

Newsletter 14: Friday 12th January 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! – it is great to see all the children back in school, we hope that you all had a lovely Christmas holiday. We want, once again, to express our gratitude to you for the many presents which were given to staff at the end of last term. These were greatly appreciated.



Mr Lewin – from this term Mr Lewin (former Headteacher at St Thomas of Canterbury in Guildford, and now working with the Xavier Catholic Education Trust) will be with us on Thursdays working on a project with the Senior Leadership Team. Should you see him at the gate, please be sure to give him a warm St Edmund's welcome.

Chorister Day at Guildford Cathedral – please look at the flier going out with this newsletter regarding a wonderful opportunity for children to sing at Guildford Cathedral on 20th January. Mr Ellson, who teaches singing in Year 3 and 4, will be singing there on the day too.



Lots going on! – please make a note of all the dates which are given overleaf of things going on this term. The children of Year 1 will be putting on an assembly for the school and their parents on Friday 2nd February at 9.05am. Years R, 2, 3, 4 and 5 have trips this term; watch out for information which will come out in due course. In the meantime, Mrs Higgins and other staff members are looking forward to taking 56 of our Key Stage Two children to the 02 Arena in London for this year's Young Voices concert next Thursday.

Dinner money – please ensure that your child's school dinner account is kept up to date and that it doesn't fall into deficit. Surrey County Council requires dinners to be paid for in advance.

Sore chapped lips! – a number of children are coming through to the office asking for lip balm for their sore lips, which is quite a common problem during a really cold snap. If your child has sore / chapped lips, please could we ask you to send them to school with their own lip balm.



Year 6 Science – the children of Year 6 are very lucky to have been offered Science lessons at Charterhouse School for three consecutive Tuesday afternoons this term, starting on Tuesday 16th January.



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 school Supplementary Information Form SIF). **The closing date for applications is next Monday, 15th January.**



Here to Help! – our parish has a Saint Vincent De Paul (SVP) group. The SVP's vision is to help individuals and families who are in any form of need so that they can have hope. The SVP offers practical help through befriending and support. The support can range from practical help with everyday matters and concerns to visiting the housebound and lonely. The support can be financial, but money is never given directly to people. If you or if you know of someone who would benefit from help from the SVP please contact us on 07379 108009

Clubs – below are the start and end dates of clubs this term.

DAY	WHAT	LEAD BY	FOR WHOM	FROM DATE	END DATE
Mon	Choir	Mrs Higgins	Y3-6	08/01	15/01
	Creative Writing	Mrs Spence	Y3-6	22/01	25/03
	Football	Kickstart	Y1-2	08/01	25/03
Tue	Sewing	Marta Doroszkiwicz	KS2	09/01	26/03
Wed	Dodgeball	Planet Soccer	Y3-6	10/01	27/03
	Tennis	Tennis England	All	17/01	20/03
	Football	Kickstart	Y3-4	10/01	27/03
	Gymnastics	Planet Soccer	Y1-2	10/01	27/03
Thu	Basketball	Kidz B-Ballin'	Y3-6	11/01	21/03
	Multi-Sports	G/ming College students + staff	Y3-6	11/01	TBC
Fri	Running	Mrs Higgins	Y3-6	12/01	TBC
	Football	Planet Soccer	Y5-6	12/01	22/03

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](#).



PARISH NEWS

- **Children's Liturgy** starts this Sunday at St John's during 8.45 Mass; new families are very welcome. Our parish **Bumps & Babes group** is on Monday mornings at St John's; more info: <https://www.stedsgod.com/babes-and-baptism>
- **Coffee after 8.45am Sunday Mass at St John's** Please join us after Mass – we'd love to meet you, and it's a chance to meet and chat with others in our parish family.
- **Adoration/quiet prayer times during the week** There is Adoration on Tuesday 16th from 9-9.30am at St Joseph's church; and 9-9.30am at St Edmund's church on Friday 19th. This is an opportunity for quiet prayer, as well as part of our parish prayer support for the new diocesan pastoral plan.
- **Franciscan Centre Administrator** This is a new job opportunity at Ladywell working in a key role within the Franciscan Centre team providing administrative support to the Director. £29k+, full time. <https://franciscancentre.org.uk/about/vacancies/>
- **Trinity Trust Team Youth Group - Fusion** is on Wednesday evenings at Godalming Baptist Church, 6-7.15pm for primary & junior school age children, with games, craft, bible stories, songs, and snacks. More info at: <https://www.trinitytrustteam.co.uk/>

IMPORTANT DATES

<p>THIS TERM (new items in yellow)</p> <p>Thu 18 Jan Choir to 02 Arena</p> <p>Fri 2 Feb 8am meeting of the LGC 9.05am Year 1 Class Assembly</p> <p>Mon 5 Feb Parent Consultations</p> <p>Tue 6 Feb Safer Internet Day</p> <p>Wed 7 Feb Parent Consultations</p> <p>Fri 9 Feb Y5 to Chertsey Museum 3.20pm close for half term holiday</p> <p>Mon 19 Feb Children return to school</p> <p>Wed 21 Feb Y3 to Winchester Science Centre</p> <p>Fri 23 Feb Y2 to Brooklands Museum</p> <p>Tue 27 Feb YR to Little Street, Rudgwick</p> <p>Fri 1 Mar 9.05am Y2 Class Assembly Y4 to Fishbourne Roman Palace</p> <p>Fri 8 Mar World Book Day Y6 Lent Retreat</p> <p>Fri 15 Mar INSET DAY - school closed</p> <p>Fri 22 Mar 8am meeting of the LGC</p> <p>Tue 26 Mar 2.45pm Rocksteady Concert</p> <p>Thu 28 Mar 2pm early close for Easter Holiday</p>	<p>TERM DATES 2023-2024 SPR: 8 Jan-28 Mar 2024 (half-term w/c 12 Feb) SUM: 15 Apr-19 Jul 2024 (half-term w/c 27 May)</p> <p>INSETS, CLOSURES & BANK HOLIDAYS 15 Mar, 3 June 2024 Bank holidays: 29 Mar, 6 May 2024</p> <p>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)</p> <p>INSETS, CLOSURES & BANK HOLIDAYS 2 + 3 Sept, 4 Oct, 2 Dec 2024, 14 Mar 2025 Bank holidays: 5 May 2025</p>
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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: Charity may be a very short word, but with its tremendous meaning of pure love, it sums up man's entire relation to God and to his neighbour. *St Aelred of Rievaulx, whom the Church remembers today, Friday 12th January.*

Money Matters: first half of the Spring Term 2024	
Dinners (KS2 ONLY):	£67.50 (25 days at £2.70; Mon 8 Jan to Fri 9 Feb)
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**.

