

Newsletter 13: Friday 10th December 2021

Dear Parents,

Christmas Baubles! – a big thank-you to all those children who took part in the Christmas Bauble competition. A particular well done to the winners: Aurora, Salvador, Harvey, Blake, Angelika, Patrick, Harriet and Scarlett.



Christmas performances – it was wonderful to be able to welcome you into school to help us celebrate the coming of Christmas. Thank you for sticking to the guidelines which we hope will keep us all safe and well for the holidays which are only a week away. The children did really well to put together such lovely songs in what was a relatively short period time to prepare. Thank you to the teachers and support staff for all their hard work.

PSA Christmas Market – thank you to everyone who supported what was a wonderful Christmas Market, raising over £2,000, about a quarter of which was raised by the year group stalls, closely followed by the £10 Challenge.



Reindeer Run – well done to all the children who, despite really awful weather, took part in the Reindeer Run, raising important funds for the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. We will let you know how much was raised in due course.

Christmas Jumper Day – thank you to everyone for coming to school today wearing a Christmas jumper and donating a total of £106.95 towards The Meath's Christmas Appeal. **Please ensure that, if your child wore mufti today, his/her donation is brought to school by Monday.** 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>



Money Matters

- **Governor's Fund** – as the first term of the year draws to a close, please may we take this opportunity to remind you of the important role of the Governors' Fund in meeting the financial needs of school. As an Academy, 90% of the funding for capital projects at St Edmund's Catholic Primary School comes from the Government via the Xavier Catholic Education Trust and the remaining 10% must be found by the school i.e. from you, the parents. The major source of this 10% funding is through the annual voluntary donation scheme to support the Governors' Fund. We ask for £20 per family per term if possible. You can contribute by cash, cheque or regular bank transfer. The Bankers Standing Order form can be found on our website (School Information/Useful forms).
- **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.



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

DAY	WHAT	LEAD BY	FOR WHOM	TIME	FROM DATE	END DATE
Mon	Choir	Mrs Higgins	KS2	3.30-4.30pm	10/01	17/01
	Football	Kickstart	Y1+2	3.20-4.25pm	10/01	29/03
Wed	Judo	Witley Schools Judo Ltd	Y2-6	8-8.45am	05/01	16/02
	Gardening	Mrs Patrick & Mr Judge	Y1+2	Lunchtimes	12/01	TBC
	Tennis	Tennis England	All	3.25-4.25pm	19/01	23/03
	Football	Mrs McCarthy	5+6	3.30-4.45	12/01	TBC
Thu	Football	Kickstart	Y3+4	3.20-4.20pm	12/01	30/03
	Basketball	Kidz B-Ballin'	Y3-6	7.45-8.45am	13/01	24/03
	Indoor Athletics	Mrs McCarthy	5+6	3.30-4.45pm	06/01	TBC
Fri	Running	Christine McCarthy	Y3-6	7.50-8.45am	07/01	TBC
	Netball	Christine McCarthy	5+6	3.30-4.45pm	14/01	TBC
	Sewing	Marta Doroszkiewicz	KS2	3.20-4.40pm	07/01	25/03

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. Please register via the parish calendar at www.stedsgod.com/christmas Bring an umbrella as we will remain outside whatever the weather, and feel free to bring your own mulled wine or other hot/soft drinks.

Reconciliation – available after 9.30am Mass on Saturday 18th December at St Joseph's in Milford and at St Joseph's Guildford from 11am and 3pm.

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

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)

Tue 14 Dec Class Christmas parties
Wed 15 Dec Y3 Stone Age Day
9.05am Parents' Forum
Fri 17 Dec **2pm early close** for Christmas holiday

NEXT TERM

Tue 4 Jan Children return to school
Mon 10 Jan 9.30am tours for prospective parents
Fri 21 Jan Choir to O2 Arena
Wed 9 Feb Y3 to Winchester Science Museum
Fri 11 Feb 3.15pm close for half term

NEXT TERM cont ...

Mon 21 Feb **Closed for INSET day**
Tue 22 Feb Children return to school

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 13: I try to love others as I love myself.

We pray together: Father, you command us to love others to the extent that we love ourselves. Grant us the grace to do this, especially for those with whom we don't get on. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN

The Pope Speaks: When you feel sorrow for something you have done, you should feel another kind of wonder: the wonder of forgiveness. In that wonder, we rediscover the Father's loving face and peace of heart. He gives us a new beginning and he pours out his love in an embrace that lifts us up, dispels the evil we have done, restores the irrepressible beauty that is within us as his beloved children, and enables us to shine forth (full text

<https://www.romereports.com/en/2021/12/06/full-text-of-pope-francis-speech-at-meeting-with-young-people-in-athens/>)



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

Dates for the year ahead <http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2,3&pid=14&viewid=1>

Copies of the newsletters <http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=Newsletters&pid=93>

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