

Newsletter 2: 15th September 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Reception! – it was wonderful to have all our new Reception children join us this week. The children have settled in really well. Welcome to all our new St Edmund's families!

Special Mass for the blessing of the new school buildings – you are welcome to attend a special Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Richard Moth at 10am on Monday in the school hall. This will be a lovely reminder of how blessed we are to have had such improvements made to our school, which will benefit us all.



Dinner money – dinner money (KS2 only) for the first half of this term is £86.40. It is Surrey County Council policy that dinner money should be paid for in advance. Also, please note that if you wish to change your child's dinner arrangements, two weeks' notice must be given in writing to the school office.

"Meet the Teacher" – this will be held on Monday for Years 1-6 (3.25pm and 3.55pm) and on Monday 25th September for Reception (3.20pm). This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and find out more about what they will be learning this year. There are two identical sessions per class for those with more than one child here. Just go to your child's classroom after pick-up. Children of school age can be left in the hall where they will be supervised by Mrs Higgins. If you cannot attend, important information will be sent to you and also put onto the school website under School Information and then Meet the Teacher.



Choir – it is lovely that so many children enjoy singing and have wanted to join our Key Stage Two choir this term. Our first session this week went really well, though please note that there is NO choir on Monday of next week due to the Meet the Teacher meetings. Also, a further Microsoft Form was sent out to all parents of children who come to choir, with a **deadline of today for completing it**. There remains a number of parents who have not yet completed it for us.

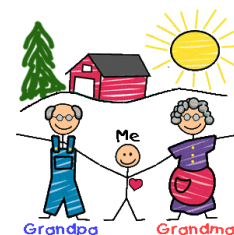


No dogs – please be reminded that dogs are not allowed on any part of the school premises. We do thank you for your attention to this.

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INSET DAYS – please note that the INSET day in March is not Wednesday 13th March, but **Friday 15th March 2024**. Also, there is a further INSET day of which you need to make a note: Monday 3rd June 2024.

Celebration of Grandparents – this year's Celebration of Grandparents will be at 2.15pm on Friday 29th September. This will take the form of a short performance by each class, followed by light refreshments. This is usually an extremely popular event. Therefore, we are only able to accommodate grandparents. If you are bringing grandparents, you can drop them at school. We do ask that you, the parents, **do not come into the hall with them**.



Royal Surrey Community Day 23 Sept 10am to 3pm – children and their parents are invited to explore the work of the Royal Surrey County Hospital as per the details going out with this newsletter. A wonderful opportunity to meet doctors and nurses and to ask them lots of questions!

Class Fundraising Personalised Christmas Cards – the PSA is again organising this very popular annual fundraising activity. Children will be working with their Classteacher to draw and create a template for cards, gift tags, mugs, bags, jigsaw puzzles and more (attached is a flier which will give you an idea). Please watch out for further information about ordering.



Busbridge Scouts – are desperately in need of another Scout Leader to join the team of leaders. They are short on resources and it's unlikely they can continue to run scout sessions beyond October half term with no additional leaders. Would any parents be interested in the opportunity? It is a lovely welcoming group and includes a number of St Edmund's and ex-St Edmund's pupils. The leaders are all parents of Scouts and work as a team and on a rota basis so the work load is shared.

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. Have a look every week to keep yourselves up to date by clicking on [this link](#).

PARISH NEWS

First Holy Communion Mass at 10.30am this Sunday The parish looks forward to welcoming the First Holy Communion children and their families to St Joseph's this Sunday at the start of this year's FHC programme.

Altar Servers Anyone who has made their FHC and who would like to try out serving at Mass please get in touch with Fr Jonathan.

Bumps & Babes This weekly group is on Monday mornings from 10.30am to 12 noon at St John's; for more info please contact Eileen: eileen.hudson@gmail.com

Celebrate Faith Parenting If you would like to discover some new and practical ways to inspire your children to learn about their faith, you may like to sign up for an evening session on zoom, on: 28 September, 5 & 12 October. More info: <https://www.celebratetrust.org/faith-parenting>

To receive the weekly parish newsletter by email you can sign up at: godalming@abdiocese.org.uk

A Day of Reflection for Grandparents is on 26th September 11am-3.30pm at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley with Fr Stephen Ortiger. A day to explore the joys and sorrows and how we can see the hand of God in our lives. More info from: Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday 29th at Ali's home at 122 Busbridge Lane. 9am-1pm. All welcome. Cake, cuppa and artisanal gifts/treats.



IMPORTANT DATES

THIS TERM (new items in yellow)	TERM DATES 2023-2024
Mon 18 Sep YR children start full-time 10am Mass with Bishop Richard 3.25pm Meet the Teacher Y1-6 3.55pm Meet the Teacher Y1-6 Wed 20 Sep Y3 to Butser Farm Mon 25 Sep Start of 'Little Way Week' 3.20pm Meet the Teacher YR Tue 26 Sep Individual photos Fri 29 Sep 2.15pm Grandparents Celebration Mon 2 Oct Y6 leave for Devon (back Fri 6 Oct) Fri 6 Oct INSET - school closed Mon 9 Oct Life Bus in school for two days Tue 17 Oct Open Morning for prospective parents Parent Consultations Thu 19 Oct Y4 to Chertsey Museum Parent Consultations Fri 20 Oct Y6 to Guildford Spike 3.20pm close for half-term holiday	AUT: 4 Sept-21 Dec 2023 (half-term w/c 23 Oct) SPR: 8 Jan-28 Mar 2024 (half-term w/c 12 Feb) SUM: 15 Apr-19 Jul 2024 (half-term w/c 27 May) INSETS, CLOSURES & BANK HOLIDAYS 4 Sept, 5 Sept, 6 Oct, 4 Dec 2023, 15 Mar, 3 June 2024 Bank holidays: 29 Mar, 6 May 2024 NEXT YEAR 2024-2025 AUT: 2 Sept-20 Dec 2024 (half-term w/c 28 Oct) SPR: 6 Jan-4 Apr 2025 (half-term w/c 17 Feb) SUM: 22 Apr-18 Jul 2025 (half-term w/c 26 May) INSETS, CLOSURES & BANK HOLIDAYS 2 + 3 Sept, 4 Oct, 2 Dec 2024, 14 Mar 2025 Bank holidays: 5 May 2025

Ethos Statement 2: I can say one good thing about myself.



We pray together: Father, you created us not only to love others, but to love ourselves. Help us to be grateful for how you have created us and help us to make the best of ourselves by remaining close to you. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.



The Pope Speaks: O Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, in this time of trial we turn to you. As our Mother, you love us and know us: no concern of our hearts is hidden from you. Mother of mercy, how often we have experienced your watchful care and your peaceful presence! You never cease to guide us to Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/prayers/documents/20220325-atto-consacrazione-cuoredimaria.html>

Money Matters: first half of the Autumn Term 2023	
Dinners (KS2 ONLY):	£86.40 (32 days at £2.70; Wed 6 Sept - Fri 20 Oct)
Governors' Fund:	£20 per family per term, cheques payable to "St Edmund's School Governors Godalming" If setting up a Direct Debit online: 40-05-20; 21127306; "A&B St Edmund's Primary"
Outings:	Cheques payable to "St Edmund's School Fund"
PSA Website:	www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk
Confused by 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 **Mrs Patrick**.



Attachment: Class Fundraising info, Royal Surrey poster