

Newsletter 8: Friday 2nd November 2018

Just a little reminder that parents are not allowed to park in the front-of-school car park at either drop-off or pick-up. Thank you for your attention to this.

Dear Parents,

Bude talk – parents of children in Year 5 are invited to come along to school at 3.30pm on Monday 5th November in order to hear Mrs Hua and our Year 6 children talking about their experiences of their trip to Bude in Cornwall. They will be happy to answer any questions our Year 5 parents and children may have about this exciting Year 6 residential trip.

PSA Items

- **The Barn Dance** is now just one week away and next Monday will be your last opportunity to get tickets (£8 per person or £20 per family). A card reader will be available before and after school for purchases.
- This week the PSA's '**£5 Challenge**' has been launched. Going out with this newsletter is information about this year's challenge. Last year, this proved to be very successful at encouraging children to think creatively in order to raise funds.
- **Can you help?** The PSA leadership needs some support in the roles of Treasurer and Secretary. Are you willing to share the role? No prerequisite skills or knowledge needed, just a willingness to help our school. Please get in touch stedmundspsachair@gmail.com
- **Are you missing out?** If you feel that you are missing out on events, or not getting reminders about PSA activities, then do be sure that you are on Classlist and reading notifications.

BARN DANCE

Poppies – as we are now in the month of November, poppies are available from the school office. Year 6 children are selling poppies to children of all year groups at lunchtime break. If you would like your child to have a poppy, please send them to school with a small donation. You are very welcome to join us for our Remembrance Service at 2.30pm on Friday 9th November.



Year 2 Assembly – we are looking forward to Year 2's assembly which will be at 9.05am on Friday 9th November.



Anti-bullying Week and Odd Sock Day – Monday 12th November marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week and is a day when children are invited to wear odd socks as per the flier which is going out with this newsletter. The theme of the week is 'choose respect over bullying', with the odd socks intended to celebrate individuality.

NSPCC – as part of Anti-Bullying Week we will be very busy with the NSPCC in the coming weeks. They will firstly be leading assemblies for both Key Stages (separately) on Monday 12th November. They will then return to school on Thursday 15th November to run workshops for children in Years 5 and 6. We will then be taking part in the 'Big Workout' which is a sponsored event. Please help us to support the NSPCC and keep all children safe.

Advent at Home; an inspirational talk – we are so fortunate to have Katherine Bergin (The Diocesan Specialist Advisor for Marriage and Family Life) offer to come back to us to give another of her inspirational talks. Everyone is invited to come at **2.45pm on Wednesday 28th November** when Mrs Bergin will be giving us really useful ideas for making the season of Advent truly special within our family life and home. Please do come if you can.



Thinking of Teaching? – Godalming Learning Partnership, in collaboration with Winchester University, is now recruiting teacher trainees through the School Direct programme to start in September 2019. If you have thought about getting into teaching, then do visit our Get Teaching website (<http://www.getteaching.org/Our-Teacher-Training-Offer/Our-Programme/>) for information about how to train as a teacher whilst based in one of our Godalming schools.

Applications for the Schools Direct Programme are now open.

St Edmund's Day Mass – parents and parishioners are very welcome to join us for our St Edmund's Day Mass which will be celebrated at 9.30am on Tuesday 20th November.



Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) – to help parents of children understand what is being covered in RSE this term, Mrs Hua will be leading a session for all parents at 2.30pm on Wednesday 21st November. She will be going through the material and vocabulary used.

St Edmund's Parish Barn Dance – if you find that you enjoy the PSA barn dance so much that you're keen to get to another one, then there's good news for you. The parish is hosting a Barn Dance on Saturday 1st December at Milford Village Hall, from 7.30pm to 11pm. Tickets cost £15, which includes a fish and chip supper. Music will be provided by a live band. Please bring your own drink. This will be a very lively event and all parishioners are warmly welcome. Tickets are available from Andrew Lodge 01252 717705 / 07768 830984 or email: alodge@andrewlodge.co.uk

Weekday Masses in the parish – Fr David would love to welcome you to the parish weekday Masses. Starting at 9.30am and lasting just 25 minutes, they are in Milford on Wednesdays and Fridays, and in Godalming on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



Correct money please – if you come to the office to pay for something, please ensure that you bring the correct cash, as change cannot be given. Thank you for your attention to this.

