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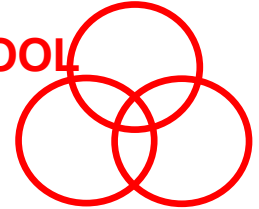
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9th November 2018

Dear Parents,

Medjugorje Peace Rosary



Over the half term I had the privilege to visit Medjugorje for the first time with a group of fellow senior leaders from Portsmouth diocese. This was such a moving and uplifting experience, seeing so many thousands of people celebrating our faith and praying together in so many different languages. I was particularly moved by the simple Peace Rosary we prayed each day and I have therefore decided to teach it to all of our children here at St Edmund's. The Peace Rosary is a special prayer that has been a custom for generations in Medjugorje. When Our Lady started to appear in Medjugorje she first asked the visionaries to pray the Peace Rosary every day, and to include the Apostle's Creed at the beginning. This rosary is prayed every evening in Medjugorje immediately after evening Mass.

The rosary is prayed as follows: start with the Sign of the Cross followed by the Apostle's Creed. Then pray an Our

Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be seven times. It is a wonderful prayer to use with young children as it is shorter than the traditional rosary and I was moved when the whole school prayed it so reverently during our first Monday Gospel Worship after half term. I will be including the Peace Rosary in our weekly Gospel Worship from now on.

Good News and Welcome

I am delighted to share Miss Hurley's happy news that she is expecting her third baby in February. Thankfully Mrs Wadrzyk has agreed to teach full time once Miss Hurley starts her maternity leave so there will be no disruption for the Year 2 children. I am also pleased to welcome Mrs Devlin who started as a 1:1 Teaching Assistant after half term in Early Years and Year 4.

Mary's Meals Backpack project

As you know, 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 still 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





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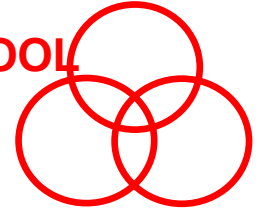
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either fully-filled backpacks or items to put in to backpacks, which the Mini Vinnies will sort for us. Please remember to drop any donations off at the school office **before 30th November**.

Race to feed 100 children

As part of our fundraising for this term, Mrs Semple ran the Great South Run in Portsmouth on 21st October. She asked staff, parents and parishioners to sponsor her 10 mile run and was hoping to raise enough money to feed 100 children for a whole year i.e. £1,390. I am delighted to tell you that Mrs Semple has now exceeded that ambitious target, raising an incredible £1,438.97.

Thank you to everyone who has sponsored Mrs Semple and well done Mrs Semple for all those many hours of training. Knowing so many children are going to benefit for a whole year is a tremendous reward to have.

10:15am Children's Mass at St Edmund's Church, Sunday 18th November

On Sunday 18th November, the Sunday following St Edmund's feast day, I have asked Fr Jamie if we can lead the parish for the 10:15 Children's Mass. To do this I am asking children to volunteer to do the readings, sing the psalm, read the bidding prayers, do the collection and take part in the offertory procession. If you would like your child to take part, please ask them to speak to me or Mrs Semple as soon as possible. I would also like every St Edmund's child in church for the Mass to be wearing their school uniform. That way all of the parishioners will be able to see all of our delightful children.

Greg Foot's Everest Lab Stage Show Monday 10th December 7:30pm Amey Theatre

On Monday 10th December at 7:30pm, Blue Peter science guy, Greg Foot, will be presenting his 'Everest Lab' stage show in the Amey Theatre at Abingdon School. Using demonstrations and imagery from his expedition to the world's highest pop-up lab at Everest Base Camp, he will be describing the effects of high altitude on human physiology. Tickets are available from the Amey Theatre box office or online via <http://bit.ly/aspeverest> All proceeds from the ticket sales will be used to support Greg's free presentation for local primary schools earlier in the day for which over 400 children from seven local schools have already booked (this includes all of our Year 6 children!)

100 Club November draw

The November draw of the Governors' Fund 100+ Club was made on 2nd November 2018.

The winning numbers were:

1st Prize (£30) – Number 3 **Delasi Osei**

2nd Prize (£20) – Number 54 **Wilf Demarchi**

3rd Prize (£10) – Number 42 **Jim Ryan**

Congratulations to the winners. There are still numbers available at £2.50 for the remaining 2 draws this year. The next draw will take place on Friday 7th December. 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 (a parent governor) by email at pcole@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk or phone on 07779 662725 if you would like to join or have any questions.





