

Newsletter 26: Friday 17th May 2024

Dear Parents,

First Holy Communion – congratulations to all those children who made their First Holy Communion last weekend and to those making it this weekend; we will be holding you in our prayers. We join you and your families in your joy as you take this very important step in your faith journey.



Thank you! – Mrs Nicholls has asked to pass on her thanks for all the kindness and generosity shown to her for her retirement. She was overwhelmed and delighted with the card and presents and kind words from the children and parents. She has given some of the donations to her charity Les Amis – for more information on this worthy cause please do visit www.les-amis-bf.org.uk

Godly Play Year R, 2 & 5 – Lucy from Wintershall joined us again this week for Godly Play. We heard the stories of the Mystery of Pentecost and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit together and then explored what they might mean, using creative play. We wonder how you are going to spread the joy of the Holy Spirit on this special Pentecost Birthday weekend?



KS2 Year 6 SATS – Congratulations to all our Y6 who completed their SATS this week - they have all worked extremely hard and we are very proud of them! Please have a deservedly super relaxing weekend in the sunshine!

Clubhouse – as most people know, we run our own very successful Breakfast and After-School Club, which currently has a waiting list. However, we are delighted to let you know that from September of this year, we are able to increase our capacity and are hoping to offer places to those on the waiting list.

Inset Day - Please be reminded Monday 3rd June is a school inset day and the school will be closed all day for staff training. Planet Soccer will be running a MultiSports Inset Day on this day – for more information please see link below:

<http://planet-soccer.info/book-a-holiday-course/>

OCEAN ZONES
CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP
The ocean is our oyster!
Come explore the ocean's depths to create unique characters, settings and more.
Tues 28th May
10:00 - 12:00
Godalming United Church
£24
Ages 7 - 11
All writing abilities
To book/ more info: imaginewriteuk@gmail.com

Creative writing workshop - Please note the usual Monday Creative Writing Club is running an ocean themed writing workshop over half term. This is open to all writing abilities and imaginations – please do have a look at their website for more information.

Fete on Burysfield - Come dressed as a dinosaur! Please support our local town during the high street parade where there will be multiple stalls selling local goods, beer tents, live music, food stalls and fancy dress!

ROUND TABLE PRESENTS...
GODALMING TOWN SHOW
WITH HIGH STREET PARADE
DINOSAUR PARK
SATURDAY
1ST JUNE 2024
BURYS FIELD • MIDDAY - 7PM
DINOSAUR THEME FANCY DRESS • HIGH STREET PARADE
LIVE MUSIC • BEER TENT • FOOD STALLS • ENTERTAINMENT
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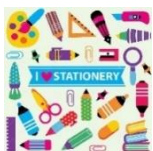
Italian phrase of the week

“Credi in te stesso”

Believe in yourself



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.



Pen Shop – the children of Year 6 run our weekly Pen Shop on Fridays at lunchtime. For your information, here are the prices: ordinary pencil 20p, automatic pencil 45p, eraser 15p, short ruler 15p, long ruler 20p, Berol handwriting pen 30p, glue stick 40p, sharpener 30p, Reading Record book 30p, Homework diary 40p, highlighter pen 20p, pink and green biros 10p, small notebook 20p. As you can see, these prices are such that no child should need to bring to school as much as a £5/£10 note.

PARISH NEWS



Children's Liturgy at 8.45am Mass at St John's Children's Liturgy is available during Mass and is open to all children of primary school age, from year R to year 6. Younger siblings are welcome to be brought in if accompanied by a parent. Next Pentecost Sunday 18 May we will celebrate the birthday of our church with a special cake at coffee after 8.45am Mass. Please do join us for this birthday celebration!

Bumps, Babes and Toddlers The parish group is every Monday morning (not bank holidays) 10.30-12 at St John's Hall, Farncombe. All welcome.

Week of Guided Prayer - 16-21 June The parish is hosting this 'retreat in daily life', which offers an opportunity to take time away from the noise of everyday life and enjoy the quiet beauty of the Franciscan Centre at Ladywell Convent. You can arrange daily 30-minute one-to-one sessions with a Spiritual Director at a time to suit you. To find out more and to register: <https://stedsgod.churchsuite.com/events/wwcf6kzd>

Big Church Festival 25 & 26 May, Wiston Park This is an amazing Christian festival, and great for families, teenagers, young and old adults! Activities and camping, and Mass will be celebrated on Sunday by Bishop Richard. Save up to 52% using this link: <https://bigchurch.group/2024/catholics-at-big-church-festival>

Job Vacancy at Ladywell Franciscan Centre Team Member - F/T role with a mix of ministry & administration. For more information: Recruitment@ladywell.org.uk

IMPORTANT DATES

THIS TERM (new items in yellow)

Fri 17 May	Mufti Day 2.30pm Parents' Forum 3.30pm PSA film show
Tue 21 May	Y2 Florence Nightingale workshop
Wed 22 May	May Procession to Ladywell
Fri 24 May	Class photos 3.20pm close for half-term holiday
Mon 3 Jun	INSET DAY - school closed
Tue 4 Jun	Children return to school 2pm Mass
Fri 7 Jun	9.05am Y4/FHC assembly
Mon 10 Jun	Y5+6 first aid training
Fri 14 Jun	Italian Day 3.15pm PSA Y1 Cake Sale
Mon 17 Jun	Y6 Bikeability (all week)
Fri 21 Jun	PSA Mufti Day (sweets) Y4 to Life of Christ at Wintershall
Mon 24 Jun	YR to Tuesley Farm
Fri 28 Jun	PSA Mufti Day (bottles)
Sat 29 Jun	PSA Summer Fete (timings TBC)
Mon 1 Jul	Sports Day & Picnic
Tue 2 Jul	Y6 Transition Day at St Peter's Moving Up Day (all year groups) New YR Induction Morning

THIS TERM cont

Fri 5 Jul	PSA YR Cake Sale
Mon 8 Jul	6pm Y6 production
Thu 11 Jul	2.20pm Musical Concert TBC
Fri 12 Jul	2.30pm Parents' Forum
Mon 15 Jul	Y6 leavers' workshop at Ladywell
Tue 16 Jul	2.45pm Rocksteady Concert
Wed 17 Jul	9.30am Leavers' Liturgy at Ladywell
Fri 19 Jul	2pm close for summer holiday

TERM DATES 2023-2024

Sum: 15 Apr-19 Jul 2024 (half-term w/c 27 May)

REMAINING INSETS, CLOSURES & BANK HOLIDAYS

6 May (bank holiday); INSET 3 June

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)

INSETS, CLOSURES & BANK HOLIDAYS

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



Ethos Statement 28: I understand what trust means

We pray together: Father, you are always there to help us when we are in trouble. Help us to be your faithful servants here on earth by always being ready to help those around us who are in any sort of trouble. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.



Thought for the Week: The school of Christ is the school of love. In the last day, when the general examination takes place, love will be the whole syllabus. *St Robert Bellarmine.*

Money Matters: first half of the Summer Term 2024

Dinners (KS2 ONLY):	£78.30 (29 days at £2.70; Mon 15 Apr to Fri 24 May 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.**