Headteacher's Blog – every Friday 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 going here: <http://www.stedmundschool.co.uk/page/default.asp?pid=124>

Dinner money – Please ensure that you keep your account in credit as the term progresses. **Changing dinner arrangements?** – please ensure that, if you wish to change your child's dinner arrangements, you give the office a week's notice. Thank you.

The Pen Shop (Mon + Fri) – ordinary pencils 10p; push pencils 30p (KS2 only); rubbers 5p; short rulers 10p; long rulers 15p; handwriting pens 25p; glue sticks 40p; sharpeners 25p; reading records 25p; homework diaries 30p and highlighters 50p.



DATES FOR THIS TERM (items highlighted are new)		DATES FOR THIS TERM continued	
Mon 5 Nov	3.30pm Y6 children talk to Y5 parents re Bude	Fri 7 Dec	3.30pm PSA Film Show
Tue 6 Nov	Y2 to Hampton Court	Tue 11 Dec	2pm KS1 Christmas performance
Wed 7 Nov	9.30am Open Morning for prospective parents	Wed 12 Dec	9.30pm KS1 Christmas performance
Fri 9 Nov	9.05am Y2 Assembly; 2.30pm Remembrance Service ; 6.30pm PSA Barn Dance	Thu 13 Dec	9.30am Y3+4 Service of Readings & Carols 6pm Y3+4 Service of Readings & Carols (St Edmund's Church)
Sat 10 Nov	Cross-Country competition in Cranleigh	Fri 14 Dec	PSA Jingle Disco (all ages) 6-7.15pm
Mon 12 Nov	Odd Sock Day/ start of Anti-Bullying Week	Mon 17 Dec	2pm Y5+6 Christmas performance 6pm Y5+6 Christmas performance
Wed 14 Nov	Chertsey Museum in school for Y1	Tue 18 Dec	9.30am End-of-Term Mass; pm class parties
Tue 20 Nov	9.30am St Edmund's Day Mass	Wed 19 Dec	1pm carols in the hall; 2pm early close
Wed 21 Nov	2.30pm RSE talk to parents	Thu 3 Jan	Children return to school
Thu 22 Nov	Y3-6 walk to 9.30am Mass at St Ed's		
Fri 23 Nov	PSA Sweetie Mufti		
Tue 27 Nov	2.30pm Musical Concert		
Wed 28 Nov	2.45pm 'Advent at Home' talk by Katherine Bergin – all welcome!		
Fri 30 Nov	PSA Bottle Mufti		
Sat 1 Dec	11am-1.30pm PSA Christmas Market		
Tue 4 Dec	Fossil talk for Reception Class 3pm Rock Steady concert		
Wed 5 Dec	Flu vaccinations for Years R-5		

THIS YEAR'S DATES (2018-2019)
 AUT: 4 Sep-19 Dec 2018 (half-term w/c 22 Oct)
 SPR: 3 Jan-5 Apr 2019 (half-term w/c 18 Feb)
 SUM: 23 Apr-24 Jul 2019 (half-term w/c 27 May)

REMAINING INSETS : 25th Feb and 14th June 2019

Ethos Statement 7: I try to stand up for myself and others without hurting others.

We pray together: Father, you demand both justice and peace from us all. Help us to always work for justice, but in a peaceful way. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

The Pope Speaks: When faith purely concentrates on doctrinal formulations, it risks speaking only to the head, without touching the heart. How many times have people felt the pressure of our institutions more than the friendly presence of Jesus?



Money Matters: second half of the Autumn Term 2018

Dinners (KS2 ONLY):	£85.10 (37 days at £2.30 between Tue 30 th Oct to Wed 19 th Dec 2018)
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.stedmundschoolpsa.co.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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