



## Diocese of Portsmouth

# ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

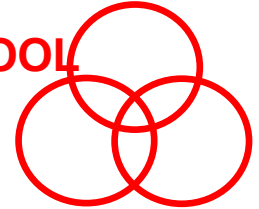
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11<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents,

### Welcome back.

As usual, your children have all settled quickly back into their school routines and a calm and purposeful atmosphere has descended on St Edmund's once more. The children look very smart in all their new winter uniforms (which I am sure you have remembered to clearly name!). Remember they wear their smart new school shoes during the day but still need trainers and plimsolls for outdoor and indoor PE lessons. Also, our policy is grey trousers and skirts/pinafore dresses not black. Thank you to those parents who have supported us in removing ear rings over the last couple of days. Our policy is no jewellery at all in school so please bear this in mind if you are thinking of getting your child's ears pierced and do it right at the beginning of the long summer holiday next year so they have six weeks to heal, then removing the ear rings during the day for school won't be an issue.

### Frassati Mission Statement

You may be aware that as a school we are developing stronger links with the Catholic schools which are closest to us in our diocese (whilst still working alongside our Abingdon Partnership schools locally). This diocesan group includes seventeen schools altogether and stretches from us as the most northerly school in the Portsmouth diocese, down through East Hendred, Newbury and Reading and across to Ascot and Maidenhead. The Bishop has assigned each group of schools a patron (ours is Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati) hence we are known as the Frassati partnership of schools. As head teachers of the partnership we have now agreed a joint mission statement which we are all introducing to our children at the beginning of this term: *A learning community, celebrating Christ in all, building a kingdom of love, hope and joy.* The classes have been discussing this statement in their RE lessons and deciding what it means for them and their age group and how it fits in with our St Edmund's motto: *In our school every day we learn, love and pray.*

### Home/school communication

You should by now have received the class newsletter and topic plan for this term from your child's class teacher (unless your child is in Early Years). Do please read these and come and chat to the teacher at the end of any day except Wednesday (when we have a staff meeting) if there is anything you or your child is not sure about. Each teacher will have a different way of doing things and sometimes it is just easier to ask rather than being unsure for the first few weeks.

### Target Cards

This year's streamlined Target Cards will start coming home again next week for all children in Year 1-6 but they will be sent out fortnightly and on a Wednesday now so that the children have a chance to collect a few more dates before you see it each time. The routine will be the same as before- the cards will be sent home on a Wednesday to be returned on **Thursday** morning without fail please. There is a cover sheet which will accompany the Target Card folder which you may want to read to refresh yourself but do feel free to ask the class teacher at any time during the academic year if you are unsure about your child's progress or want to know more about how to support your child in their learning at home.





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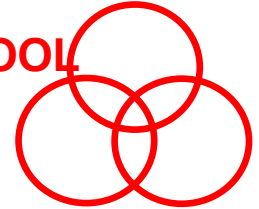
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### Parents Association

The Parents Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting this Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in the school hall to which you are all invited. Please do come along and support your fellow parents and see how you can become involved this year. This is a great way to get to know people, especially if you are new to St Edmund's.

We will also be having our Community Day on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 10am-4pm. Come along and support us for as long or as short a time as you would like. In case you missed the PA Parent Mail advertising this event it read:

*Please come and help us as we work together to improve our school environment. Tea / Coffee and biscuits will be provided by the PA.*

*We are hoping to replant the borders, clear around the pond to enable the children to visit the wildlife area. Re-pot planters ready for the spring. Build and create a growing vegetables/ herb garden.*

*Any donations of plants, annual, perennial flowers, herbs, shrubs, bulbs and bedding plants would be greatly appreciated and will be collected at morning drop off on Friday 28 September at the infant's entrance and on the junior playground.*

This is usually a lovely day with adults and children working alongside one another to tidy up our school environment. If you are able to stay over lunchtime we usually all bring along picnic food to share (and generally the sun shines, but not last year unfortunately). I hope to see many of you on the day.

