

Newsletter 10: Friday 24th November 2023

Dear Parents,

Christ the King – it is amazing to think how quickly the year is going by; this Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King and marks the end of the current liturgical year. The following Sunday will be the First Sunday of Advent.

Advent Workshop – the children of Year R are off to Wintershall on Monday for what we are sure will be a wonderful Advent Workshop.

Photographs – all the photographs which were ordered by you were distributed to the children earlier this week. If you haven't received yours, then please ask your child.

Classfundraising – Christmas cards, gift tags, wrapping paper, mugs, bags and tea-towels were handed out to the children this week. Hopefully all the Classteachers have now handed them out.



Some Christmas dates

Christmas Performances – below is a summary of the Christmas performances. You can book your tickets (two tickets maximum) via the form we will shortly be sending out.



Wednesday 6 th December	KS2 choir to sing at Holy Trinity, High Street, Guildford
Monday 11 th December	9.30am YR-2 performance
Tuesday 12 th December	9.30am YR-2 performance
Monday 18 th December	6.30pm KS2 Carol Concert at St Joseph's, Guildford. No tickets necessary



Uniform – we have just been informed by Ballet-Hoo that they will no longer be supplying those items of our school uniform which are unique to us (the items with our school logo and our school tie). Ballet-Hoo currently has some of our school uniform in stock and will continue to sell it until it is gone. From now until the end of the year they will be reducing the cost of what stock they currently have by 10%. To order online from Ballet-Hoo (until the stock is exhausted) you can use this link: <https://ballethoodancewear.co.uk/school/st-edmunds-catholic-primary-school/> Also, as you know, the uniform is available online from **Premier Schoolwear**, the link to which is here: <https://www.premierschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/st-edmunds/>

Book Fair – just a quick line to let you know that, thanks to your having bought books for your children, you have raised £412 for our school library! Thank you so much for supporting this important school event.

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.

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 today's Mufti Day children were asked to bring sweets to school (sweets which will be sold at the forthcoming PSA Christmas Market). Next 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.



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

PARISH NEWS

- **'Invited' is starting!** The first sessions are this week, and one each week during Advent, with a film and a discussion. There are groups on Tuesday afternoons, and Tuesday/Thursday evenings. Please do come along, everyone is 'Invited'! More information at <https://www.stedsgod.com/news/invited-advent-2023>
- **Day of Prayer for Peace** On Saturday 9th December both our parish churches will be open: St Edmund's Church from 11am to 1pm and St Joseph's Church from 1pm to 3pm. Please come and pray for peace in our world; Fr Jonathan will be available for Advent confessions for the first hour at each church.
- **Support PACT's Christmas family days at HMP Send** The Guildford parish is appealing for gifts and vouchers for children visiting their family members in prison at Christmas at HMP Send. If you would like to contribute donations must be made by 4 December. More info at: <https://cpg.churchsuite.com/events/3ngp1zqp>
- **Vacancy for Pastoral Assistant at Ladywell** Apply by end November. More information from: recruitment@ladywell.org.uk



IMPORTANT DATES

THIS TERM (new items in yellow)		THIS TERM cont....	
Mon 27 Nov	YR Advent workshop at Wintershall	Thu 21 Dec	1.10pm Carols around the Tree 2pm close for Christmas
Fri 1 Dec	9.05am Y4 Assembly NEW DATE PSA Mufti Day – bottles	TERM DATES 2023-2024 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)	
Sat 2 Dec	PSA Christmas Fair (10am-1pm)	INSETS, CLOSURES & BANK HOLIDAYS 4 Sept, 5 Sept, 6 Oct, 4 Dec 2023, 15 Mar, 3 June 2024 Bank holidays: 29 Mar, 6 May 2024	
Mon 4 Dec	School closed	TERM DATES NEXT YEAR 2024-2025 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)	
Wed 6 Dec	7pm Choir to sing at Holy Trinity, Guildford	INSETS, CLOSURES & BANK HOLIDAYS 2 + 3 Sept, 4 Oct, 2 Dec 2024, 14 Mar 2025 Bank holidays: 5 May 2025	
Thu 7 Dec	10am Open Morning		
Fri 8 Dec	8am meeting of the LGC Y4 Greek Day 2.30pm Parents' Forum PSA Film Show 3.30-5.15pm		
Mon 11 Dec	9.30am YR-2 Christmas performance PM Reindeer Run		
Tue 12 Dec	9.30am YR-2 Christmas performance 2.45pm Rocksteady concert		
Wed 13 th Dec	2.20pm Musical Concert		
Thu 14 Dec	5pm Crib Building at Ladywell Convent		
Fri 15 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day & Lunch		
Mon 18 Dec	6.30pm KS2 Carol Service at St Joseph's GUILDFORD		

Ethos Statement 11: I can work, play, rest and pray each day.



We pray together: Father, help us to do all things in your name: to work for you, to rejoice in moments of play and rest and to spend time with you in a special way when we pray. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

Thought for the Week: Trust the Lord with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know. Remember the Lord in everything you do, and he will show you the right way.
Proverbs 3:5-6



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
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.stedmundschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2,3&pid=14&viewid=1
Copies of the newsletters	http://www.stedmundschool.co.uk/page/?title=Newsletters&pid=93
Clubs booking forms	http://www.stedmundschool.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**.

