

Newsletter 16: Friday 26th January 2024

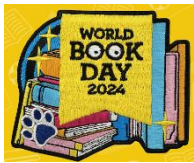
Dear Parents,

Year 6 Science – the children of Year 6 had another really interesting trip to Charterhouse School on Tuesday. Max and Freddie say: *“This week, we learned about physics, particularly gravity. We were given an egg and £1; we had to spend the £1 on items (paper, drinking straws, string and Sellotape) we thought would best protect the eggs in the experiments. Most people made a parachute for the egg. Some of us wrapped the egg up in the straws. In the first experiment the egg was attached to a vehicle and we had to design a crumple zone to protect the egg. The vehicle was then set down a ramp, bumping into a barrier (most of the eggs broke). Finally, we dropped more eggs off a roof (see right) using parachutes. We enjoyed it all, and we learned that if you protect an egg well it was possible to stop it from getting broken.”*



Pizza collection – if you have ordered pizza dough from Doughies (PSA), please remember to collect it from the school hall **from 2.30pm today**.

Parent Consultations – we are looking forward to talking to you at our forthcoming video/online Parent Consultations (Monday 5th February and Wednesday 7th February. Bookings for Parent Consultations will be open from **7.30am on Monday 29th January** by following this link: <https://stedmundsprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/>



World Book Day – this is advance warning of our World Book Day which will be on Friday 8th March. Children may come to school that day dressed as their favourite book character. What a fun day it is going to be, a day which we hope will help children to be encouraged to pick up a book and read.

Red Mufti Day – one of our members of staff has a son who has recently had heart surgery. We are inviting you to go red for the British Heart Foundation on **Friday 9th February**. All donations will be sent to the British Heart Foundation.



Stargazing – we have had a really strong response to this. As we mentioned in our letter, places are limited to 30 families and priority will be given to those who have not yet attended this before. We will let you know next week which families are invited to attend.

St Edmund's Science Fair – following our recent email concerning this year's Science Fair, thank you to the many children who have signed up to take part in this. Their projects will be on display in the classrooms after school on Wednesday 28th February. Please do come in and have a look at them. Winners will be announced after the half-term holiday.



Listen again – this term, at the end of our assembly, we are listening to a different piece of music. So far we have heard [Vivaldi's Four Seasons \(Winter\)](#), [Hedwig's Theme](#) from Harry Potter, [Ode to Joy](#) by Beethoven. Over the course of the year, we hope to introduce the children to a wide range of music.

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 the club information on our website: <https://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1731&type=pdf>



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

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.

Italian – this week's Italian phrase, “Come stai?” / “How are you?” “Sto bene grazie”, “I'm fine thank you.”



PARISH NEWS

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** meets 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 Saturday 27th 10-11am, and 9am-9.30am on Thursday 1st, both at St Edmund's church. This is an opportunity for quiet prayer, as well as part of our parish prayer support for the new diocesan pastoral plan.

Live Simply This parish group takes up Pope Francis' call to care for our common home following the principles of living simply, sustainably and in solidarity with those in poverty. New members are always welcome and if you'd like to find out more about joining, please email: jolewry@aol.com

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)

Mon 29 Jan	7.30am bookings open for Parent Consultations
Fri 2 Feb	8am meeting of the LGC 9.05am Year 1 Class Assembly
Mon 5 Feb	Parent Consultations
Tue 6 Feb	Safer Internet Day
Wed 7 Feb	Parent Consultations
Thu 8 Feb	6.30pm Stargazing
Fri 9 Feb	Red Mufti Day for British Heart Foundation 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
Wed 28 Feb	Science Fair
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	INSET DAY - school closed
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 15: I know that I belong to a community that includes my school.



We pray together: Father, you give us the gift of belonging. Help us never to forget that it is your community which nourishes and helps us through the ups and downs of life. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

Thought for the Week: You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running, to work by working; you learn to love by loving. *St Francis de Sales whom the Church remembered on Wednesday.*



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