### 100 Club

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

1<sup>st</sup> Prize (£30) – Number 39 **Jeanne Anderson**

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (£20) – Number 47 **Mr & Mrs Calnan**

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize (£10) – Number 37 **Madeleine Ashley-Carter**

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

1<sup>st</sup> Prize (£30) – Number 19 **Nissange De Silva**

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (£20) – Number 34 **Anna McGarrick**

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize (£10) – Number 39 **Jeanne Anderson**

The next draw will be on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October. If you would like to join the 100+ Club, numbers are still available and cost £5.00 for the remaining 4 draws. Please contact Phil Cole on 07779 662725 or [pcole@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:pcole@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk) for details or if you have any questions

Please find below the majority of dates for this academic year. I'm sure this academic year is going to be another enjoyable and highly successful one.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Delany-White





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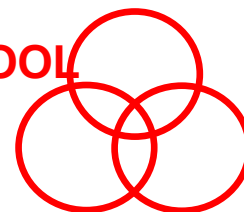
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Diary Dates- **PLEASE KEEP THESE HANDY**

St Edmund's Catholic Primary School DIARY DATES 2018/19		
Date		Event
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b>		Reception children start
	3pm	Year 6 Homework Club starts
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	3:15pm	Year 6 PGL meeting for parents
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September		Nursery children start
	2pm	Whole school Mass in the hall- all welcome
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	7pm	PA AGM in the hall- all welcome
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	2:20pm	Gold Book
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b>	am	Year 3 weekly swimming starts
	7pm	Early Years phonics evening for parents
		Year 6 Residential week
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	2:20pm	Gold Book
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b>		Clubs start this week
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	am	Drama workshops Nursery-Year 3
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	2:20pm	Gold Book
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>10-4pm</b>	<b>Community Day</b>
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b>		Book Fair all week
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October		Individual photographs
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	pm	Abingdon cross country competition
	pm	PA cake sale
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>	2.20 pm	Year 6 PGL Assembly
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	2pm	Harvest Mass in hall- all welcome
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> October		Year 6 trip to Didcot Railway Centre
	3pm	PA Film Club
Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> October	2.20pm	Gold Book
<b>Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	3.30 – 6.30 pm	Year 1-6 Parents' Evening
Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> October	4.30 – 7.30pm	Year 1-6 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	2:20pm	Year 5 class assembly
Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> October	2:20pm	Gold Book
	3pm	Children break up for Half Term holiday
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> October HALF TERM BREAK</b>		
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>		Children back to school
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	2:20pm	Year 6G Class assembly
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	2pm	All Saints Mass in the hall- all welcome
Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly





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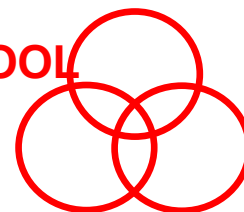
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<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>		<b>INSET day- school closed</b>
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	am	Year 6 IMPs trip to Abingdon Hospital
Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> November	2:30pm	Year 6H Remembrance Assembly
<b>Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>		<b>Anti-Bullying Week</b>
	1:30-4pm	Year 5/6 Swimming gala at Radley College
Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> November	10am	St Edmund's Day Mass-whole school in Church
<b>Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	am	Flu Vaccinations – <b>no Year 3 swimming</b>
	2pm	Anti-Bullying Sharing Assembly
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	3pm	PA Film Club
Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	2.20pm	Gold Book
<b>Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November		Year 1 trip to Woodstock Dinosaur Museum
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	2.20pm pm	Gold Book Big Christmas Sing
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>		<b>Christmas Fayre</b>
<b>Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>		
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	am	Abingdon School Festive fun with Languages
Wednesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm	Advent Mass in school – all welcome
Thursday, 6 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas Dinners
Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> December	2.20pm	Gold Book
<b>Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>		
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm	Foundation Stage Nativity for parents
Wednesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm	KS1 Nativity
Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> December		Year 5 trip to Ashmolean Museum, Oxford
	2.00 pm	KS1 Nativity
Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> December	2.20 pm pm	Gold Book PA Christmas discos
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>6pm</b>	KS2 Christingle in Church
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	3pm	Term ends
<b>24<sup>th</sup> December – 4<sup>th</sup> January CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>		
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>INSET day- school closed</b>
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January		Children back to school
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	2pm	Epiphany Mass in school – all welcome
Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> January	2.20pm	Gold Book
<b>Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> January</b>		
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	pm	PA Cake Sale
Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> January	2.20pm	Gold Book
<b>Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>		
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	3pm	PA Film Club
Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup> January	2.20pm	Gold Book
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>		
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	2.20pm	Gold Book







