

Newsletter 18: Friday 23rd February 2024

Dear Parents,

Ofsted! – on Monday we got the call to let us know that Ofsted would be inspecting us over the next couple of days. It has been an extremely busy week for us! Thank you so much for all the kind messages of support we have received this week; we were very grateful. Thank you, also, for completing the online questionnaire; all these things really do matter.



St Edmund's Science Fair – we are really looking forward to seeing all the science projects which the children will be bringing to school next Wednesday for our Science Fair. Their projects will be on display in the hall after school on Wednesday; please do come in and have a look at them.

Year 6 Booster Classes – this term's Year 6 booster classes will be at 8am on the following Tuesdays: 27th Feb, 5th, 12th and 19th March.

Master Readers workshop for parents – we have an important date for your diary for next week. We are looking forward to welcoming parents from Years 2 to 6 in the hall on **Friday 1st March at 2.45pm** to find out more about the 'Master Readers' reading programme. We use this whole-class teaching approach to teach as children move on from phonics lessons.



Trips – it is a busy time of year! The children of Year 3 enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Winchester Science Museum on Wednesday, and we are hoping that the children of Year 2 are having a really good time at Brooklands today. Next week, on Tuesday the children of Reception will be going to Little Street in Rudgwick; then on Friday the children of Year 4 will be going to Fishbourne Roman Palace.



Important Reminders!

- **Calling to tell us of your child's absence?** – please try to let the office know before 9am if your child is going to be absent that day. You can leave a message on the absence answerphone, call the office directly or email. If this could be done by 9am that would be much appreciated.
- **Owe anything?** – it would be a great help to the office if parents would check their Arbor account regularly to ensure that there aren't any outstanding debts.
- **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, if a response is necessary. This is because inbound SMS messages are not necessarily monitored. Thank you.
- **Someone else collecting your child?** – please can we appeal to you, again, to give us the **full name** of the person collecting your child if you are not collecting them. Giving us the first name of the parent who is to collect your child is not as helpful as giving us the first and surname, particularly as we refer to parents in the formal manner.
- **Change of dinner arrangements** – if you wish to change your child's dinner arrangements, please ensure that you give at least a week's notice in writing to the school office. Thank you.



Water bottles – we have quite a number of unnamed and unclaimed water bottles. If you are missing one, do pop in and have a look, otherwise we will dispose of them.

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, "Andiamo!" ("Let's go!")



PARISH NEWS

The Season of Lent Fr Jonathan suggests the following activities to help enrich and inform your journey through Lent: try Pray as You Go for a short daily meditation <https://pray-as-you-go.org/> (you can download the App to your phone); try The Chosen (Season 4 is out now) to replace your usual TV viewing; join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk; and come along to the Lent faith sharing groups Invited on Thursday evenings at the Franciscan Centre, Ladywell. More info at www.stedsgod.com

Reconciliation during Lent There are several opportunities: this Saturday 10-11am at St Joseph's Milford; next Saturday 2 March: 10.30-11am at St Edmund's and 11.00-noon at St Joseph's, Guildford; 10.30-11.30am at Our Lady of Lourdes, Haslemere; and on Monday 26 at St Pius X, Mero, at 7.30pm. There are some 'Simple Guides to Confession' available at the back of church, do pick one up.



What is your view on the future of our parish churches? The parish would like your feedback on the options proposed in the buildings report. Every person's view is important so please do take the time to read the report and complete the questionnaire at: <https://www.stedsgod.com/news/our-churches> Thank you!

IMPORTANT DATES

THIS TERM (new items in yellow)	THIS TERM cont ...
Fri 23 Feb 5pm PSA Valentine Disco	Tue 26 Mar 2.45pm Rocksteady Concert
Tue 27 Feb 8am Y6 Booster Class YR to Little Street, Rudgwick	6pm Y6 Passion Play
Wed 28 Feb Science Fair	Thu 28 Mar 2pm early close for Easter Holiday
Fri 1 Mar 9.05am Y2 Class Assembly Y4 to Fishbourne Roman Palace 2.45pm Master Readers workshop for parents of Y2-6	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)
Mon 4 Mar 3.30pm SATs talk to Y6 parents	INSETS, CLOSURES & BANK HOLIDAYS 15 Mar, 3 June 2024 Bank holidays: 29 Mar, 6 May 2024
Tue 5 Mar 8am Y6 Booster Class	
Wed 6 Mar 2.45pm YR Mothers' Day Celebration	
Fri 8 Mar World Book Day Y6 Lent Retreat (in school)	TERM DATES NEXT YEAR 2024-2025
Sat 9 Mar 1pm Cross Country at Charterhouse 3pm Swimming Gala at Charterhouse	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)
Mon 11 Mar Y4 Bikeability (plus 12 th & 14 th)	INSETS, CLOSURES & BANK HOLIDAYS 2 + 3 Sept, 4 Oct, 2 Dec 2024, 14 Mar 2025 Bank holidays: 5 May 2025
Tue 12 Mar 8am Y6 Booster Class	
Fri 15 Mar INSET DAY - school closed	
Tue 19 Mar Y6 Booster Class 2pm Y5+6 Stations of the Cross	
Wed 20 Mar 1.45pm Y3+4 Stations of the Cross	
Fri 22 Mar 8am meeting of the LGC 2.30pm Parents' Forum 3.30pm PSA Film Show	



Ethos Statement 18: I co-operate with others in work and play.

We pray together: Father, a house divided against itself cannot stand. We therefore ask you to help us work together peacefully as a team so that your will may always be done. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.



Thought for the Week: I am definitely loved and, whatever happens to me, I am awaited by this love. And so my life is good. *St Josephine Bakhita, whom the Church remembered on 8th Feb.*

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
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.**



Do you want to fast this Lent?

- Fast from hurtful words and say kind words
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
- Fast from worries and trust in God
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity
- Fast from pressure and be prayerful
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled
- Fast from words and be silent so that you can listen

