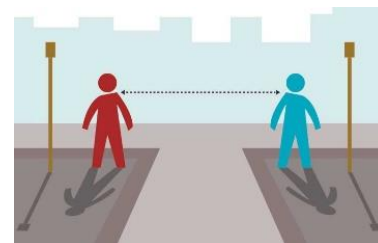


# Newsletter 7: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents,

**Thank you** – for supporting our efforts to keep us all safe following this week's positive cases of Covid. As you know, our Year 3 group is self-isolating and will return to school after the half-term holiday. We would again appeal to you to ensure that you **observe strict social distancing rules** at both drop-off and pick-up particularly, and **observe the one-way system**. Thank you for your continued attention to this.



**Drive-through drop-off trial** – from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October we will be trialling a drive-through drop-off. This facility is **ONLY** for those children who can quickly exit the car by themselves, unaided. It is not, therefore, for Reception children. In the past, we have been very aware of the excessive speed at which some parents drive into the car park. Please could we take this opportunity to remind all parents driving onto the premises to do so slowly, paying all possible attention to others using the car park, especially those YR children and parents waiting to drop off. Please be reminded that cars should **never be parked on the yellow lines or zig-zags around the school entrance and exit**.



**Parent Consultations** – we are pleased with how the booking system has gone. We are all now keeping our fingers crossed that the consultations will go well. Please bear with us if, in the event, there are glitches – it is a

new system for us all. Here is a link which we hope will be helpful to you when preparing for your consultation: <https://support.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call>

**Parent Governor elections** – last week we sent out information about an election for a Parent Governor. Please read the information carefully and consider whether you or some other parent might be interested in joining the Governing Body of St Edmund's School. The deadline for nominations is noon Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

**CAFOD Harvest Fast Day** – a wonderful £354.32 was raised! Thank you all so much.

**Payments** – the quickest and easiest way to pay for school trips and activities is online via Parentmail. We would be most grateful if you could make every effort to pay for your child's activity ahead of the relevant deadline. A lot of office hours are wasted chasing missing or delayed payments. If you are experiencing financial difficulties and are unable to pay, financial assistance may be available. Please contact Mrs Higgins or Mrs Tod (our Home School Link Worker) in complete confidence to discuss.

**Guitar for sale** – Mrs Chare is giving away a guitar which is in good condition. If you are interested then please let the office know. Mrs Chare has asked that whoever would like the guitar should make a donation towards Mrs Nicholls' charity ([www.les-amis-bf.org.uk](http://www.les-amis-bf.org.uk))



**Rocksteady** – Rocksteady Music School is back in school delivering rock and pop band lessons. It is a great opportunity for the children to join their very own rock band and learn to play the songs they love on either drums, guitar, keyboard or vocals (no experience necessary). Band practice takes place in school time every week and boosts children's confidence, supports their progress at school, while enhancing their wellbeing along the way. If they are interested in becoming a drummer, guitarist, keyboard player or singer check out the attached letter with more details. Lessons are delivered in line with government guidance and our own school's policies. Places are limited and available on a first-come first-served basis. If you would like to book your child's place, sign up as soon as you can. Sign up online at [www.rocksteadymusicschool.com](http://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com) or call 0330 113 0330 (Mon–Fri 8am–5pm local rate) for more information.



**GET Teaching** – the Godalming Learning Partnership (GLP), in partnership with Winchester University, is now recruiting its third cohort of trainee teachers to start in September 2021. The one year *GET Teaching* Schools Direct programme provides the perfect combination of immersive classroom experience with academic study at Winchester University. Trainees teach in two primary phase schools in Godalming and surrounding areas as well as spending one day a week studying either at Winchester University or with a senior practitioner from another GLP school. Our first successful cohort has begun teaching careers within GLP schools and elsewhere, having fully embraced virtual learning and online teaching driven by the pandemic. Our eight current trainees are back to teaching face to face and looking forward to gaining invaluable experience of the wide range of school settings we can offer them. To find out more about the course and how to apply visit [www.getteaching.org](http://www.getteaching.org) or contact Associate Director, Andrew Smith on: [director@godalminglearning.org.uk](mailto:director@godalminglearning.org.uk)



**Photos** – last week your child brought home the contact sheet showing some of the photos which were taken of your child in school recently. The deadline for ordering with free delivery to school has now passed. Orders can still be placed online but will now incur a delivery charge.



