

# Newsletter 5: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents,

**Parent Consultation bookings** – following on from last year's very successful online format for consultations using 'School Cloud', we will continue to use video appointments for our Parent Consultation appointments on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. There are a number of benefits to holding these consultations online: the appointments always run to time, and you have the comfort and convenience of being at home for the consultation, avoiding the need for babysitters. You will need to follow the link below to book appointments. Bookings will open on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 12 noon**. <https://stedmundsprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/>



## ADMISSIONS

**Secondary school places** – parents of Year 6 children must apply online for a secondary school place by 31<sup>st</sup> October.

**Reception 2022** – if your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 you will need to apply for a school place between 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. You must do two things before 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022:

- 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 then scroll down to the PDF called 'St Edmund's Godalming SIF 2022-2023').
- complete the **Surrey County Council online** application



You can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at [surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions)

### **Important Notice**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, in order to keep the integrity of our Godalming Learning Partnership two-year Talk for Writing training programme, we have to change our planned October 22<sup>nd</sup> INSET date to 1st November. October 22<sup>nd</sup> had already been earmarked by both Surrey County Council and the Xavier Catholic Education Trust as the day schools should take as the extra holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. **Therefore, 22<sup>nd</sup> October will change from an INSET day to a holiday, and the 1st November will become our INSET day.** We know how important it is for parents to know INSET dates well in advance and so we apologise for this late notice. However, we consider this training to be very important for the development of our teachers and the education of your child(ren).



**CAFOD Family Fast** – thank you very much to everyone who remembered to bring to school the money you saved by not having a snack last Friday. To date **£172.87** has been collected and will shortly be sent to CAFOD. If you have yet to send your donation in to school, it is not too late to do so.

**Harvest Celebration** – our Harvest Liturgy is at 9.15am on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October in the school hall. We will be collecting food donations for the St Mark's Community Food Bank on Franklyn Road in Godalming. They have asked for the following items: cooking oil, UHT milk, Pot Noodles (not curry), honey, chocolate spread, squash/juices and fresh vegetables. Items should be brought to school on either the Wednesday or Thursday morning.



**Gift Aid Declaration** – a parent has mentioned that finding our Gift Aid Declaration form on the website is a bit tricky. If you go to our website, click on 'School Information' and then 'Useful Forms' you will find it there. Alternatively, if you type 'Gift Aid' in the search bar the link to the form will come straight up as one of the options.



**No dogs please** – please may we remind all parents that dogs are not allowed on school premises, the playground particularly. We do thank you for your attention to this.

**Want to change dinner arrangements?** – please ensure that, if you wish to change your child's dinner arrangements, you give the office a week's notice in writing. Thank you.

**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.stedmundschool.co.uk/blog/?pid=14&nid=10>

## PARISH ITEMS



**Baby Loss Awareness Week** For the month of October there is a **Baby Loss Memorial** in the Lady Chapel at St Edmund's Church for anyone looking for support following the loss of a baby, for example through miscarriage, still birth, abortion or other circumstances. This is a quiet space to pray and write a message or prayer request in the memorial book. Everyone is welcome to drop in. Baby Loss Matters provides counselling support; contact by phone: 0808 802 5433 or email: [help@pregnancymatters.org.uk](mailto:help@pregnancymatters.org.uk) Alternatively, for an informal chat over a cuppa, please feel free to contact Julie Finn on 07943 675379. There will be a short service to pray for all these little ones and those who love them on 24<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm at St Edmund's church.

**St Edmund's parish** Weekend Mass times are: 6pm (St Edmund's, Godalming), 8.45am, *with Children's Liturgy* (St John's Farncombe) and 10.30am (St Joseph's, Milford). Please wear a face covering and socially distanced seating is available. Check the website calendar for weekday Mass times: <https://stedsgod.com/>

**First Holy Communion** The second session in the programme takes place this Saturday at 3pm at St Joseph's Church in Milford.

**Bumps and Babes** This group meets on Monday mornings at 10.30am, at St John's Centre, Farncombe. All young families are welcome. More information from Eileen: [eileen.hudson@gmail.com](mailto:eileen.hudson@gmail.com)

### IMPORTANT DATES

<b><u>THIS TERM</u></b> (new items in yellow)	<b><u>THIS TERM continued</u></b>
Fri 8 Oct <b>INSET day – school closed</b>	Fri 12 Nov Flu vaccinations YR-6
<b>Mon 11 Oct 12pm Parent Consultation bookings open</b>	<b>Mon 15 Nov Start of Anti-Bullying Week</b>
<del>Tue 12 Oct Y5 to Chertsey Museum</del>	Wed 17 Nov Y2 to Hampton Court Palace
Wed 13 Oct Y2 Multi-Skills event	Fri 19 Nov 9.15am St Edmund's Day Mass
	Tue 23 Nov Stargazing Evening
Fri 15 Oct <b>2.30pm PSA AGM</b>	Mon 29 Nov <b>School closed</b>
3pm second hand uniform sale	Thu 2 Dec Y6 to Guildford Spike
Mon 18 Oct Rabbi visit Y3-6	<b>Mon 6 Dec 1.30pm Reindeer Run</b>
3.30pm Parent Consultations	Wed 8 Dec Wintershall workshop YR+1
Tue 19 Oct Y1 Seaside workshop	<b>7pm choir to Holy Trinity, Guildford</b>
Wed 20 Oct 9.05am Parents' Forum	Fri 17 Dec <b>2pm early close</b> for Christmas holiday
3.30pm Parent Consultations	
Thu 21 Oct 9.15am Harvest Liturgy	<b><u>THIS YEAR'S DATES (2020-2021)</u></b>
Fri 22 Oct <b>INSET day – school closed</b>	AUT: 6 Sept-18 Dec 2021 (half-term w/c 25 Oct)
Half term 25-29 Oct	SPR: 4 Jan-1 Apr 2022 (half-term w/c 14 Feb)
Mon 1 Nov <b>INSET day – school closed</b>	SUM: 19 Apr-22 July 2022 (half-term w/c 30 May)
Tue 2 Nov Children return to school	<b><u>KNOWN INSET DAYS &amp; CLOSURES</u></b>
Tue 9 Nov Y5 Fire & Safety talk in school	Aut: 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 8 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct, 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov, 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2021
Wed 10 Nov 9.30am Open Morning for prospective parents	Spr: 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb, 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2022

**Ethos Statement 4:** I can laugh and have fun.



**We pray together:** Father, you made us to be joyful. Help us to know that true joy comes from always being at one with you. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

**The Pope Speaks:** Jesus asks us all to be missionary disciples. It is enough to be available to answer his call and to live united to the Lord in the most common daily things – work, meeting other people, our daily duties, the chance events of each day – allowing ourselves to be guided always by the Holy Spirit.



### **Money Matters: first half of the Autumn Term 2021**

**Dinners (KS2 ONLY):** £78.40 (32 days at £2.45; Tue 6 Sep – Thu 21 Oct)

**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](http://www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk)

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<b>Still confused?</b>	Then <a href="mailto:info@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk">info@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk</a> or  01483 414497
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