

# Newsletter 6: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents,

**Harvest** – at this time of year, it is important for us to help those locally who have difficulty making ends meet and feeding their families. We have often, in previous years, supported the St Mark's Food Bank by making a collection of items at school and taking all we have collected along to St Mark's. Going out with this newsletter is a list of those items which they would greatly appreciate receiving. If these items could be brought to school next **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October morning** (the goods will be delivered by 1.30pm that day). Thank you!



**Pilgrimage** – a very special mention for Iona (Year 5) who walked 74 miles along part of the Camino (<https://santiago-compostela.net>) all the way through Galicia to Santiago. Here is a photo showing her just outside the Cathedral of Santiago where the tomb of St James the Apostle is located. She began the Camino in Portugal, just before the border with Spain. She was really tough and determined all the way, raising an amazing £500 which she is donating to the school library. Well done, Iona! We are so impressed and grateful to you for your gift.

**Drop-off zone** – it is very important that parents who use the drop-off zone in the mornings **DO NOT GET OUT OF THE CAR** to help their child out. Parents who stop for too long hold up the queue of cars along The Drive, waiting to use the drop-off zone. **The drop-off zone is only to be used by those parents whose children are able to get out of the car independently.** We do thank you for your attention to this.



**CAFOD Harvest Fast** – thank you to everyone for their kind donations which have amounted to £162.48. For more information about the wonderful work of CAFOD, here is a link to their website: <https://cafod.org.uk>



**St Peter's** – their Open Mornings will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:admissions@st-peters.surrey.sch.uk)

**Parent Consultation bookings** – our Classteachers are looking forward to catching up with you all at the forthcoming Parent Consultation evenings. To join the meetings, you can use this link: <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>

**Second hand uniform sale** – don't forget the uniform sale next Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October from 3pm.



**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

- **We welcome First Holy Communion families** to the 8.45am Mass this Sunday; and everyone is invited to coffee after Mass in St John's parish room.
- **Children's Liturgy** is at 8.45am Sunday Mass at St John's, Farncombe. For more info contact Eleanor: [eleanor.streatfield@gmail.com](mailto:eleanor.streatfield@gmail.com)
- **Bumps & Babes toddler group** is at 10.30am on Mondays at St John's, Farncombe. All are welcome; more information from [eileen.hudson@gmail.com](mailto:eileen.hudson@gmail.com)



- **Altar serving** Thank you to all our altar servers at Sunday's Centenary Mass with Bishop Richard. It was wonderful to see so many of our young people on the altar; and if any others would like to try out serving at Mass, please contact Fr Jonathan.
- **Mass with Anointing of the Sick** This special Mass is this Sunday 15th at 2pm at Ladywell Convent.
- **Baby loss memorial** The memorial book and prayer book is in the Lady chapel at St Edmund's church throughout October. The church is open daily, usually from 10 to 5pm.
- **St Peter's School Admissions 2024** Please contact the parish office if you need Fr Jonathan to sign a supplementary information form for applications to St Peter's School in Sept 2024.

### IMPORTANT DATES

THIS TERM (new items in yellow)		THIS TERM cont ...	
Mon 16 Oct	<b>NO choir today</b>	Tue 12 Dec	2.45pm Rocksteady concert
Tue 17 Oct	9.30am Open Morning Parent Consultations	Fri 15 Dec	Christmas Lunch
Thu 19 Oct	Y4 to Chertsey Museum Parent Consultations	Thu 21 Dec	1.10pm Carols around the Tree 2pm close for Christmas
Fri 20 Oct	9.05am Y5 Assembly (NEW DATE) Y6 to Guildford Spike 3pm Second hand uniform sale 3.20pm close for half-term holiday	<b>TERM DATES 2023-2024</b> 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)	
Mon 30 Oct	Children return to school	<b>INSETS, CLOSURES &amp; BANK HOLIDAYS</b> 4 Sept, 5 Sept, 6 Oct, 4 Dec 2023, 15 Mar, 3 June 2024 Bank holidays: 29 Mar, 6 May 2024	
Wed 1 Nov	All Saints Day Mass 2.15pm	<b>TERM DATES NEXT YEAR 2024-2025</b> 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)	
Mon 13 Nov	Start of Anti-Bullying Week	<b>INSETS, CLOSURES &amp; BANK HOLIDAYS</b> 2 + 3 Sept, 4 Oct, 2 Dec 2024, 14 Mar 2025 Bank holidays: 5 May 2025	
Wed 15 Nov	1.30pm Open Afternoon		
Thu 16 Nov	9.05am Y3 Assembly		
Fri 17 Nov	PSA Disco TBC		
Sat 18 Nov	<b>Cross Country Competition KS 2</b>		
Mon 20 Nov	9.15am St Edmund's Day Mass		
Tue 21 Nov	<b>YR-6</b> flu vaccinations		
Fri 24 Nov	9.05am Y4 Assembly		
Mon 27 Nov	YR Advent workshop at Wintershall		
Sat 2 Dec	PSA Christmas Fair (times TBC)		
Mon 4 Dec	<b>School closed</b>		
Wed 6 Dec	7pm Choir to sing at Holy Trinity, Guildford		
Thu 7 Dec	10am Open Morning		
Mon 11 Dec	2pm Musical Concert		

**Ethos Statement 6:** I understand that rights match responsibility.



**We pray together:** Father, help us to understand that our right to live peacefully means that we have to create peace with those around us. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

**Thought for the Week:** "God has created me to do Him some definite service. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. He has not created me for nothing. Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about." *St John Henry Newman, whom the Church celebrates on 9<sup>th</sup> October.*



<b>Money Matters: second half of the Autumn Term 2023</b>	
<b>Dinners (KS2 ONLY):</b>	£102.60 (38 days at £2.70; Mon 30 Oct to Thu 21 Dec)
<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**.



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