

Newsletter 17: Friday 2nd February 2024

Dear Parents,

Children's Mental Health Week – starts next week and is an opportunity to shine a spotlight on children and young people's mental health. The theme this year is 'My voice matters!' We want to empower, equip and give a voice to all children and young people in the UK.



Stargazing – everyone who applied for a place will have received an email this week letting them know if they have been successful or not. Should anyone drop out, we will operate a waiting list based on a first-come, first-served basis.

Year 1 Class assembly – well done to the children of Year 1 who put on an excellent assembly on the theme of 'Space' today. Thank you to Mrs Eddles and support staff for preparing the children so well.

Science – Harriet, Séarlait and Yocchan told us: *"This week we did experiments with maggots, to see how quickly or slowly they moved depending on the light. The maggots were dipped into a blue dye and then put onto a piece of paper. We found that they moved more slowly in the dark because, in the dark, they had no predators and were not in a rush. Then we had a chemistry show during which lots of things were set on fire. We looked at different elements and metals to see how they reacted with fire. We created a mini fire of London! One of the chemistry experiments was to show how much sugar was in a jelly baby, one was put it into a test tube of warm chemicals, and it exploded."*



Received an SMS text from school/Arbor? – if you receive an SMS text from school and need to respond, please do not text back but call the office instead because inbound SMS messages are not necessarily monitored. Thank you.

Cross country – we are hoping that those KS2 children taking part in the event at 3pm at Rodborough on Saturday will enjoy it and do well. This is a new event and is now being organised and run by Waverley Harriers. Any KS2 child is welcome to join. Mrs Higgins and Mrs McCarthy will be there.



Safer Internet Day 2024 – will take place on the 6th February 2024, with celebrations and learning based around the theme *'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'*. Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety.



Parent Consultations – we are looking forward to talking to you at next week's Parent Consultations (Monday 5th February and Wednesday 7th February). If you have not yet booked an appointment, or are having trouble doing so, please let the office know we will be able to allocate you an appointment.

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.



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 week we had the Mendelssohn's [Wedding March](#). Previously, 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.



Family Learning Spring Course – we attach a flier giving information about the courses which are available to book. For more information, please email family.learning@surreycc.gov.uk

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, "Buongiorno" (Good day); "Buon Pomeriggio" (Good afternoon)

PARISH NEWS

First Holy Communion Families This weekend the parish looks forward to welcoming FHC families to the 6pm Vigil Mass at St Edmund's Godalming.

Parish Community Groups 'Taste and See' We have three very friendly and active groups in the parish, meeting regularly for a range of activities, and if you would like an opportunity to find out more/sign up to join a group, please come and join the gathering at Milford Village Hall from 12.30pm on **Sunday 11 February** for some fellowship and seasonal activities. Expect pancake races and fancy masks!

What is your view about our churches? The parish is looking at the options for the future in regards to our buildings and Fr Jonathan asks you to complete the online questionnaire before 18 March, which is available on the parish website at: <https://www.stedsgod.com/news/our-churches>

Lent Small Groups Please have a think about joining a small group this Lent for some relaxed faith sharing. Sessions are at Ladywell on Thursday evenings from 22 February, 7pm refreshments for 7.30pm start; you can sign up via the website calendar or at <https://stedsgod.churchsuite.com/events/1plgtpdk>

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>



IMPORTANT DATES

THIS TERM (new items in yellow)		THIS TERM cont ...	
Mon 5 Feb	Children's Mental Health Week Parent Consultations	Fri 22 Mar	8am meeting of the LGC Tue 26 Mar 2.45pm Rocksteady Concert
Tue 6 Feb	Safer Internet Day	Thu 28 Mar	2pm early close for Easter Holiday
Wed 7 Feb	Parent Consultations	TERM DATES 2023-2024	
Thu 8 Feb	Y2 Fire Safety Visitor 6.30pm Stargazing	SPR: 8 Jan-28 Mar 2024 (half-term w/c 12 Feb)	
Fri 9 Feb	Red Mufti Day for British Heart Foundation Y5 to Chertsey Museum 3.20pm close for half term holiday	SUM: 15 Apr-19 Jul 2024 (half-term w/c 27 May)	
Mon 19 Feb	Children return to school	INSETS, CLOSURES & BANK HOLIDAYS	
Wed 21 Feb	Y3 to Winchester Science Centre	15 Mar, 3 June 2024	
Fri 23 Feb	Y2 to Brooklands Museum 5.30pm PSA Valentine Disco	Bank holidays: 29 Mar, 6 May 2024	
Tue 27 Feb	YR to Little Street, Rudgwick	TERM DATES NEXT YEAR 2024-2025	
Wed 28 Feb	Science Fair	AUT: 2 Sept-20 Dec 2024 (half-term w/c 28 Oct)	
Fri 1 Mar	9.05am Y2 Class Assembly Y4 to Fishbourne Roman Palace	SPR: 6 Jan-4 Apr 2025 (half-term w/c 17 Feb)	
Fri 8 Mar	World Book Day Y6 Lent Retreat	SUM: 22 Apr-18 Jul 2025 (half-term w/c 26 May)	
Fri 15 Mar	2.45pm YR Mothers' Day Celebration INSET DAY - school closed	INSETS, CLOSURES & BANK HOLIDAYS	
		2 + 3 Sept, 4 Oct, 2 Dec 2024, 14 Mar 2025	
		Bank holidays: 5 May 2025	



Ethos Statement 16: We know that we are happiest when we are united.

We pray together: Father, a house divided against itself will fall. Help us to always work and play together well, with cooperation and with patience. Let us always work hard to be united. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.



Thought for the Week: Often you can see power lines running alongside the street. Unless current is flowing through them, there is no light. The power line is you and I; the current is God! We have the power to allow the current to flow through us and thus to generate the light of the world – Jesus – or to refuse to be used and, thus, allow the darkness to spread. *St Teresa of Calcutta on the Feast of the Presentation or Our Lord (Candlemass) which is today.*

Money Matters: second half of the Spring Term 2024	
Dinners (KS2 ONLY):	£75.60 (28 days at £2.70; Mon 19 Feb to Thu 28 Mar 2024)
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
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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.**



Attachment: Family Learning, Watts Gallery info