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

# Newsletter 4: 29th September 2023

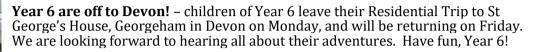
Dear Parents.

**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.



**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.



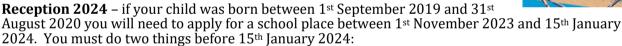


Parent Consultation bookings – we will again be using 'School Cloud' for our Parent Consultations. The dates are Tuesday 17th October and Thursday 19th October. There are a number of benefits to holding these consultations online: the

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 9th 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 31st October. Failure to do so risks the real possibility of your child not securing a place at any of the schools of your choice.



- 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.surrevcc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-andinfant/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 adminstered 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 9th October. There will be a sale at pick-up time on Friday 20th 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 21st 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: <a href="https://stedsgod.churchsuite.com/events/yh2nf3zo">https://stedsgod.churchsuite.com/events/yh2nf3zo</a>. 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 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			
THIS TERM (new items in yellow)		TERM DATES 2023-2024	
Mon 2 Oct	Y6 leave for Devon (back Fri 6 Oct)		
Wed 4 Oct	8pm PSA EGM	<b>AUT:</b> 4 Sept-21 Dec 2023 (half-term w/c 23 Oct)	
Thu 5 Oct	CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	<b>SPR</b> : 8 Jan-28 Mar 2024 (half-term w/c 12 Feb)	
Fri 6 Oct	INSET – school closed	<b>SUM</b> : 15 Apr-19 Jul 2024 (half-term w/c 27 May)	
Mon 9 Oct	Life Bus Classroom in school for two days		
Fri 13 Oct	Y5 Assembly	INSETS, CLOSURES & BANK HOLIDAYS	
	2.30pm Parents' Forum	4 Sept, 5 Sept, 6 Oct, 4 Dec 2023, 15 Mar, 3 June 2024	
Tue 17 Oct	Open Morning	Bank holidays: 29 Mar, 6 May 2024	
	Parent Consultations		
Thu 19 Oct	Y4 to Chertsey Museum	NEXT YEAR 2024-2025	
	Parent Consultations		
Fri 20 Oct	Y6 to Guildford Spike	<b>AUT:</b> 2 Sept-20 Dec 2024 (half-term w/c 28 Oct)	
	3.15pm Second hand uniform sale	SPR: 6 Jan-4 Apr 2025 (half-term w/c 17 Feb)	
	3.20pm close for half-term holiday	<b>SUM</b> : 22 Apr-18 Jul 2025 (half-term w/c 26 May)	
Mon 30 Oct	Children return to school		
Thu 16 Nov	Y3 Assembly	INSETS, CLOSURES & BANK HOLIDAYS	
Mon 20 Nov	9.15am St Edmund's Day Mass	2 + 3 Sept, 4 Oct, 2 Dec 2024, 14 Mar 2025	
Tue 21 Nov	YR-5 flu vaccinations	Bank holidays: 5 May 2025	
Fri 24 Nov	Y4 Assembly		
Mon 4 Dec	School closed		
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.

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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 <b>1</b> info@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk or <b>2</b> 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			
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: PSA EGM flier