

Please be reminded that tomorrow is an INSET day; the school will be closed.

Newsletter 5: Thursday 5th Oct '23

Dear Parents,

Year 6 – despite the mixed weather, Year 6 children are having a wonderful time in Devon. They'll be back tomorrow evening, no doubt tired and pleased at the prospect of being back in their own bed.



Welcome – to Ilia, who joined our Reception class today. We are sure that you will give her and her family a warm St Edmund's welcome.

CAFOD Harvest Fast – thank you to everyone who did their best not to have their snack today and for bringing a donation (so far, £111.33). If you forgot to send your donation in today, then we will be happy to receive it on Monday. For more information about the wonderful work of CAFOD, here is a link to their website: <https://cafod.org.uk>



St Peter's – their annual Open Evening for prospective parents and pupils takes place next Thursday 12th October from 6-8pm. Their Open Mornings will take place on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October commencing at 9am. All families are welcome and no pre-booking is required. If any families have accessibility issues, please contact them in advance using admissions@st-peters.surrey.sch.uk

Parent Consultation bookings – please don't forget that bookings for the forthcoming Parent Consultations will be open from 7.30am on Monday. Here is the link to make your booking: <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.



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

Contacting the office about pick-up arrangements? – please could we appeal to you, when calling the school office, to give us the full name of the person who is going to pick up your child. Often just a first name is given, which makes it slightly difficult for us to know exactly to whom you are referring. A full name would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Second hand uniform sale – the PSA will be collecting items of second hand uniform from Monday 9th October. Please leave items in bags in the office vestibule. 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

- Mass and Lunch for the Centenary of Consecration of St Edmund's Church** This Sunday we welcome Bishop Richard to preside at 10.30am Mass at St Edmund's Church (NB there is no 8.45am Mass, and 6pm Vigil Mass will be at St Joseph's). **Parking** is in the town car parks (South Street and Croft Road) or along Summerhouse Road (and then walk down the steps) or at Godalming College. **Children's Liturgy during 10.30am Mass** is in the parish room but please register via the Calendar as there are 12 spaces. **Lunch** is in the Main Hall at Godalming College (Tuesley Lane, GU7 1RS) where there is plenty of parking. The Hall will not be open for dropping off food before Mass; please bring your contribution to the cold buffet with you to the lunch. If it helps with logistics, you may leave your plate of food in the parish room at St Edmund's and collect it after Mass; use the presbytery door entrance to drop off and collect. It would be helpful if you could label your plate. We hope the weather will be good enough to allow us to use the piazza area during lunch, but please be aware that this outside courtyard is not a secure area and children should be supervised by their parents.
- 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
Fri 6 Oct	INSET - school closed	AUT: 4 Sept-21 Dec 2023 (half-term w/c 23 Oct)
Mon 9 Oct	7.30am Parent Consultation bookings open Life Bus Classroom in school for two days	SPR: 8 Jan-28 Mar 2024 (half-term w/c 12 Feb)
Fri 13 Oct	Y5 Assembly MOVED TO 20/10 2.30pm Parents' Forum	SUM: 15 Apr-19 Jul 2024 (half-term w/c 27 May)
Tue 17 Oct	Open Morning Parent Consultations	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
Thu 19 Oct	Y4 to Chertsey Museum Parent Consultations	
Fri 20 Oct	9.05am Y5 Assembly (NEW DATE) Y6 to Guildford Spike 3.15pm Second hand uniform sale 3.20pm close for half-term holiday	TERM DATES NEXT YEAR 2024-2025 AUT: 2 Sept-20 Dec 2024 (half-term w/c 28 Oct)
Mon 30 Oct	Children return to school	SPR: 6 Jan-4 Apr 2025 (half-term w/c 17 Feb)
Thu 16 Nov	Y3 Assembly	SUM: 22 Apr-18 Jul 2025 (half-term w/c 26 May)
Mon 20 Nov	9.15am St Edmund's Day Mass	INSETS, CLOSURES & BANK HOLIDAYS 2 + 3 Sept, 4 Oct, 2 Dec 2024, 14 Mar 2025 Bank holidays: 5 May 2025
Tue 21 Nov	YR-5 flu vaccinations	
Fri 24 Nov	Y4 Assembly	
Mon 4 Dec	School closed	
Thu 7 Dec	10am Open Morning	



Ethos Statement 5: I know what to do if I see someone being hurt.

We pray together: Father, help us to remember that you command us to take especial care of the weak, the vulnerable and anybody who is suffering. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

Thought for the Week: "Proclaim the Gospel with your whole life; if necessary, use words." *St Francis of Assisi, whose Feast Day was 4th October.*



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**.