**The Brighton Road** – we have been notified that the Brighton Road is due to be shut for six weeks after the half-term holiday. This is clearly going to cause some disruption at both ends of the school day. Please therefore allow a little more time and also consider the possibility of parking further away and walking your child to school.

**Is your child in Year 6?** – the quickest and easiest way to apply for a secondary school place is online. Visit [surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions) to access the application form and more information on the application process and admission arrangements for Surrey schools. Applications **must have completed it by 31<sup>st</sup> October.**

**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 clicking on this link. <https://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/blog/?pid=14&nid=10>

**APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021 INTAKE** – the school would like to remind all parents of children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 that, if they wish their child to attend St Edmund's, they must ensure that they meet the application deadline of **15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. Applicants need to do two things before that date:

- complete and return (to the school office) the **school SIF** (application form) which can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from the school website (School Information/Admissions).
- complete the **Surrey County Council online application** (<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant/apply>) which is open from **2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020**.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

##### **THIS TERM' DATES** (new entries in yellow)

Mon 19 Oct	Parent Consultations 3.40-6.30pm
Wed 21 Oct	Parent Consultations 3.40-6pm
<b>Fri 23 Oct</b>	<b>PSA Spooky Mufti Day</b>
	3.30pm close for half-term holiday
Mon 2 Nov	Children return to school
Wed 11 Nov	Seaside workshop for Y1
Thu 12 Nov	Flu vaccinations
<b>Fri 27 Nov</b>	<b>YR Advent Workshop Wintershall</b>
Mon 30 Nov	<b>School closed</b>

##### **THIS YEAR'S DATES (2020-2021)**

AUT: 1 Sept-18 Dec 2020 (half-term w/c 26 Oct)  
 SPR: 4 Jan-1 Apr 2021 (half-term w/c 15 Feb)  
 SUM: 19 Apr-21 July 2021 (half-term w/c 31 May)

##### **KNOWN INSET DAYS & CLOSURES**

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept, 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct, 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020  
 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Ethos Statement 6:** I understand that rights match responsibility.

**We pray together:** Father, help us to understand that our right to live peacefully means that we have to create peace with those around us. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.



**The Pope Speaks on the recent beatification of Bl Carlo Acutis (right) who died in 2006:** "His witness indicates to today's young people that true happiness is found by putting God in first place and serving Him in our brothers and sisters, especially the least. A round of applause for the new young 'Blessed!'" ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carlo\\_Acutis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carlo_Acutis))



##### **Money Matters: second half of the Autumn Term 2020**

<b>Dinners (KS2 ONLY):</b>	£81.60 (34 days at £2.40; Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov-Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2020)
<b>Governors' Fund:</b>	£20 per family per term, cheques payable to "A&B Diocesan Trust St Edmund's"
<b>Outings:</b>	Cheques payable to "St Edmund's School Fund" or pay online via PMX ParentMail
<b>PSA Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk">www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk</a>

<b>Confused by educational jargon?</b>	Try our glossary or Frequently Asked Questions pages under "School Information"
<b>Still confused?</b>	Then <a href="mailto:info@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk">info@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk</a> or <a href="tel:01483414497">01483 414497</a>
<b>Dates for the year ahead</b>	<a href="http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2,3&amp;pid=14&amp;viewid=1">http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2,3&amp;pid=14&amp;viewid=1</a>
<b>Copies of the newsletters</b>	<a href="http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=Newsletters&amp;pid=93">http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=Newsletters&amp;pid=93</a>
<b>Clubs booking forms</b>	<a href="http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=Clubs+and+Activities&amp;pid=34">http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=Clubs+and+Activities&amp;pid=34</a>

**Attachments:** GET Teaching leaflet  
 PSA 1) Spooky Mufti Day, 2) Halloween, 3) Spooky Trail fliers  
 Rocksteady letter