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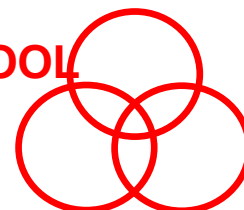
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<b>Monday, 4th February</b>		
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	2 pm	Mass in School- all welcome
Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> February	2.20pm	Gold Book
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>		
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	2:20pm 3pm	Gold Book Break up for half term holiday
<b>18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February HALF TERM BREAK</b>		
<b>Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>		
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	pm	PA Cake Sale
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	2.20pm	Gold Book
<b>Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>		
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	2pm	Ash Wednesday Mass in School- all welcome
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	3pm	PA Film Club
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	2.20pm	Gold Book
<b>Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>		
<b>Science Week</b>		
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	1-4pm 3:30-5:30pm	Year 3 & 4 Football competition at Chandlings School High Five Netball Competition
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> March	2.20pm	Science Sharing Assembly
<b>Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>		
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March		Class photos
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	3:30-5:30pm	Netball Vale Finals
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March		Science Amey Theatre
Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	2.20pm	Gold Book
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>		
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	2:20pm	Year 3 Class assembly
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March		Gold Book
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	3.30-6:30pm	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	4:30-7:30pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	2pm	Lent Mass in School- all welcome
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	am 2pm 3pm	Easter Egg Hunt Stations of the Cross Break up for Easter holidays
<b>10<sup>th</sup> April- 22<sup>nd</sup> April EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>		
<b>Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>		
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	2pm 2-4pm	Easter Mass in School- all welcome Vale swimming finals
Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> April	2.20 pm	Gold Book
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	10-4pm	Community Day
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	2:20pm	Gold Book
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>		
<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>		
Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> May	2.20 pm	Gold Book
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	5 pm	Family Bingo TBC





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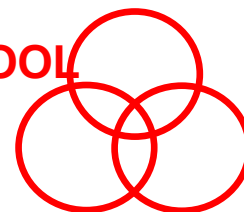
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<b>Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>Key Stage 2 SATs Week</b>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	2:20pm	Foundation Stage assembly
Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> May	2.20 pm	Gold Book
<b>Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>		
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	2pm	Our Lady Mass in hall- all welcome
Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> May	2:20pm	Gold Book
	3pm	Children break up for half term
<b>27<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> May HALF TERM BREAK</b>		
<b>Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>		<b>INSET DAY- school closed</b>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June		Children back to school
Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> June	2:20pm	Gold Book
<b>Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
Wednesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> June	am	Year 5 & 6 Quad kids competition
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	am	Year 3 & 4 Quad kids competition
Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> June	2.20 pm	Gold Book
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>Summer Fayre</b>
<b>Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>pm</b>	Year 6 cricket competition
Tuesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> June		Girls' Cricket competition
Wednesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> June	2:20pm	Year 1 Class assembly
Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> June	2.20 pm	Gold Book
<b>Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	pm	Year 5 cricket competition
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	2pm	First Holy Communion Mass in school- all welcome
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	am	Abingdon School Mini Olympics
	2:20pm	Gold Book
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>		
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	am	Year 1 & 2 Quad kids competition
	2:20pm	Year 2 Class Assembly
Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> July	2.20 pm	Gold Book
<b>Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>		
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	am	Sports Day & family picnic
	pm	Meet the Teacher
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	am	Reserve Sports Day
	2.20 pm	Gold Book
	pm	PA Discos
<b>Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>		
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	1:45pm	Year 6 Production
	6pm	Year 6 Production
Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> July	2pm	Prize Day
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	1:45pm	Leavers' Mass
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	3pm	Term ends
<b>SUMMER HOLIDAY</b>		

