


**Please be reminded that next Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> October, is an INSET day and the school will be closed.**

## Newsletter 4: 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents,

**Celebration of Grandparents** – we are looking forward to welcoming lots of grandparents to school for our special Celebration of Grandparents afternoon today. Thank you to each class for working hard to prepare their song or poem, and thank you to the governors who will be helping us to look after the grandparents by serving the refreshments. This event is just for grandparents – we do not have space for parents as well.

**Young Voices** – please ensure that you make your payment for the T-shirt and tickets as soon as possible. The invoices were sent out at the beginning of last week. Thank you for your attention to this. 



**Year 6 are off to Devon!** – children of Year 6 leave their Residential Trip to St George's House, Georgeham in Devon on Monday, and will be returning on Friday. We are looking forward to hearing all about their adventures. Have fun, Year 6!

**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, Grieg's '[In the Hall of the Mountain King](#)' and this week we listened to [Hungarian Dance No. 5 by Brahms](#). 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.



**Parent Consultation bookings** – we will again be using 'School Cloud' for our Parent Consultations. The dates are Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 19<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 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30am.** <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. Failure to do so risks the real possibility of your child not securing a place at any of the schools of your choice.



**Reception 2024** – if your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 you will need to apply for a school place between 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. You must do two things before 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024:

- complete and return (to the school office) the **school SIF** 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 2024-2025').
- complete the **Surrey County Council online** application

You can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant/apply>

**PSA EGM** – going out with this newsletter is notice of the PSA EGM, giving details of how to join the Zoom meeting.

**Medicines** – we would like to take this opportunity to let parents know should your child require medicines, antibiotics particularly, this can be administered at lunchtimes only.



**CAFOD Harvest Fast** – on Thursday of next week we will have this year's CAFOD Harvest Fast day. Being a little bit hungry helps us to understand what it is like for those who do not have enough to eat every day. Therefore, children should not bring their morning snack with them on that day.

Instead, please could the children bring to school what money you save by not buying/bringing a snack. This will be given to CAFOD (<https://cafod.org.uk>)

**Second hand uniform sale** – the PSA will be collecting items of second hand uniform from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October. There will be a sale at pick-up time on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

**Help please!** – Mr Judge would be very grateful for any Year R parent volunteers to help him lay the base for and then construct a new small, 6' x 4' play shed. His plans to do this on Saturday 21<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. Have a look every week to keep yourselves up to date by clicking on [this link](#).

**PARISH NEWS**

- **Coffee after 8.45am Mass** this Sunday– please join us!
- **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's 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.
- **Parish Quiz Night** on Saturday 14 October to raise funds for CAFOD. There are some spaces in some teams so please contact Jo at [jolewry@aol.com](mailto:jolewry@aol.com) asap.
- **St Peter's School Admission 2024** Please contact the parish office if you need Fr Jonathan to sign a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) for applications to St Peter's School in September 2024.



**IMPORTANT DATES**

<b>THIS TERM (new items in yellow)</b>		<b>TERM DATES 2023-2024</b>
Mon 2 Oct	Y6 leave for Devon (back Fri 6 Oct)	<b>AUT:</b> 4 Sept-21 Dec 2023 (half-term w/c 23 Oct)
Wed 4 Oct	<b>8pm PSA EGM</b>	<b>SPR:</b> 8 Jan-28 Mar 2024 (half-term w/c 12 Feb)
Thu 5 Oct	CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	<b>SUM:</b> 15 Apr-19 Jul 2024 (half-term w/c 27 May)
Fri 6 Oct	<b>INSET - school closed</b>	<b>INSETS, CLOSURES &amp; BANK HOLIDAYS</b>
Mon 9 Oct	Life Bus Classroom in school for two days	4 Sept, 5 Sept, 6 Oct, 4 Dec 2023, 15 Mar, 3 June 2024
Fri 13 Oct	Y5 Assembly	Bank holidays: 29 Mar, 6 May 2024
	2.30pm Parents' Forum	<b>NEXT YEAR 2024-2025</b>
Tue 17 Oct	Open Morning	<b>AUT:</b> 2 Sept-20 Dec 2024 (half-term w/c 28 Oct)
	Parent Consultations	<b>SPR:</b> 6 Jan-4 Apr 2025 (half-term w/c 17 Feb)
Thu 19 Oct	Y4 to Chertsey Museum	<b>SUM:</b> 22 Apr-18 Jul 2025 (half-term w/c 26 May)
	Parent Consultations	<b>INSETS, CLOSURES &amp; BANK HOLIDAYS</b>
Fri 20 Oct	Y6 to Guildford Spike	2 + 3 Sept, 4 Oct, 2 Dec 2024, 14 Mar 2025
	<b>3.15pm Second hand uniform sale</b>	Bank holidays: 5 May 2025
	3.20pm close for half-term holiday	
Mon 30 Oct	Children return to school	
Thu 16 Nov	Y3 Assembly	
Mon 20 Nov	9.15am St Edmund's Day Mass	
Tue 21 Nov	YR-5 flu vaccinations	
Fri 24 Nov	Y4 Assembly	
Mon 4 Dec	<b>School closed</b>	
Thu 7 Dec	10am Open Morning	

**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.

**Thought for the Week:** I am sending an angel ahead of you. The angel will protect you as you travel and will bring you to the place I have made ready. My angel will always be with you. *The Church celebrates the memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels on Monday of next week.*



<b>Money Matters: first half of the Autumn Term 2023</b>	
<b>Dinners (KS2 ONLY):</b>	<b>£86.40 (32 days at £2.70; Wed 6 Sept - Fri 20 Oct)</b>
<b>Governors' Fund:</b>	£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
<b>Clubhouse:</b>	£6.75 am session; £14.50 pm session
<b>PSA Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk">www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk</a>
<b>Confused by 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>

**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: PSA EGM flier