



## Diocese of Portsmouth

# ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

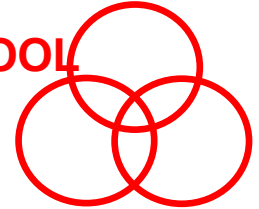
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3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents,

### **Goodbye and Welcome**

On Friday we sadly said goodbye to Mr Swiatek who has been a teaching assistant and sports coach with us since March 2016. We wish Mr Swiatek well as he pursues a new career as a driver with Stagecoach. On Thursday last week we welcomed our new French teacher, Mme Delfuria-Grogan. The children are already telling me how much fun they had in their first lesson with Mme Grogan.

### **Mary's Meals Backpack project**

For this term's fund raising we are supporting Mary's Meals. Mary's Meals is a charity who work to give children in very poor countries a hot meal at school every day, enabling children to be fed and receive an education. We are supporting Mary's Meals in two ways:

#### **The Backpack Project**

We are collecting resources to make backpacks including school equipment, clothing and personal hygiene supplies which will be sent directly to school children in Malawi. Lists of what to include in a backpack are: backpack/school bag; notepad/ exercise book; pencils; pens; crayons; eraser; sharpener; ruler; pencil case; towel; shorts or skirt, t-shirt or dress; flip-flops or sandals; small ball (e.g. tennis ball); soap; toothbrush; toothpaste and spoon (preferably metal). We are collecting either fully-filled backpacks or items to put in to backpacks. Please drop any donations off at the school office **before 30th November**.

#### **Race to feed 100 children**

Mrs Semple is running the Great South Run, a 10 mile road race around Portsmouth, on 21st October. Mary's Meals can feed a child for a year with a donation of £13.90, and Mrs Semple is hoping to raise at least £1390 to allow us to feed 100 children for a year. If you would like to donate to this appeal then please visit [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk), click on the 'Fundraising' box at the bottom of the page and then 'Search for a friend's project', and then type in 'Fiona Semple' or 'Race to feed 100 children'.

### **Community Day**

Thank you to all the families and staff who were able to spare some time last Saturday; thank you for all your hard work and enthusiasm during our sunny and successful St Edmund's Community Day. As always, it was lovely to see families and staff working together in the sunshine to improve our grounds and to make St Edmund's School into a place we can all be truly proud of.





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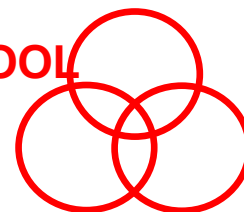
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### Year 6 transition

Year 6 parents of children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2007 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2008, please ensure you apply for a secondary school place **by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018** via the Oxfordshire County Council website [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions). Places will be confirmed on 1st March 2019. I know many of you have been visiting all of the local secondary schools over the last few months. Now is the time to finally make that decision and complete the form.

### Stay and Sing

Stay and Sing starts again next week on **10th October 2018 at 9am**. Our popular, free music class for pre-school children and their families from our school and parish begins again next Wednesday. We include familiar and new songs and rhymes, action songs and percussion instruments. Stay and Sing runs every Wednesday morning in term-time, 9-9:30 a.m.

### Early Years Stay and Play

Our first Nursery Stay & Play session of this school year is on **Tuesday 16th November from 9:30-11am**. The half termly sessions are for 2-3 year olds accompanied by their parents/carers and are free of charge. There is no need to book, please just come along and enjoy our high quality Early Years setting for yourself.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Delany-White

Diary Dates- **PLEASE KEEP THESE HANDY**

| St Edmund's Catholic Primary School    |                |   |
|--|----------------|---|
| DIARY DATES 2018/19                    |                |   |
| Date                                   |                | Event   |
| <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       |                | Atom Inspiration Day (group of Year 5 pupils) |
|  | pm             | Abingdon cross country competition            |
|  | 3pm            | PA cake sale                                  |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> October         |                | Year 5 trip to Rutherford Laboratory          |
|  | 2.20 pm        | Gold Book                                     |
| <b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>   | 2pm            | Year 6 PGL Assembly                           |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October     | 9-9:30am       | Stay and Sing                                 |
|  | 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                     |





