

# Newsletter 15: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents,

**Young Voices 24** – the choir had a fantastic time performing at the O2 yesterday at the Young Voices Concert. They performed many songs including hits from Matilda, a pop medley and many more with a choir of over 8,000 children. What a wonderful experience!



**Year 6 Science** – the children of Year 6 had a really interesting trip to Charterhouse School on Tuesday. Jacob and Alisia said, “We did chemistry. To start, we were split into two groups. The teacher, the Head of Chemistry, mixed a cold liquid with zinc filings; this caused the liquid to heat up very quickly. It was really hot! We did another experiment in which we mixed copper carbonate with sulphuric acid; it turned a bluey-green. When we stirred it with a glass rod, it became see-through. We really enjoyed the lesson and are looking forward to going back next week.” Year 6 will be going back for a further two lessons.

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**Chorister Day at Guildford Cathedral** – please refer to the flier which went out last Friday regarding a wonderful opportunity for children to sing at Guildford Cathedral **tomorrow**. Mr Ellson, who teaches singing in Year 3 and 4, will be singing there on the day too.



**Leaving a message for the office?** – if you are leaving a message regarding your child, please ensure that you include not only their full name (first and surname) but also their year group. Also, if your child is going to be out in the morning, then please let us know a) if your child normally has a school dinner and, b) if he/she will be back in time for lunch.



**Anyone for tennis?** – just to mention that Mr Lloyd has plenty of room for children to join his after-school tennis club on Wednesdays. Here’s the link to their information on our website: <https://www.stedmundschool.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1731&type=pdf>

**Italian** – this term we are launching ‘Italian Phrase of the Week’, which will be announced in assembly and displayed in each classroom.

Children and adults are encouraged to learn the phrase and use it around school; they can also teach you at home! This week’s phrase is: “Come ti chiami?” (what is your name?), and “Mi chiamo ....” (my name is...).



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**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.



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

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

DAY	WHAT	LEAD BY	FOR WHOM	FROM DATE	END DATE
Mon	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
Thu	Gymnastics	Planet Soccer	Y1-2	10/01	27/03
	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**

**First Holy Communion Families** This weekend the parish looks forward to welcoming FHC families to 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's Milford.

**Coffee after 8.45am Sunday Mass at St John's** If you're at this Mass this weekend please join us afterwards – we'd love to meet you, and it's a chance to meet and chat with others in our parish family.

**Children's Liturgy** takes place on Sundays 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>

**Adoration/quiet prayer times during the week** There is Adoration on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> from 9-9.30am and on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 10-11am, both at St Edmund's church on Friday 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 in the Franciscan Centre team providing admin support to the Director. £29k+, full time. Apply by end of January, email: [recruitment@ladywell.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@ladywell.org.uk)

**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**

**THIS TERM (new items in yellow)**

Fri 2 Feb	8am meeting of the LGC
Mon 5 Feb	9.05am Year 1 Class Assembly
Tue 6 Feb	Parent Consultations
Tue 6 Feb	Safer Internet Day
Wed 7 Feb	Parent Consultations
Fri 9 Feb	<b>Red Mufti Day for British Heart Foundation</b>
	Y5 to Chertsey Museum
	3.20pm close for half term holiday
Mon 19 Feb	Children return to school
Wed 21 Feb	Y3 to Winchester Science Centre
Fri 23 Feb	Y2 to Brooklands Museum
Tue 27 Feb	YR to Little Street, Rudgwick
Fri 1 Mar	9.05am Y2 Class Assembly
	Y4 to Fishbourne Roman Palace
Fri 8 Mar	World Book Day
	Y6 Lent Retreat
Fri 15 Mar	<b>INSET DAY - school closed</b>
Fri 22 Mar	8am meeting of the LGC
Tue 26 Mar	2.45pm Rocksteady Concert
Thu 28 Mar	2pm early close for Easter Holiday

**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)

**INSETS, CLOSURES & BANK HOLIDAYS**

15 Mar, 3 June 2024  
 Bank holidays: 29 Mar, 6 May 2024

**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)

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2 + 3 Sept, 4 Oct, 2 Dec 2024, 14 Mar 2025  
 Bank holidays: 5 May 2025



**Ethos Statement 14:** I try to follow our school and classroom rules.

**We pray together:** Father, you give us rules to keep us and others safe and close to you. Help us to do our very best to be obedient to both your rules and the rules at school. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.



**Thought for the Week:** My religion is very simple. My religion is kindness. *The Dalai Lama*

**Money Matters: first half of the Spring Term 2024**

<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 <a href="mailto:info@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk">✉ info@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk</a> or <a href="tel:01483414497">☎ 01483 414497</a>
<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>
<b>Copies of the newsletters</b>	<a href="http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=Newsletters&amp;pid=93">http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=Newsletters&amp;pid=93</a>
<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**.

