

Newsletter 3: 22nd September 2023

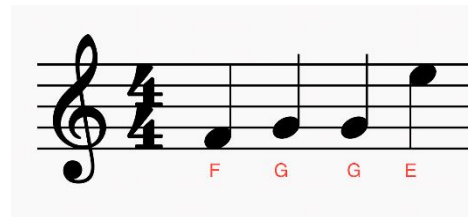
Dear Parents,

Special Mass for the blessing of the new school buildings – on Monday we had a wonderful morning with Bishop Richard, when he came to celebrate Mass for us before blessing all the newly-refurbished buildings and rooms. We were delighted to show him our new classrooms, staff room, offices and group rooms. The children read and sang beautifully. Thank you to everyone who came to join us.



Little Way Week – next week is ‘Little Way Week’ and is inspired by St Thérèse of Lisieux. At school we will be talking about St Thérèse and her life. The children always enjoy finding out about Thérèse. From her earliest days she loved God, and dreamed of being a missionary. As she grew up, she realised that her mission was to do every little thing with as much love as possible. She showed us that through small, loving actions we too can deliver God’s love to the world. St Thérèse’s feast day is on 1st October.

Listen again – this term, at the end of our assembly, we are listening to a different piece of music. So far we have heard Beethoven’s [Symphony No 5, The Entertainer](#) by Scott Joplin, and this week was Grieg’s ‘[In the Hall of the Mountain King](#)’, which was especially popular with the children! Over the course of the year, we hope to introduce the children to a wide range of music. Follow the links to listen with the children.



“Meet the Teacher” – following this week’s ‘Meet the Teacher’ sessions, the handouts are now loaded onto the website (School Information and then Meet the Teacher). ‘Meet the Teacher’ for Reception parents will be Monday 25th September at 3.20pm.

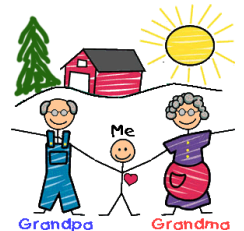


No dogs

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.

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 Saturday 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!

European Languages Day Tuesday 26th September – children are welcome to bring in a book or newspaper or any text in a European language to share with the class. In addition, they are welcome to bring in a named photo for a display board (so might not get it back) of themselves in a European country.



Macmillan Coffee Morning – this is a wonderful and easy way for Macmillan Cancer Support to raise really significant funds for their work of delivering critical care to those with cancer. Ali McAully, an ex-parent of this school, invites you to attend her coffee morning from 9am to 1pm on Friday 29th September at 122 Busbridge Lane.

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

- Mass and Lunch for Centenary of Consecration of St Edmund's Church** The parish warmly welcomes all families to this celebratory occasion on Sunday 8th October with Bishop Richard. It is a great opportunity to gather and to give thanks to God for how he has brought us together as living stones. Please also join us for lunch after Mass from 12 noon in the Main Hall at Godalming College. To keep things easy we are looking for contributions to a cold buffet lunch, and to help with planning please sign up via the parish website or at: <https://stedsgod.churchsuite.com/events/yh2nf3zo> There is good access to the hall (including disabled access) and plenty of parking.
- 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 25 Sep	Start of 'Little Way Week' 3.20pm Meet the Teacher YR	Tue 21 Nov	YR-5 flu vaccinations
Tue 26 Sep	Individual photos European Languages Day	Fri 24 Nov	Y4 Assembly
Fri 29 Sep	Meeting of the LGC	Mon 4 Dec	School closed
Mon 2 Oct	2.15pm Grandparents Celebration Y6 leave for Devon (back Fri 6 Oct)	Thu 7 Dec	10am Open Morning
Thu 5 Oct	CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	AUT: 4 Sept-21 Dec 2023 (half-term w/c 23 Oct)	
Fri 6 Oct	INSET - school closed	SPR: 8 Jan-28 Mar 2024 (half-term w/c 12 Feb)	
Mon 9 Oct	9am Commissioning Service Life Bus in school for two days	SUM: 15 Apr-19 Jul 2024 (half-term w/c 27 May)	
Fri 13 Oct	Y5 Assembly 2.30pm Parents' Forum	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	
Tue 17 Oct	Open Morning for prospective parents Parent Consultations	NEXT YEAR 2024-2025	
Thu 19 Oct	Y4 to Chertsey Museum Parent Consultations	AUT: 2 Sept-20 Dec 2024 (half-term w/c 28 Oct)	
Fri 20 Oct	Y6 to Guildford Spike 3.20pm close for half-term holiday	SPR: 6 Jan-4 Apr 2025 (half-term w/c 17 Feb)	
Mon 30 Oct	Children return to school	SUM: 22 Apr-18 Jul 2025 (half-term w/c 26 May)	
Thu 16 Nov	Y3 Assembly	INSETS, CLOSURES & BANK HOLIDAYS 2 + 3 Sept, 4 Oct, 2 Dec 2024, 14 Mar 2025 Bank holidays: 5 May 2025	
Mon 20 Nov	9.15am St Edmund's Day Mass		

Ethos Statement 3: I can say how I feel.



We pray together: Father, you have given us the gift of feelings. Help us to take as much care over the feelings of others as we do over our own. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

Thought for the Week: Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

Martin Luther King



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; account name as above
Clubhouse:	£6.75 am session; £14.50 pm session
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**.

