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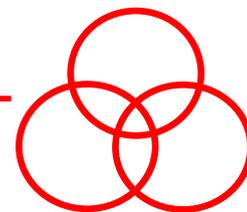
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19th July 2018.

Dear Parents,

Once again another academic year is nearly over. Firstly, let me share with you our fantastic results which we have achieved because this has been another year of hard work and commitment to do their very best from pupils and teachers alike. At all ages the children have produced excellent results from the number of children achieving Good Level of Development in Reception, the 93% of Year 1 pupils passing the phonics screening test this year, the high levels of pupils achieving the expected standard in Year 2 to our strong Year 6 SATs results again:

Year 6 SATs results 24 pupils	Attained expected standard		Greater Depth	
	2018	National 2018	2018	National 2017
English: reading	84%	75%	42%	25%
English: reading scaled score	106	105	/	/
English: grammar, punctuation and spelling	71%	78%	42%	31%
English: gps scaled score	105	106	/	/
Maths	79%	76%	29%	23%
Maths scaled score	103	104	/	/
Writing (teacher assessment and moderated)	84%	78%	17%	18%
Reading, writing & Maths	79%	64%	13%	9%

I cannot emphasise enough how much a testament these results are to the committed and hardworking pupils and staff we have here at St Edmund's. I am as ever incredibly proud of each and every one of them.





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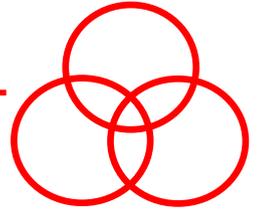
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Goodbye Year 6

Sadly, next week we will be saying goodbye and good luck to our talented Year 6 pupils, who put on an amazing 'School Daze' play this week which I thoroughly enjoyed. New parents often ask where our children go when they leave St Edmund's and are slightly confused when I reply 'everywhere'. To clarify this point let me explain that this year's leavers are going to:

Didcot Girls School (4)

Larkmead (1)

Fitzharry's (7)

John Mason (9)

Our Lady's Senior School (2)

Gillotts (1)

I wish them all continued success in their new school and I am sure they will maintain the high standards of commitment to all that they do. They will face many new challenges in the years ahead but they are more than ready to do so with confidence in the knowledge that they will succeed if they are prepared to put the effort in- as they have done over the years here at St Edmund's. I just hope they remember to keep in touch and share their successes with us in the years to come.

Goodbye and thank you

As you know Mrs Hibbs is retiring next week after many happy years teaching here at St Edmund's. I hope Mr and Mrs Hibbs have a long and happy retirement together. We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Richards who has taught French for the last two years so well for us. I know Mrs Richards will miss us when she returns to Secondary school teaching again in September. I'm sure you join me in thanking both of them for all their enthusiasm and skill in teaching our children.

First Access Music

For many years we have provided brass lessons for the Year 5 children for the whole of the academic year via the First Access Music service. Over the last few years, since the new more demanding National Curriculum was introduced, the Year 5 teachers have been concerned about the amount of curriculum time this takes out of an already tight week. Therefore, we have decided to move the First Access Music lessons to Year 4 from September and the children will learn a stringed rather than brass instrument. The Year 5 children will still have music lessons but these will be with their class teacher, as all other year groups do, and those children who are learning to play an instrument are very welcome to join the orchestra.

Annual Reports

Yesterday you will have received your child's report. Please take the time to discuss this with





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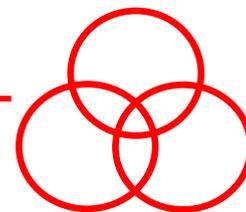
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your child and to praise them for all of their achievements. I would particularly focus on the 'effort' box for each subject as it is only by effort and perseverance that truly great achievements can be accomplished. If you want to discuss this report with the class teacher do arrange a time to do so before we break up.

Also on the report you will see the number of sessions your child has been absent this academic year. It is very important that your child is in school for **every** session that they are well enough to attend. It is worth noting that of the very few pupils whose attendance is below 90% not one has achieved the expected standard for their year group; absence does negatively affect children's academic progress. As you know I cannot authorise any absence for holidays in term time and can only authorise individual days for exceptional circumstances such as a funeral. Please bear this in mind and check our term dates carefully before you book any trips or holidays next academic year.

Quad Kids Success

Mr Swiatek & Mrs Knipe would like to say very well done to the Key Stage 1 Quad Kids for representing our school so well in the recent Quad Kids competition. Our team came 2nd place overall with Isaac DG (Year 2) taking 2nd place for boys out of all the schools in the competition and Nana (Year 2) being 1st girl. Well done to Jonah, Alan, Eeseose, Daisy from Year 1 and Isaac DG, Jude, Harry, Victoria, Nana and Elena from Year 2.

100 Club Winners

The winning numbers in the July draw of the Governors' Fund 100+ Club were:

1st Prize (£30) – Number 2 **Tammy Lavers**

2nd Prize (£20) – Number 27 **Leila Brown**

3rd Prize (£10) – Number 56 **Carole Sawyers**

Congratulations to the winners. There are still numbers available at **£7.50** for the remaining 6 draws this year.

The next draw will be on Friday 7th September and will be a double draw to cover August and September. **Tickets can be purchased by anyone with a connection to the school**, so please encourage grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters etc. to join in and buy a number. Please do not hesitate to contact Phil Cole (Parent Governor) – by email at pcole@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk if you would like to join or have any questions.

Hopefully I will see many of you at our Prize Day tomorrow afternoon at 2pm or our Leavers' Mass on Monday afternoon at 1:45pm. Thank you for all of your support over this





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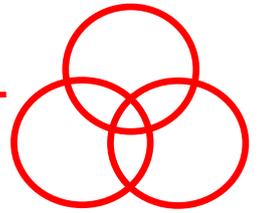
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enjoyable and highly successful academic year. I hope you all have a fun filled holiday and I look forward to seeing you all again in September if not before.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Delany-White

Diary Dates- PLEASE KEEP THESE HANDY

Friday, 20 th July	2pm	Prize Day
Monday 23rd July	1:45pm	Leavers' Mass
Tuesday 24 th July	3pm	Term ends
SUMMER HOLIDAY		
Wednesday 5 th September		Term begins for Year 1-6
Monday 10 th September		Reception class starts
Wednesday 12 th September		Nursery class starts