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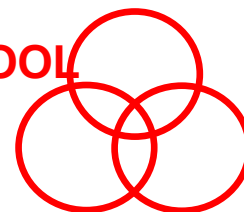
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| Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> October                                | 9:30-11am<br>4.30 – 7.30pm | Nursery Stay and play<br>Year 1-6 Parents' Evening                             |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October                               | 2:20pm                     | Year 5 class assembly  |
| Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> October                                 | 2:20pm<br>3pm              | Gold Book<br>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  |
| Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October                                 |                            | Reception vision screening   |
| 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   |
| <b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>                            |                            | INSET day- school closed   |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November                               |                            | Year 3 Spectacular Seeds Workshop in school                                    |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November                                | am                         | Year 6H 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<br>2pm                  | Flu Vaccinations – <b>no Year 3 swimming</b><br>Anti-Bullying Sharing Assembly |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November                               | 3pm                        | PA Film Club   |
| Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> November                                | 9:30-11am<br>2.20pm        | Nursery Stay and Play<br>Gold Book   |
| <b>Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>                          |                            |  |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November                              |                            | Year 3 trip to Living Rainforest   |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November                               |                            | Year 1 trip to Woodstock Dinosaur Museum                                       |
| Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November                                 | 2.20pm<br>pm               | Gold Book<br>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<br>pm              | Gold Book<br>PA Christmas discos   |
| <b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>                           | <b>6pm</b>                 | KS2 Christingle in Church  |





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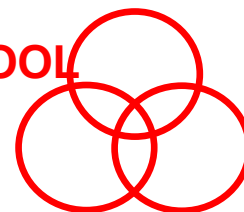
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| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December  | 9:30-11am            | Nursery Stay and Play   |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December   | 3pm                  | Christmas Jumper Day<br>Term ends   |
| <b>24<sup>th</sup> December – 4<sup>th</sup> January CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b> |                      |   |
| <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>                                       |                      | INSET day- school closed  |
| 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>                                     | am                   | Year 4 & 6 Sun Dome   |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January  | 3 pm                 | PA Cake Sale  |
| Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> January   | 9:30-11am<br>2.20pm  | Nursery Stay and Play<br>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   |
| <b>Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> 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>                                     |                      |   |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February  | 9:30-11am            | Nursery Stay and Play   |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February   | 2:20pm<br>3pm        | Gold Book<br>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>                                    |                      | Children back to school   |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February   | 3pm                  | PA Cake Sale  |
| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March   | 2.20pm               | World Book Day<br>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<br>3:30-5:30pm | Year 3 & 4 Football competition at Chandlings School<br>High Five Netball Competition |
| Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> March   | 9:30-11am<br>2.20pm  | Nursery Stay and Play<br>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   |







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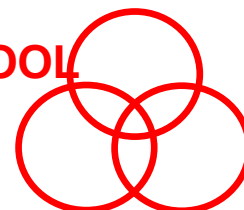
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| <b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>                                 |             |                                    |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March                                      |             | KS2 Reconciliation Service         |
| Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March                                    | 2:20pm      | Year 3 Class assembly              |
| Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March                                       | 2:20pm      | Gold Book                          |
| <b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>                                  | 3.30-6:30pm | Parents' Evening                   |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April                                       | 9:30-11am   | Nursery Stay and Play              |
|   | 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          | Easter Egg Hunt                    |
|   | 2pm         | Stations of the Cross              |
|   | 3pm         | 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>                               |             | Children back to school            |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April                                    | 2pm         | Easter Mass in School- all welcome |
|   | 2-4pm       | 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                   |
| <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  | 9:30-11am   | Nursery Stay and Play              |
|   | 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  | 2pm         | Our Lady Procession                |
|   | 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  |             | Annual Schools Mass, Portsmouth    |
|   | 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                                      | 9:30-11am   | Nursery Stay and Play              |
|   |             | Girls' Cricket competition         |





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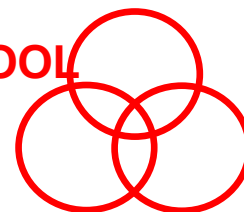
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| Wednesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> June    | 2:20pm              | Year 1 Class assembly  |
| Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> June       | 2.20 pm             | Gold Book  |
| <b>Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> June</b> | pm                  | New Reception children's first visit   |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June       | pm<br>pm            | New Nursery children's first visit<br>Year 5 cricket competition                                       |
| Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June     | 2pm                 | Fitzharrys, Larkmead and John Mason transition day<br>First Holy Communion Mass in school- all welcome |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June        | am<br>2:20pm        | Larkmead 2 <sup>nd</sup> transition day<br>Abingdon School Mini Olympics<br>Gold Book                  |
| <b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>   | 2pm                 | Welcome Meeting new Reception Parents  |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July        | 2pm                 | Welcome Meeting new Nursery parents  |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July      | am<br>2:20pm        | Year 1 & 2 Quad Kids competition<br>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<br>pm            | Sports Day & family picnic<br>Meet the Teacher   |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July        | am<br>2.20 pm<br>pm | Reserve Sports Day<br>Gold Book<br>PA Discos   |
| <b>Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> July</b> |                     |  |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July       | 1:45pm<br>6pm       | Year 6 Production<br>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>               |                     |  |