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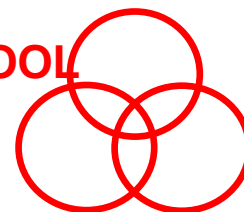
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Yours sincerely,
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Diary Dates- PLEASE KEEP THESE HANDY

St Edmund's Catholic Primary School DIARY DATES 2018/19		
Date		Event
Monday, 12th November		Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 13 th November	1:30-4pm	Year 5/6 Swimming gala at Radley College
Friday, 16 th November	10am	St Edmund's Day Mass-whole school in Church
Sunday 18th November	10:15am	St Edmund's Children's Mass, all welcome, in uniform.
Monday, 19th November	am 2pm	Flu Vaccinations – no Year 3 swimming Anti-Bullying Sharing Assembly & odd socks day
Wednesday 21 st November	2:20pm	Year 4 class assembly
Thursday 22 nd November	3pm	PA Film Club
Friday, 23 rd November	9:30-11am 2.20pm	Nursery Stay and Play Gold Book
Monday, 26th November		
Wednesday 28 th November		Year 3 trip to Living Rainforest
Thursday 29 th November		Year 1 trip to Woodstock Dinosaur Museum
Friday 30 th November	2.20pm pm	Gold Book Big Christmas Sing
Monday, 3rd December		
Tuesday 4 th December	am	Abingdon School Festive fun with Languages
Wednesday, 5 th December	2pm	Advent Mass in school – all welcome
Thursday, 6 th December		Christmas Dinners
Friday, 7 th December	2.20pm	Gold Book
Saturday 8th December	11-1pm	Christmas Fayre
Monday, 10th December	2-3pm	Year 6 at Amey Theatre for Greg Foot's Everest Lab Show
Tuesday 11 th December	2pm	Foundation Stage Nativity for parents
Wednesday, 12 th December	2pm	KS1 Nativity
Thursday, 13 th December	2.00 pm pm	Year 5 trip to Ashmolean Museum, Oxford KS1 Nativity PA Christmas discos
Friday, 14 th December	2.20 pm	Gold Book
Monday 17th December	6pm	KS2 Christingle in Church
Tuesday 18 th December	9:30-11am 1pm 2pm	Nursery Stay and Play New nursery children & parents visit Parent talk in hall for new Nursery parents
Thursday 20 th December		Home visits for new nursery children





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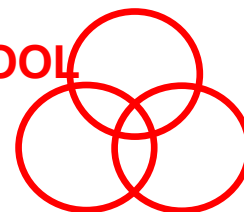
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Friday 21 st December		Christmas Jumper Day
	am	Foundation Stage Stay and Play
	3pm	Term ends
24th December – 4th January CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY		
Monday 7th January		INSET day- school closed
Tuesday 8 th January		Children back to school
Wednesday 9 th January	2pm	Epiphany Mass in school – all welcome
Thursday 10 th January		Art Day
Friday, 11 th January	2.20pm	Art sharing assembly
Monday, 14th January	am	Year 4 & 6 Sun Dome
Thursday 17 th January	3 pm	PA Cake Sale
Friday, 18 th January	9:30-11am 2.20pm	Nursery Stay and Play Gold Book
Monday, 21st January		
Thursday 24 th January	3pm	PA Film Club
Friday, 25 th January	2.20pm	Gold Book
Monday 28th January		
Friday 1 st February	2.20pm	Gold Book
Monday, 4th February		
Wednesday 6 th February	2 pm	Mass in School- all welcome
Friday, 8 th February	2.20pm	Gold Book
Monday 11th February		
Tuesday 12 th February	9:30-11am	Nursery Stay and Play
Friday 15 th February	2:20pm 3pm	Gold Book Break up for half term holiday
18th – 22nd February HALF TERM BREAK		
Monday, 25th February		Children back to school
Thursday 28 th February	3pm	PA Cake Sale
Friday 1 st March	am	School health nurses: Reception and Year 6 height & weight measuring
	2.20pm	Gold Book
Monday, 4th March		
Wednesday 6 th March	2pm	Ash Wednesday Mass in School- all welcome
Thursday 7 th March	3pm	PA Film Club
Friday 8 th March	2.20pm	Gold Book
Monday, 11th March		Science Week
Thursday 14 th March	1-4pm 3:30-5:30pm	Year 3 & 4 Football competition at Chandlings School High Five Netball Competition
Friday, 15 th March	9:30-11am 2.20pm	Nursery Stay and Play Science Sharing Assembly
Monday, 18th March		
Tuesday 19 th March		Class photos
Wednesday 20 th March	3:30-5:30pm	Netball Vale Finals





