

# Newsletter 9: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents,

**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](#).




**Anti-bullying week** – this week we have been talking about bullying and how to make sure it does not happen here. We need to 'Make a Noise About Bullying!'. If you would like more information on bullying or how to support your child, please follow this [link](#).

**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 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 15<sup>th</sup> March, 3<sup>rd</sup> May and 12<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> December**. Please note that the children who take part in Rocksteady will have their own concert on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

**A date for your diary!** This year's Crib Building at Ladywell Convent is at **5pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>st</sup> prize is £100 cash, the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 [this link](#).

## ADMISSIONS

**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>



**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**

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

**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 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.stedmundschoolpsa.co.uk](http://www.stedmundschoolpsa.co.uk)

<b>Confused by jargon?</b>	Try our glossary or Frequently Asked Questions pages under "School Information"
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**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**.

