

# Newsletter 12: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents,

**Key Stage One Christmas performance tickets** – thank you all very much for keeping to the two tickets per family allocation. We can confirm that you all have tickets as per your requests. We won't be issuing actual tickets, but we will have a list, on the door, of all those who requested tickets for each performance. The children have been working very hard for the performances which are on Monday and Tuesday of next week, starting at 9.30am.



**Christmas Fair** – thank you so much to everyone who supported last Saturday's Christmas Fair by either organising it or attending it. Everyone had great fun. The PSA is busy counting the proceeds and will let us know the outcome in due course. Thank you everyone!

## Christmas dates and fun ....

### Christmas Events

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30am YR-2 performance  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30am YR-2 performance  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 6.30pm KS2 Carol Concert at St Joseph's, Guildford (no tickets necessary)



**The Travelling Cribs and Donkeys** – these have now started travelling through our families. We do hope that you will make the most of this lovely opportunity to reflect more carefully on Advent.

**The Christmas Fun Run** – this will be taking place on Monday afternoon. Please do your best to sponsor your child, as we would love to raise good funds to support the work of the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice in Farnham.

**Christmas Jumper Day** – children are invited to wear a fun Christmas jumper on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Please bring a small donation which will go to The Meath charity in Godalming.

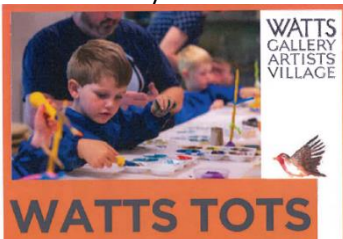
**Admissions Consultation 2025-2026** – please click [here](#) to refer to our mandatory consultation process for the 2025-2026 academic year.

**Hoping for a place in Reception next year?** – **it is imperative that you complete (and return to our school office) our own school SIF** (going out with this newsletter) and also apply online to Surrey County Council. See below for more details.



**Planet Soccer Clubs** – the Planet Soccer clubs for next term are now live on their booking system. They will be running clubs as follows: Y1+2 Gymnastics, Y5+6 Football and, a new club, KS2 Dodgeball. Here is the link to make your booking. [Planet Soccer Clubs 2 - Booking by Bookwhen](#)

**Creative Writing Club** – on Tuesday of this week we sent home to the parents of KS2 children details of a new Creative Writing Club to be run after school next term. The flier has been loaded onto our website (School Information/Clubs and Activities).



**Watts Tots** – going out with this newsletter is information from the Watts Gallery about workshops for the Under 5s. Also going out is information about Christmas family fun events at the Watts Gallery.

**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>



## PARISH NEWS

- **Ladywell Crib Building Service** is at 5pm on 14 December in the Chapel. All are warmly welcome for this beautiful interactive children's Christmas service.
- **Parish Advent Carol Service** is at Ladywell convent at 2pm on Sunday 17 December in the main chapel. The Sisters will be handing out bags of homemade mince pies at the end of the Service!
- **Children's Liturgy at 8.45am Mass** The last session of the year is on Sunday 17 December, and sessions start again on Sunday 14 January. There is **Coffee after Mass** on 17th – please come and join us.
- **Bumps & Babes** the last session of the year is on Monday 11th December, and the group starts in the New Year on Monday 8th January.
- **Wintershall Nativity** Tickets are still available for some performances on 14, 16, 17 & 18th. Book tickets asap: <https://www.wintershall.org.uk>
- **Christmas Mass times** Christmas Eve: **5pm Vigil Mass of Christmas** (St Joseph's) Children are invited to wear nativity themed fancy dress if they would like to; **7pm Vigil Mass of Christmas** (St Edmund's); **10pm Mass of Christmas Night** (St Edmund's). Christmas Day: 8.45am Mass at St John's and 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's.



## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>THIS TERM</b> (new items in yellow)		<b>TERM DATES 2023-2024</b>	
Fri 8 Dec	PSA Film Show 3.30-5.15pm	<b>AUT:</b> 4 Sept-21 Dec 2023 (half-term w/c 23 Oct)	
Mon 11 Dec	9.30am YR-2 Christmas performance PM Christmas Fun Run	<b>SPR:</b> 8 Jan-28 Mar 2024 (half-term w/c 12 Feb)	
Tue 12 Dec	9.30am YR-2 Christmas performance 2.45pm Rocksteady concert	<b>SUM:</b> 15 Apr-19 Jul 2024 (half-term w/c 27 May)	
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.20pm Musical Concert	<b>INSETS, CLOSURES &amp; BANK HOLIDAYS</b> 4 Sept, 5 Sept, 6 Oct, 4 Dec 2023, 15 Mar, 3 June 2024 Bank holidays: 29 Mar, 6 May 2024	
Thu 14 Dec	5pm Crib Building at Ladywell Convent	<b>TERM DATES NEXT YEAR 2024-2025</b>	
Fri 15 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day & Lunch	<b>AUT:</b> 2 Sept-20 Dec 2024 (half-term w/c 28 Oct)	
Mon 18 Dec	6.30pm KS2 Carol Service at St Joseph's GUILDFORD	<b>SPR:</b> 6 Jan-4 Apr 2025 (half-term w/c 17 Feb)	
<b>Wed 20 Dec</b>	Class parties	<b>SUM:</b> 22 Apr-18 Jul 2025 (half-term w/c 26 May)	
Thu 21 Dec	1.10pm Carols around the Tree 2pm close for Christmas	<b>INSETS, CLOSURES &amp; BANK HOLIDAYS</b> 2 + 3 Sept, 4 Oct, 2 Dec 2024, 14 Mar 2025 Bank holidays: 5 May 2025	

**Ethos Statement 13:** I try to love others as I love myself.



**We pray together:** Father, you command us to love others to the extent that we love ourselves. Grant us the grace to do this, especially for those with whom we don't get on. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN

**Thought for the Week:** Children, I beseech you to correct your hearts and thoughts, so that you may be pleasing to God. Consider that, although we may reckon ourselves to be righteous, we can conceal nothing from God. *St Nicholas, whom the Church remembered this week.*



<b>Money Matters: first half of the Spring Term 2024</b>	
<b>Dinners (KS2 ONLY):</b>	£67.50 (25 days at £2.70; Mon 8 Jan to Fri 9 Feb)
<b>Governors' Fund:</b>	£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
<b>Clubhouse:</b>	£6.75 am session; £14.50 pm session
<b>PSA Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk">www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk</a>
<b>Confused by jargon?</b>	Try our glossary or Frequently Asked Questions pages under "School Information"
<b>Still confused?</b>	Then email <a href="mailto:info@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk">info@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk</a> or call 01483 414497
<b>Dates for the year ahead</b>	<a href="http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2,3&amp;pid=14&amp;viewid=1">http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2,3&amp;pid=14&amp;viewid=1</a>
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<b>Clubs booking forms</b>	<a href="http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=Clubs+and+Activities&amp;pid=34">http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=Clubs+and+Activities&amp;pid=34</a>

## 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: 2 fliers from Watts Gallery, SIF