all children brought home information about our forthcoming 'Reindeer Run'. This is a fundraising event for the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice in Farnham. On Monday 6th December all children except Year 5 (who are out on a trip) will be running laps of the playground and we are asking you and your wider family members to sponsor your child and thereby help us raise money for what is such an important local hospice. Year 5 will be doing their Reindeer Run on Tuesday 7th December. Thank you very much, in advance.

Netball success – well done to all who played in Monday's netball tournament at Park Mead, in Cranleigh. The children won four matches to become group winners; and then won against Womersley in the semi-finals which took them through to the final beating Grayswood. Thank you to Mrs McCarthy, whose enthusiasm and coaching skills are key to our regular sporting successes, and to the children who always give of their best. Thank you, also, to the parents for their support.



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. A Parentmail Form will be sent out soon inviting you to book your tickets.

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

children's grief awareness week UK
18th - 25th 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. The items which were sent out last week giving information about 'Children's Grief Awareness Week' are now on our website (School Information / Parents).

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>

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 take messages to the classrooms.



The Pen Shop – 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.



PARISH ITEMS



Christmas Masses – Fr Jonathan and St Edmund’s parish warmly invite you to join them for Mass this Christmas. Times of Mass are: 5pm & 7pm Christmas Eve, 10pm Christmas Night and 8.45am and 10.30am on Christmas Day. Please register if possible, but you are welcome to come even if you have not registered.

Outdoor carols – You are also invited to join them for outdoor carols at Ladywell Convent at 3pm on 19th December. Registering will help make sure that we have enough carol sheets, mulled wine and mince pies! Details of all of these, and links to register can be found at www.stedsgod.com/christmas.

Lectio Divina – Weds 7.30pm via Zoom (ID846 7892 5944; password 2021)

Reconciliation – after the 9.30am Masses on Saturdays 27th Nov, 4th, 11th and 18th December at St Joseph’s in Milford.

Parish Building Review – the parish Building Review Group is seeking feedback from a wide range of people linked to the parish, including families at our schools, on what is important to them in a parish and its buildings. The short online form can be found at <https://forms.office.com/r/qzusEpZsjV>. Thank you for taking part: it should not take much more than 5 minutes.

Baptism Preparation The next sessions will be on the afternoon of Saturday 8th January with part 2 on the following Thursday evening. Please get touch if you would like to prepare for the baptism of your children. (godalming@abdiocese.org.uk)

IMPORTANT DATES

THIS TERM (new items in yellow)

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
 9.30am YR-2 Christmas production
 1.30pm Reindeer Run
Tue 7 Dec Y5 Reindeer Run
 9.30am YR-2 Christmas production
 Wed 8 Dec Wintershall workshop YR+1
 7pm choir to Holy Trinity, Guildford
 Thu 9 Dec 2pm KS2 Christmas performance
 Fri 10 Dec 9.30am KS2 Christmas performance
 Christmas Jumper Day and
 Christmas Lunch

THIS TERM continued

Tue 14 Dec Class Christmas parties
 Wed 15 Dec 9.05am Parents’ Forum
 Fri 17 Dec **2pm early close** for Christmas holiday

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

Ethos Statement 10: I think before I make choices that affect my health.



We pray together: Father, you created us to look after ourselves that we might be strong and steadfast workers for you. Help us to do our best to keep ourselves well by making the right choices. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

The Pope Speaks: The feast of the birth of Christ is not out of tune with the challenges we are living through, because it is the feast of compassion, the feast of tenderness.



Money Matters: first half of the Spring Term 2022

Dinners (KS2 ONLY): £71.05 (29 days at £2.45; Mon 4 Jan to Fri 11 Feb 2022)
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
Clubhouse clubhouse@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk

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Attachment: PSA Bauble competition flier