

Newsletter 34: Friday 8th July 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome! – we are really delighted to welcome Zhenia, who has just joined Year 2. He arrived in Godalming from Ukraine, along with his mother and sister this week. They are staying with a local family, parishioners and ex-parents of this school.

Welcome to Our School
Вітаємо Вас у Нашій Школі



Year 6 Away Day at Wintershall – the children of Year 6 had a wonderful day yesterday. But let them tell us all about it: *“At first we took a really nice hike up one of the hills where we made a paper aeroplane on which we listed what we would like to achieve at secondary school. We then threw the planes into the air. In the afternoon, we went to the Holly Barn where we watched a performance about the prodigal son. After that we did some more activities and I made a friendship bracelets for friends. The theme of the day was that God calls us each one of us*

by our name, and to prepare us for secondary school.” Pippa

“We talked about and reflect upon our journey from primary to secondary; we did some good activities that helped us to understand the journey that we’ve been on. They gave us some advice about moving on. I really liked sitting by the lake. For one of the activities we were each given a white stone; this represented our start at school when we had very few worries. We covered it in dirt to represent that, as we grow up, we can get a little more worried about things. God said that he would carry all of our burdens for us, so we threw the stones into a lake, where they all reverted to being clean and white again.” Alexandros



Godalming Library Summer Reading Challenge – this year’s theme is ‘The Gadgeteers’, in partnership with the Science Museum Group. ‘The Gadgeteers’ are a celebration of science, reading and use of the imagination in coming up with solutions to everyday problems. All children aged 4 to 11 can sign up for the Challenge, for free, from Saturday, 9th July. Children can set their own goals, but to complete the Challenge they’ll need to read six books before 17th September. Children who manage to read six books will receive: a Summer Reading Challenge pack, fun rewards such as stickers, pencils and fridge magnets and a gold medal and certificate. More information can be found [here](#).



Summer Fair – thank you to everyone who supported today’s bottle mufti day. We are looking forward to seeing you all at tomorrow’s Summer Fair which begins at 1pm and ends at 4pm. This fun annual event is a really important event not just in terms of coming together as a community for some summer fun, but for raising important funds for our school. See you tomorrow!

Clubs run by Mrs McCarthy – please make a note Rounders is now finished for this term. The final Netball Club session will be Thursday 14th July.



Rainbows – going out with this newsletter is a letter from our Home School Link Worker, Mrs Tod, giving information about our Rainbows programme, to help children who are experiencing loss.

Rocksteady Concert – those parents of children who attend Rocksteady are reminded that this term’s rocksteady concert is at 2.45pm on Tuesday 12th July.



Diocesan Grandparents’ Annual Formation Day – on Wednesday 14th September, from 11am to 3.30pm, the diocese will be running a special day for grandparents, to help them look at ways of influencing the growth of faith in their families.

Emails for Clubhouse bookings – please could we ask you to email info@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk as we have found that this is the email address more easily checked during the course of the school day.

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>



Thursday Mass The parish looks forward to welcoming Year 5 & 6 pupils to the 9.30am Mass at St Edmund's church on Thursday 14th July. Parents and grandparents and friends are most welcome to join us, as always.

First Holy Communion preparation 2022-2023 If any parent missed the FHC information evening last week and would like more information about registration, please email the co-ordinator Anne: communionatsteds@gmail.com. More information and registration at: <https://stedsgod.com/fhc>

Outdoor Mass at Ladywell Convent on Sunday 4th September All families are welcome to this Mass, to mark the start of the Season of Creation, at 10.30am on Sunday 4th September, in the grounds of Ladywell Convent, with coffee and cake and time for a social afterwards. A good opportunity to meet with each other before the school term starts! The 8.45am Mass will take place at Farncombe as usual.

IMPORTANT DATES

THIS TERM (new dates in yellow)		NEXT TERM	
Sat 9 Jul	1-4pm PSA Summer Fest	Mon 5 Sept	INSET day school closed
Tue 12 Jul	2.45pm Rocksteady Concert Y6 play (6pm)	Tue 6 Sept	INSET day school closed
Wed 13 Jul	1-4pm District Sports at Charterhouse	Wed 7 Sept	Years 1 – 6 return to school
Thu 14 Jul	Y5+6 walk to St Edmund's church for Mass	Sun 11 Sept	10.30am School Mass in Milford
Fri 15 Jul	PSA KS1 disco 5.30-6.40pm PSA KS2 disco 6.50-8pm	Mon 12 Sept	Year R start (part time, AM) Y6 leave for Devon
Mon 18 Jul	2.30pm Musical Concert	Mon 19 Sept	Year R start full-time
Tue 19 Jul	2.00pm Leavers' Liturgy in school	NEXT YEAR'S DATES (2022-2023)	
Fri 22 Jul	2pm close for summer holiday	AUT: 5 Sep-21 Dec 2022 (half-term w/c 24 Oct)	
		SPR: 9 Jan-31 Mar 2023 (half-term w/c 13 Feb)	
		SUM: 17 Apr-21 Jul 2023 (half-term w/c 29 May)	
		INSETS / CLOSURES 2022-2023	
		5+6 Sept, 7 Oct, 28 Nov 2022; 15 Mar 2023	



Ethos Statement 35: I notice that we are the same and we are different

We pray together: Father, help us to celebrate each other's individuality whilst all the time remembering that, with one Father, we are called to be members of one family. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.



The Pope Speaks: The world needs peace. Not a peace based on the balance of arms and on mutual fear. No, that won't do. That would mean turning history back seventy years. The Ukrainian crisis should have been, and can still be, if wanted, a challenge for wise statesmen, capable of building a better world for the new generations through dialogue. With God's help this is always possible.

Money Matters: second half of the Summer Term 2022	
Dinners (KS2 ONLY):	£85.75 (35 days at £2.45; Mon 6 June – Fri 22 July 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	info@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

Safeguarding at St Edmund's

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. If you are concerned about a child's welfare, please speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) who is **Mrs Higgins**, or the two Deputy DSLs, **Mrs Patrick** and **Mrs Shorten**.



Attachment: Rainbows letter, Grandparents Annual Formation Day poster