

Newsletter 8: Friday 10th November 2023

Dear Parents,

Congratulations! – to Miss Erwin who is getting married tomorrow. From next week she will be known as Mrs Eddles. We wish her every happiness for her wedding day and the future.



Anti-bullying week – next week is 'Anti-bullying Week'. We mark the start of this important annual event by inviting children to come to school wearing odd socks by way of celebrating our difference.

Book Fair – you and your children will have the opportunity to browse and buy books in the school hall after school from Monday to Thursday next week. Historically, the school has benefited financially from the fair, all funds raised being used to enhance our school library. We do encourage you to come in and help your child choose a book and thereby encourage them to read. Thank you to those parents who have offered help; without parental support we could not run these events. On a practical note, please note that we cannot accept cheques. You can pay by cash (which must be exact) or by bank card.



Musical Concert – a letter went out yesterday inviting children to sign up to take part in this term's Musical Concert which will be at **2.20pm on Wednesday 13th December**. Please note that the children who take part in Rocksteady will have their own concert on Tuesday 12th December.

A date for your diary! This year's Crib Building at Ladywell Convent is at **5pm on Thursday 14th December**. Pre-Covid, this was an extremely popular event for our children and families in the run-up to Christmas. It was offered to us last year, though very few attended. The Sisters of Ladywell Convent are very much hoping to see as many of our children as possible at this year's Crib Building. Sister Moira Oliver, right, has been very busy knitting lots of sheep for the occasion.



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.



PSA Christmas Raffle – on Wednesday we sent out, via the eldest child of each family, an envelope containing the raffle tickets. Please do your best to buy some yourself and sell them to your family and friends. The 1st prize is £100 cash, the 2nd prize is a luxury Christmas hamper, plus other prizes.



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.

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.

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>



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 biros 5p. Please ensure that your child does not bring unduly large amounts of cash to school as nothing costs more than 40p.

PARISH NEWS

Children's Liturgy is on Sunday at 8.45am Mass at St John's, and **Bumps, Babes and Toddlers** is on Monday mornings 10.30am to 12 noon at St John's.

Advent "Invited" Everyone is invited to the four Advent 'Invited' sessions, to reflect 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! Starts w/c Monday 27th November and the options are: 7.30pm Thursday evenings at Ladywell; 7.30pm Tuesday home group in Farncombe; Thursday evening online with the Diocese <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited>

Churches Together Christmas Lunch This is for anyone who would otherwise be on their own on Christmas Day. Please email Carole: shosholozo@hotmail.com if you know of someone to invite, or if you can volunteer to help with the lunch on Christmas Day email Gillian: gmartin1502@outlook.com



IMPORTANT DATES

THIS TERM (new items in yellow)		THIS TERM cont....	
Mon 13 Nov	Odd Sock Day; Start of Anti-Bullying Week 3.15pm Book Fair (ends Thursday)	Fri 15 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
Wed 15 Nov	1.30pm Open Afternoon	Mon 18 Dec	6.30pm KS2 Carol Service at St Joseph's GUILDFORD
Thu 16 Nov	9.05am Y3 Assembly	Thu 21 Dec	1.10pm Carols around the Tree 2pm close for Christmas
Fri 17 Nov	PSA Disco 5-6.30pm	TERM DATES 2023-2024	
Sat 18 Nov	Cross Country Competition KS 2	AUT: 4 Sept-21 Dec 2023 (half-term w/c 23 Oct)	
Mon 20 Nov	9.15am St Edmund's Day Mass	SPR: 8 Jan-28 Mar 2024 (half-term w/c 12 Feb)	
Tue 21 Nov	YR-6 flu vaccinations	SUM: 15 Apr-19 Jul 2024 (half-term w/c 27 May)	
Fri 24 Nov	PSA Mufti Day - sweets	INSETS, CLOSURES & BANK HOLIDAYS	
Mon 27 Nov	YR Advent workshop at Wintershall	4 Sept, 5 Sept, 6 Oct, 4 Dec 2023, 15 Mar, 3 June 2024	
Fri 1 Dec	9.05am Y4 Assembly NEW DATE PSA Mufti Day – bottles	Bank holidays: 29 Mar, 6 May 2024	
Sat 2 Dec	PSA Christmas Fair (10am-1pm)	TERM DATES NEXT YEAR 2024-2025	
Mon 4 Dec	School closed	AUT: 2 Sept-20 Dec 2024 (half-term w/c 28 Oct)	
Wed 6 Dec	7pm Choir to sing at Holy Trinity, Guildford	SPR: 6 Jan-4 Apr 2025 (half-term w/c 17 Feb)	
Thu 7 Dec	10am Open Morning	SUM: 22 Apr-18 Jul 2025 (half-term w/c 26 May)	
Fri 8 Dec	2.30pm Parents' Forum PSA Film Show 3.30-5.15pm	INSETS, CLOSURES & BANK HOLIDAYS	
Mon 11 Dec	9.30am KS1 Christmas performance PM Reindeer Run	2 + 3 Sept, 4 Oct, 2 Dec 2024, 14 Mar 2025	
Tue 12 Dec	9.30am KS1 Christmas performance 2.45pm Rocksteady concert	Bank holidays: 5 May 2025	
Wed 13 th Dec	2.20pm Musical Concert		
Thu 14 Dec	5pm Crib Building at Ladywell Convent		

Ethos Statement 9: I can tell you how I look after myself.



We pray together: Father, you have given us a body so that we can do your work and a mind so that we can think about you. Help us to look after our body by eating well and to look after our inner lives by listening to you always. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

Thought for the Week: If you want others to be happy, then practise compassion. If you want to be happy, then practise compassion. *Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama*



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**.

