

Newsletter 12: Friday 3rd December 2021

Dear Parents,

Advent – all children have been given a little Advent booklet to use at home, completing a page per day as we move through Advent towards Christmas. This is a lovely time of year, made all the more enjoyable for hearing the children practising their singing for our forthcoming Christmas productions, details of which were sent out to you on Tuesday of this week. Advent, like Lent, is a time of increasing our giving, and we are looking forward to two important opportunities to support local charities.....



Reindeer Run – on Monday children (except Y5) should come to school in PE kit as they will be taking part in the Reindeer Run, an annual event to raise funds for the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice in Farnham. Year 5's Reindeer Run will be on Tuesday. Please do your best to sponsor your child and thereby raise some funds for what is such an important local hospice.

Christmas Jumper Day – next Friday (10th December) is our Christmas Jumper Day. All children wearing a Christmas Jumper that day should also bring to school a small donation which we will be delighted to pass on to The Meath. Here is the link to The Meath's Christmas Appeal which will give you more information about the work of The Meath and how your donation will be used. <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/the-meath-christmas-2021-sustain-maintain-appeal>



Christmas Performances – it has been very useful to have been able to use Parentmail for the booking of tickets for next week's performances. Please be assured that if you prefer not to attend, the performances will be recorded. **It is most important that adults take a lateral flow test before coming, and then wear a mask whilst in school.**

Thank you – to Oxenford Farm, near Elstead, for providing us with our Christmas tree.

Please pay all balances – Mrs Farrington would be most grateful if all outstanding balances could be settled before we close at the end of this term. Thank you for your attention to this.



Governor announcement – we are delighted to announce that Mrs Baudains (Rosie, YR) is our new Parent Governor on the Local Governing Committee. We are very grateful to her for the interest she has shown and for the skills which she will bring to the committee and which will be so helpful.

Miss Bennett's talk – for those parents who were not able to attend the talks given by Miss Bennett to support your child's reading at home, you can access the talk by going to our website (Learning / Curriculum / Reading & Phonics). Scroll down to 'YR Reading Presentation Nov 2021'.



Masks are back – in line with governmental guidance, please note that **all visitors must wear masks whilst in school.**

Clubs next term – the sign-up forms for next term's Judo and Sewing clubs are now on our website.

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



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 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 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)	THIS TERM continued
Sat 4 Dec PSA Christmas Fair 11am	Tue 14 Dec Class Christmas parties
Mon 6 Dec Y5 to Chertsey Museum	Wed 15 Dec Y3 Stone Age Day
9.30am YR-2 Christmas production	9.05am Parents’ Forum
1.30pm Reindeer Run (all exc Y5)	Fri 17 Dec 2pm early close for Christmas holiday
Tue 7 Dec 9.30am YR-2 Christmas production	
Y5 Reindeer Run	
2.45pm Rocksteady Concert	
Wed 8 Dec Wintershall workshop YR+1	THIS YEAR’S DATES (2021-2022)
7pm choir to Holy Trinity, Guildford	AUT: 6 Sept-17 Dec 2021 (half-term w/c 25 Oct)
Thu 9 Dec 2pm KS2 Christmas performance	SPR: 4 Jan-1 Apr 2022 (half-term w/c 14 Feb)
Fri 10 Dec 9.30am KS2 Christmas performance	SUM: 19 Apr-22 July 2022 (half-term w/c 30 May)
Christmas Jumper Day and	KNOWN INSET DAYS & CLOSURES
Christmas Lunch	Aut: 6 th Sept, 8 th & 22 nd Oct, 1 st Nov, 29 th Nov 2021
	Spr: 21 st Feb, 16 th March 2022



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: St Joseph gives us an important lesson; he chooses Mary with ‘his eyes open’. We can say, ‘with all the risks’. Our lives are very often not what we imagine them to be, especially in relationships of love, of affection. It is difficult to move from the logic of falling in love to the logic of mature love; from infatuation to mature love. Young couples, think about this!



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

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

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Clubs booking forms <http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=Clubs+and+Activities&pid=34>