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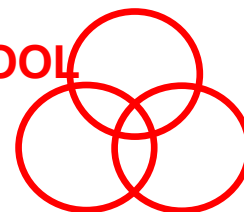
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Thursday 21 st March		Science Amey Theatre
Friday, 22 nd March	2.20pm	Gold Book
Monday 25th March		
Tuesday 26 th March		KS2 Reconciliation Service
Wednesday 27 th March	2:20pm	Year 3 Class assembly
Friday 29 th March	2:20pm	Gold Book
Monday 1st April	3.30-6:30pm	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 2 nd April	9:30-11am	Nursery Stay and Play
	4:30-7:30pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 3 rd April	2pm	Lent Mass in School- all welcome
Friday 5 th April	am	Easter Egg Hunt
	2pm	Stations of the Cross
	3pm	Break up for Easter holidays
10th April- 22nd April EASTER HOLIDAYS		
Tuesday, 23rd April		Children back to school
Wednesday 24 th April	2pm	Easter Mass in School- all welcome
	2-4pm	Vale swimming finals
Friday, 26 th April	2.20 pm	Gold Book
Saturday 27 th April	10-4pm	Community Day
Monday 29th April		
Friday 3 rd May	2:20pm	Gold Book
Monday 6th May		BANK HOLIDAY
Friday, 10 th May	2.20 pm	Gold Book
Saturday 11 th May	5 pm	Family Bingo TBC
Monday, 13th May		Key Stage 2 SATs Week
Wednesday 15 th May	2:20pm	Foundation Stage assembly
Friday, 17 th May	9:30-11am	Nursery Stay and Play
	2.20 pm	Gold Book
Monday, 20th May		
Wednesday 22 nd May	2pm	Our Lady Mass in hall- all welcome
Friday, 24 th May	2pm	Our Lady Procession
	3pm	Children break up for half term
27th -31st May HALF TERM BREAK		
Monday, 3rd June		INSET DAY- school closed
Tuesday 4 th June		Book Week
		Children back to school
Friday, 7 th June		Annual Schools Mass, Portsmouth
	2:20pm	Gold Book
Monday, 10th June		
Wednesday, 12 th June	am	Year 5 & 6 Quad kids competition
Thursday 13 th June	am	Year 3 & 4 Quad kids competition
Friday, 14 th June	2.20 pm	Gold Book
Saturday 15th June		Summer Fayre





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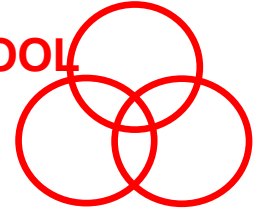
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Monday, 17th June	pm	Year 6 cricket competition
Tuesday, 18 th June	9:30-11am	Nursery Stay and Play Girls' Cricket competition
Wednesday, 19 th June	2:20pm	Year 1 Class assembly
Friday, 21 st June	2.20 pm	Gold Book
Monday, 24th June	pm	New Reception children's first visit
Tuesday 25 th June	pm pm	New Nursery children's first visit Year 5 cricket competition
Wednesday 26 th June	2pm	Fitzharrys, Larkmead and John Mason transition day First Holy Communion Mass in school- all welcome
Friday 28 th June	am 2:20pm	Larkmead 2 nd transition day Abingdon School Mini Olympics Gold Book
Monday 1st July	2pm	Welcome Meeting new Reception Parents
Tuesday 2 nd July	2pm	Welcome Meeting new Nursery parents
Wednesday 3 rd July	am 2:20pm	Year 1 & 2 Quad Kids competition Year 2 Class Assembly
Friday, 5 th July	2.20 pm	Gold Book
Monday, 8th July		
Wednesday 10 th July	am pm	Sports Day & family picnic Meet the Teacher
Friday 12 th July	am 2.20 pm pm	Reserve Sports Day Gold Book PA Discos
Monday, 15th July		
Tuesday 16 th July	1:45pm 6pm	Year 6 Production Year 6 Production
Wednesday 17 th July		Year 6H to Wittenham Clumps TBC
Thursday 18 th July		Year 6G to Wittenham Clumps TBC
Friday, 19 th July	2pm	Prize Day
Monday 22nd July	1:45pm	Leavers' Mass
Tuesday 23 rd July	3pm	Term ends
SUMMER HOLIDAY		

