

Newsletter 7: Friday 3rd November 2023

Dear Parents,

We will remember them – as we are now in the month of November, poppies are available from the school office. Year 6 children will be selling the poppies to children of all year groups during lunchtimes.



Parking – we have received a couple of complaints: firstly, from a neighbour in respect of cars parked on pavements down The Fairway and around the little mini-roundabout at the end of The Fairway. Parking down The Fairway is discouraged due to it being a very narrow road. Under any circumstances, no car should be parked on a pavement. Secondly, a number of cars have been parking on the double yellow lines and the zig-zags outside the school, and also directly opposite the school exit, on the other side of the road, and on the corner with The Fairway. Please park with consideration towards other road users, neighbours and pedestrians. Thank you.

Christmas Performances, dates for your diary – Reception, Years 1 & 2 will be performing a nativity at 9.30am on both Monday 11th December and Tuesday 12th December. The children of KS2 will be leading a Carol Service at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Eastgate Gardens, Guildford at 6.30pm on Monday 18th December. We have chosen this venue because it is easily large enough to accommodate all our KS2 children and parents. There will be plenty of parking in the York Road car park, which is right next to St Joseph's. We are really looking forward to these special Christmas events.



Christmas Cards – your child's design for cards, gift tags, mugs, bags, jigsaw puzzles (and more!) were received by the office this week, and forwarded on to you, via your child. If you have not yet seen it, please query this with your child. Please try and be prompt in placing your online orders, as it would be good to get all the orders in well before the end of term.

Lunch menus – just a little reminder that the menus can be viewed on our website by clicking [here](#). These will give you an indication, but can be subject to change from time to time.



All Saints & All Souls – thank you to Fr Jonathan who celebrated a beautiful All Saints Mass for us on Wednesday, a Holy Day of Obligation. The following day was All Souls, when we remembered all those who have gone before us.

School-Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) – interested in getting into teaching? Going out with this newsletter is a poster giving details of an opportunity to find out more.

Cross-country running – children in KS2 are welcome to join the first of the Cross Country competitive races on Saturday 18th November at Glebelands School in Cranleigh. If your child would like to take part, please use this [link](#) to let us know.

PSA dates – yesterday we sent out a list of forthcoming PSA events. Please watch out for further information about lots of exciting things being planned.



Builders' Sand – Mr Judge would be grateful for any donations of builders' sand which parents may be able to spare.



The Pen Shop – the children of Year 6 have opened the Pen Shop. It will be open every Friday lunchtime. The prices are: ordinary pencils 10p; push pencils 40p (KS2 only); rubbers 5p; short rulers 10p; long rulers 15p; handwriting pens 25p; glue sticks 30p; sharpeners 30p; reading records 30p; homework diaries 35p and highlighters 20p; pink and green biro's 5p. Please ensure that your child does not bring unduly large amounts of cash to school as nothing costs more than 40p.

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.

ADMISSIONS

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>

PARISH NEWS

First Holy Communion families We look forward to welcoming you to the 10.30am Mass this Sunday.

Children's Liturgy starts back this Sunday at 8.45am Mass, and all families are invited for coffee afterwards in St John's parish room.

Bumps, Babes and Toddlers is on Monday mornings 10.30am to 12 noon at St John's.

Advent Diocesan Mission "Invited" All are invited to the four sessions reflecting on the Sunday readings and the Christmas message, each with a film followed by discussion. Invited is accessible to everyone no matter where you are in your faith journey, so we look forward to welcoming you because in the Kingdom of God, we are all invited! There are lots of ways of taking part: 7.30pm Thursday evenings at Ladywell; 7.30pm Tuesday home group in Farncombe; Elstead home group (time and day tbc); Thursday evening online with the Diocese (See <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited>) The first sessions are in the w/c Monday 27th November.



IMPORTANT DATES

THIS TERM (new items in yellow)		THIS TERM cont....	
Fri 10 Nov	PSA Coffee & Cake	Thu 21 Dec	1.10pm Carols around the Tree 2pm close for Christmas
Mon 13 Nov	Start of Anti-Bullying Week	TERM DATES 2023-2024	
Wed 15 Nov	1.30pm Open Afternoon	AUT: 4 Sept-21 Dec 2023 (half-term w/c 23 Oct)	
Thu 16 Nov	9.05am Y3 Assembly	SPR: 8 Jan-28 Mar 2024 (half-term w/c 12 Feb)	
Fri 17 Nov	PSA Disco 5-6.30pm	SUM: 15 Apr-19 Jul 2024 (half-term w/c 27 May)	
Sat 18 Nov	Cross Country Competition KS 2	INSETS, CLOSURES & BANK HOLIDAYS	
Mon 20 Nov	9.15am St Edmund's Day Mass	4 Sept, 5 Sept, 6 Oct, 4 Dec 2023, 15 Mar, 3 June 2024	
Tue 21 Nov	YR-6 flu vaccinations	Bank holidays: 29 Mar, 6 May 2024	
Fri 24 Nov	9.05am Y4 Assembly	TERM DATES NEXT YEAR 2024-2025	
Mon 27 Nov	YR Advent workshop at Wintershall	AUT: 2 Sept-20 Dec 2024 (half-term w/c 28 Oct)	
Sat 2 Dec	PSA Christmas Fair (10am-1pm)	SPR: 6 Jan-4 Apr 2025 (half-term w/c 17 Feb)	
Mon 4 Dec	School closed	SUM: 22 Apr-18 Jul 2025 (half-term w/c 26 May)	
Wed 6 Dec	7pm Choir to sing at Holy Trinity, Guildford	INSETS, CLOSURES & BANK HOLIDAYS	
Thu 7 Dec	10am Open Morning	2 + 3 Sept, 4 Oct, 2 Dec 2024, 14 Mar 2025	
Mon 11 Dec	Musical Concert NEW DATE TBA	Bank holidays: 5 May 2025	
Mon 11 Dec	9.30am KS1 Christmas performance		
	PM Reindeer Run		
Tue 12 Dec	9.30am KS1 Christmas performance		
	2.45pm Rocksteady concert		
Fri 15 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch		
Mon 18 Dec	6.30pm KS2 Carol Service at St Joseph's GUILDFORD		

Ethos Statement 8: I try to be just and fair.



We pray together: Father, you are always just and you are always fair. Help us to remember that in treating others justly and fairly we build a more peaceful world. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.



Thought for the Week: Speak only if it improves upon the silence. *Mahatma Gandhi*

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



Attachment: SCITT poster, PSA Disco poster