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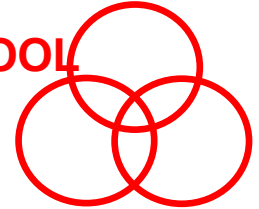
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18th December 2018

Dear Parents,

Our very long and busy half term is almost drawing to a close. It's been lovely to see so many of you at our Christmas events over the last couple of weeks; the Christmas Fayre was very well attended and great fun; the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 nativities were beautiful as always; and then we had our magical Christingle service for the Key Stage 2 children in the church last night. Thank you for supporting your children at all of these events and for helping to make our Advent season so special here at school.

Parish Website

I would like to draw your attention to the new page on the 'Youth' section of the parish website, covering Advent and Christmas: <https://www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/copy-of-advent-calendar>. There is an interactive Advent calendar which can only be opened on the right day and a crossword for your child to check their knowledge of Advent, amongst other useful information about Advent and Christmas.

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to all the Parents Association, staff, parents and children who all helped to make our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 8th December so successful. An impressive £1975.26 was raised whilst everyone within our community had great fun in the process.

Mary's Meals Backpack project

As you know, for this term's fund raising we have been 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. Once all the resources were collected and sorted by our Mini Vinnies (ably assisted by Melanie and Mrs Himpson) they were bagged up and are now on their way to school children in Malawi. Around 80 children will be receiving a new back pack soon thanks to the generosity of St Edmund's children and families so thank you all. NB the final figure for Mrs Semple's run on behalf of Mary's Meals was an incredible £1,589.

Swimming Gala Success

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Abingdon School's Swimming Gala recently: Girls' team- Millie, Kate, Hollie, Maddison and Sophie. Boys' team- Isaac, Marco, Matas, George and Jnana Das. Both teams qualified for the Vale Swimming finals in April. The boys' team came 2nd overall and the girls' team came 4th... out of approximately 24 teams. A brilliant achievement!

Early Years Expansion

As you are aware, last academic year we expanded our Early Years provision to include full and part time nursery provision for all children starting the long term after they turned three. This expansion has continued this academic year and has been so successful that we now need more space to accommodate the large number of nursery children following the January intake. Therefore, the





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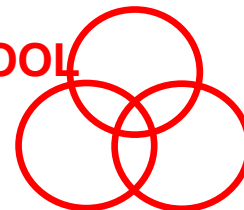
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Early Years unit will be expanding into the current Year 1 classroom from January. This means that the current Year 1 children are now moving into the Year 2 classroom and the Year 2 children have moved into the French/music room. French lessons will now take place in the Key Stage 2 classrooms from January.

100 Club December draw

The December draw of the Governors' Fund 100+ Club was made on 7th December 2018. The winning numbers were:

1st Prize (£30) – Number 90 Errol Midwinter

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

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

Congratulations to the winners. The next draw will take place on Friday 11th January 2019. Tickets can be purchased by anyone with a connection to the school, so please encourage grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. to join in and buy a number. Please do not hesitate to contact Phil Cole – 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.

I hope you all have a happy and holy Christmas with your families and loved ones. Remember the new term starts for the children on Tuesday 8th January.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Delany-White

Diary Dates- PLEASE KEEP THESE HANDY

St Edmund's Catholic Primary School		
DIARY DATES 2018/19		
Date		Event
Monday 17 th December	am 6pm	Breakfast in Bethlehem- Early Years & Key Stage 1 KS2 Christingle in Church
Tuesday 18 th December	9:30-11am	Nursery Stay and Play
Wednesday 19 th December	am 1pm 2pm	Breakfast in Bethlehem- Key Stage 2 New nursery children & parents visit Parent talk in hall for new Nursery parents
Thursday 20 th December		Home visits for new nursery children
Friday 21 st December	am 3pm	Christmas Jumper Day Foundation Stage Stay and Play Term ends
24 th December – 4 th January CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY		
Monday 7 th January		INSET day- school closed
Tuesday 8 th January		Children back to school
Wednesday 9 th January	2pm	Epiphany Mass in school – all welcome





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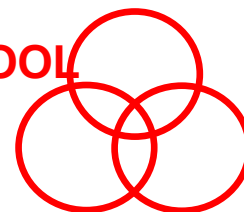
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Thursday 10 th January		Art Day
Friday, 11 th January	2.20pm	Art sharing assembly
Monday, 14th January	am	Year 4 & 6 Sun Dome
Tuesday 15 th January	am pm	Year 6H to Abingdon School science lab Year 6G to Abingdon School science lab
Wednesday 16 th January	am	Year 5 Abingdon School science workshop
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	Year 6 cake sale for IMPs 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 2.20pm	School health nurses: Reception and Year 6 height & weight measuring 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
Thursday 21 st March		Science Amey Theatre
Friday, 22 nd March	2.20pm	Gold Book
Monday 25th March		





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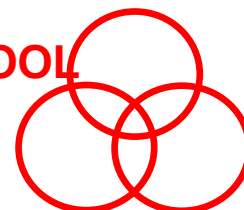
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Tuesday 26 th March		KS2 Reconciliation Service
Wednesday 27 th March	am 2:20pm	Year 4 at Abingdon School, chemistry workshop Year 3 Class assembly
Friday 29 th March	2:20pm	Gold Book
Monday 1st April	3.30-6:30pm	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 2 nd April	9:30-11am 4:30-7:30pm	Nursery Stay and Play Parents' Evening
Wednesday 3 rd April	2pm	Lent Mass in School- all welcome
Friday 5 th April	am 2pm 3pm	Easter Egg Hunt Stations of the Cross Break up for Easter holidays
10th April- 22nd April EASTER HOLIDAYS		
Tuesday, 23rd April		Children back to school
Wednesday 24 th April	2pm 2-4pm	Easter Mass in School- all welcome 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 2.20 pm	Nursery Stay and Play Gold Book
Monday, 20th May		Year 4 trip to Sulgrave Manor
Wednesday 22 nd May	2pm	Our Lady Mass in hall- all welcome
Friday, 24 th May	2pm 3pm	Our Lady Procession 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	2:20pm	Annual Schools Mass, Portsmouth 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
Monday, 17th June	pm	Year 6 cricket competition
Tuesday, 18 th June	9:30-11am	Nursery Stay and Play



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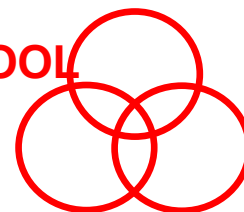
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		Girls' Cricket competition
Wednesday, 19 th June	2:20pm	Year 1 Class assembly
Friday, 21 st June	2.20 pm	Gold Book
Monday, 24th June	pm	New Reception children's first visit
Tuesday 25 th June	pm pm	New Nursery children's first visit Year 5 cricket competition
Wednesday 26 th June	2pm	Fitzharrys, Larkmead and John Mason transition day First Holy Communion Mass in school- all welcome
Thursday 27 th June		Larkmead 2 nd transition day
Friday 28 th June	am 2:20pm	Abingdon School Mini Olympics Gold Book
Monday 1st July	2pm	Prayer Space Week 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 6G to Wittenham Clumps TBC
Thursday 18 th July		Year 6H 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		

