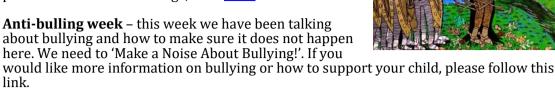
Newsletter 9: Friday 17th November 2023

Dear Parents.

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ABOUT

St Edmund – we are looking forward to St Edmund's Feast Day on Monday. Fr Jonathan will be celebrating Mass for us in the school hall at 9.15am. All are welcome to join us! For more interesting information about the saint who was England's patron saint before St George, click here-edmund/.





Photos and videos – please could we remind all parents that no photographs or videos taken by parents in school, particularly of class assemblies, plays or productions, should be shared on social media.

Cross-country running – many of our children are excited about the first of a number of cross country races taking place over the forthcoming weeks. Good luck to everyone who will be taking part in tomorrow's race from 1pm at Glebelands School in Cranleigh.

Book Fair – thank you all very much for supporting this week's Book Fair. It was lovely to see the children so eager to choose books to take home and read. Thank you to those parents who were able to run it for us.

Local Governing Committee (formerly the Governing Body) – meetings of the LGC are open to all parents. However, if you wish to attend, you will need to give a week's notice in writing to the Chair of Governors, via the school office. The dates for this academic year are 8am on 8th December, 2nd February, 15th March, 3rd May and 12th July.



Musical Concert – a letter went out last week inviting children to sign up to take part in this term's Musical Concert which will be at **2.20pm** on **Wednesday 13**th **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 Dec.

Mufti Days ... what are they and what is their purpose? A Mufti Day is a day when children are allowed to wear their home clothes in school. However, in order to earn the privilege of wearing mufti, they have to bring something to school. For instance, for next Friday's Mufti Day children are asked to bring sweets to school (sweets which will be sold at the forthcoming PSA Christmas Market). The following Friday there will be another Mufti Day when children are



asked to bring bottles to school, bottles of something you may want to win at the tombola stall. There are other Mufti Days during the course of the school year when children are asked to bring a donation of money in order to raise money for specific charities.

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.

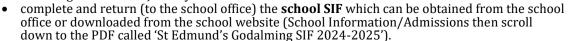


PSA Christmas Raffle – on Wednesday we sent out, via the eldest child of each family, an envelope containing the raffle tickets. Please do your best to buy some yourself and sell them to your family and friends. The 1^{st} prize is £100 cash, the 2^{nd} prize is a luxury Christmas hamper, plus other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

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 <u>this</u> 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 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-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

First Holy Communion We welcome FHC families to the St Edmund's Vigil Mass at 6pm on Saturday evening.

Please join us for coffee after 8.45am Mass at St John's. Children's Liturgy as usual.

Advent 'Invited' Please join us for a series of four evening sessions during Advent, at which there will be a short film followed by discussion. The focus is on the themes of the Advent readings, with a great selection of inspiring guest speakers. If you can't make the in-person groups on Tuesday or Thursday evenings there's the opportunity for you to join an online group where you can watch and then discuss the films with others, growing in fellowship and praying with like-minded people. More information on the parish website:

https://www.stedsgod.com/news/invited-advent-2023

IMPORTANT DATES				
THIS TERM (new items in yellow)		THIS TERM cont		
Fri 17 Nov	PSA Disco 5-6.30pm	Mon 18 Dec	6.30pm KS2 Carol Service at St Joseph's	
Sat 18 Nov	Cross Country Competition KS 2	11011 10 500	GUILDFORD	
Mon 20 Nov	9.15am St Edmund's Day Mass	Thu 21 Dec	1.10pm Carols around the Tree	
Tue 21 Nov	YR-6 flu vaccinations		2pm close for Christmas	
Fri 24 Nov	PSA Mufti Day - sweets		1	
Mon 27 Nov	YR Advent workshop at Wintershall	TERM DATES 2023-2024		
Fri 1 Dec	9.05am Y4 Assembly NEW DATE		21 Dec 2023 (half-term w/c 23 Oct)	
	PSA Mufti Day – bottles		Mar 2024 (half-term w/c 12 Feb)	
Sat 2 Dec	PSA Christmas Fair (10am-1pm)	SUM : 15 Apr-	19 Jul 2024 (half-term w/c 27 May)	
Mon 4 Dec	School closed			
Wed 6 Dec	7pm Choir to sing at Holy Trinity, Guildford		SURES & BANK HOLIDAYS	
Thu 7 Dec	10am Open Morning		, 6 Oct, 4 Dec 2023, 15 Mar, 3 June 2024	
Fri 8 Dec	8am meeting of the LGC	Bank holidays	s: 29 Mar, 6 May 2024	
	Y4 Greek Day			
	2.30pm Parents' Forum	TERM DATES	S NEXT YEAR 2024-2025	
W 44 D	PSA Film Show 3.30-5.15pm			
Mon 11 Dec	9.30am KS1 Christmas performance		20 Dec 2024 (half-term w/c 28 Oct)	
T 12 D	PM Reindeer Run		Apr 2025 (half-term w/c 17 Feb)	
Tue 12 Dec	9.30am KS1 Christmas performance	SUM : 22 Apr-	18 Jul 2025 (half-term w/c 26 May)	
Wed 12th Dec	2.45pm Rocksteady concert	INCETE CLOS	CUDEC O DANK HOLIDAYC	
Wed 13th Dec			SURES & BANK HOLIDAYS	
Thu 14 Dec	5pm Crib Building at Ladywell Convent		Oct, 2 Dec 2024, 14 Mar 2025	
Fri 15 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day & Lunch	Bank nondays	s: 5 May 2025	

Ethos Statement 10: I think before I make choices that affect my health.

We pray together: Father, you created us to look after ourselves that we might be strong and steadfast workers for you. Help us to do our best to keep ourselves well by making the right choices. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.



Thought for the Week: Keep your heart in peace and let nothing trouble you, not even your faults. You must humble yourself and amend them peacefully, without being discouraged or cast down, for God's dwelling is in peace. *St Margaret Mary Alacoque.*



Money Matters: second h <mark>alf of the Autumn Term 2023</mark>			
Dinners (KS2 ONLY):	.60 (38 days at £2.70; Mon 30 Oct to Thu 21 Dec)		
Governors' Fund:	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		
	5 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**.

