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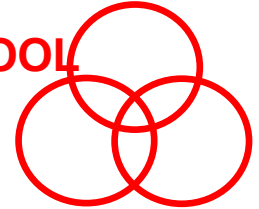
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25th January 2019

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year if I haven't seen you yet this year. Thank you for all the cards, presents and kind wishes I received. As always, the children have quickly settled back into school routines and there is a purposeful and happy buzz around school as the hard work and fun continues once more.

Parish Youth Group

Our church of Our Lady and St Edmund has recently relaunched the youth group which is open to all children in Year 3 and above; further details are available on the youth page of the parish website: <https://www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/events>. I have also added all the planned youth events to the list of diary dates at the end of this newsletter for your convenience.

Staff changes

You may be aware that Mrs Hunt, teaching assistant who was working in Year 4 and Year 2 suddenly left us before Christmas when a great opportunity came up for her at The Unicorn School. We wish her well in her new position. As part of our successful expansion of the Early Years setting, we have welcomed Mrs Liz Painton to the team. Mrs Painton has many years' experience working in Early Years settings across Oxfordshire and she already looks completely at home here at St Edmund's. She is a valuable asset to the team already.

Art Week

We started off this new term with a very enjoyable art week. All the classes studied a different artist, learnt about the artist's techniques and life story and used various mediums to recreate work inspired by the artist. At the end of the week the children visited one another's classrooms and enthusiastically shared their knowledge and art work with one another. It was a thoroughly enjoyable week and many children have told me they hope we do it again every year now.

Social Media Use for Primary Children

It has come to my attention in recent weeks that several of our older children have created a social media networking profile before they are the correct age to do so (which is 13 for most sites but 16 for You Tube and What's App). As parents I feel it is important for you to know what your children are doing online and to be aware of the dangers they are inadvertently exposing themselves to. It is important to respect the terms of the use of any social media site and register with the correct age, as there are often additional protections in place for younger children. If the site discovers that underage users are using the service, they will delete their account. It is also advisable to use filters and protections provided by most broadband suppliers.

Before young people start using network services it is important that they are equipped with the skills to stay safe online and to use social networking sites responsibly. We teach online safety throughout the school as part of our computing curriculum, we provide many useful links for parents via our school website 'online safety' page and we will have a special Internet Safety Day on February 5th in line with many primary schools nationally.





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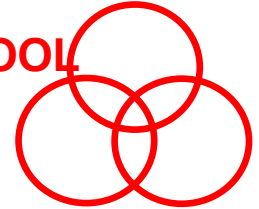
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Young people use social networking sites for many different purposes; to communicate with their friends, to share content and to find out new information. Children often need to be reminded that they need to be careful about what they're posting online. Children can sometimes believe that social networking sites are a private space for them, and it can be difficult for them to realise that what they're posting online may be publicly visible and can be spread very quickly to a large audience.

The blur between public and private expression can potentially put a child at risk in two main ways: Content: content which is uploaded online can be copied, altered and reposted by anyone and it is very difficult to 'take back' what may be later regretted. Children who create or post inappropriate, offensive or even illegal content on their own or others' web pages could quickly be in trouble with school, friends or even the police, depending on the nature of the material. You and your children need to be aware that the legal age for some online offences is 10 years old.

Contact: young people need to be aware of how much personal information they upload onto these sites. If a user of a social networking site doesn't protect their information by enabling the correct privacy settings, they might be sharing their information with strangers, some of whom may have malicious intentions. Posting or chatting about personal details might enable someone to identify and contact your child online or in person. Those who share their information publicly can be exposed to more strangers online and can sometimes receive online hate and cyberbullying from people they don't know.

All of this can be very distressing for you and your child but can be avoided whilst they are still of primary school age by following the age restrictions provided by the social networking sites.

100 Club January draw

The January draw of the Governors' Fund 100+ Club was made on 11th January 2019.

Congratulations to the winners.

1st Prize (£30) – Number 28 Guy Rogers

2nd Prize (£20) – Number 1 Errol Midwinter

3rd Prize (£10) – Number 55 Freya Demarchi

This was the last draw in the 2018-19 100+ Club year. Renewals and invitations for new members to join will be sent out over the next few weeks, in time for the next draw which will be on Friday 1st February. 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 – 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.

As ever, thank you all for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Delany-White





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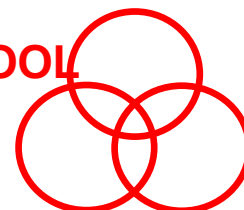
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Diary Dates- **PLEASE KEEP THESE HANDY**

St Edmund's Catholic Primary School		
DIARY DATES 2018/19		
Date		Event
Monday 28th January		
Wednesday 30 th January		Year 5 Festival of Languages
Friday 1 st February	2.20pm	Gold Book
Saturday 2nd February	3:30-5pm	Bowling at the Kassam, see parish website for details
Monday 4th February		
Tuesday 5 th February		Internet Safety Day
Wednesday 6 th February	2 pm	Mass in School- all welcome
Thursday 7 th February	am	Year 3 visit to Abingdon Museum
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		
Saturday 23rd February	3:30-5pm	Parish Youth Group in the parish centre, Year 3- 6, see parish website for details
Monday 25th February		
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
Saturday 2nd March	1:45-3:30pm	Ice Skating in Oxford, see parish website for details
Monday 4th March		
Wednesday 6 th March	2pm	Ash Wednesday Mass in School- all welcome
Thursday 7 th March	3pm	World Book Day PA Film Club
Friday 8 th March	2.20pm	Gold Book
Saturday 9th March	3:30-5pm	Parish Youth Group in the parish centre, Year 3- 6, see parish website for details
Monday 11th March		
Wednesday 13 th March	pm	Primary Pop Concert- choir
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





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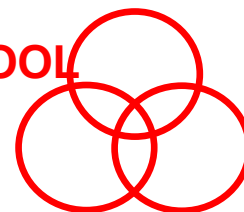
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Wednesday 20 th March	3:30-5:30pm	Netball Vale Finals
Thursday 21 st March		Science Amey Theatre
Friday, 22 nd March	2.20pm	Gold Book
Monday 25th March		
Tuesday 26 th March		KS2 Reconciliation Service
Wednesday 27 th March	am 2:20pm	Year 4 at Abingdon 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
Saturday 6th April	2-5pm	Film Club at Kassam Cinema, see parish website for details
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 27th April	10-4pm 3:30-5pm	Community Day TBC Parish Youth Group in the parish centre, Year 3- 6, see parish website for details
Monday 29th April		
Friday 3 rd May	2:20pm	Gold Book
Monday 6th May		
Friday, 10 th May	2.20 pm	Gold Book
Saturday 11th May	5 pm 3:30-5pm	Family Bingo TBC Parish Youth Group in the parish centre, Year 3- 6, see parish website for details
Monday 13th May		
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
Saturday 18th May	9:45-5:30pm	Mini Pilgrimage to Boars Hill, see parish website for details
Monday 20th May		
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		





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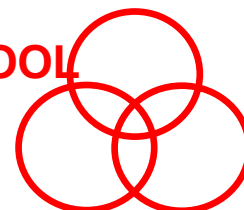
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Monday 3rd June		INSET DAY- school closed
Tuesday 4 th June		Book Week Children back to school
Friday 7 th June	2:20pm	Annual Schools Mass, Portsmouth Gold Book
Saturday 8th June	10am 3:30-5pm	First Holy Communion Mass at St Edmund's church Parish Youth Group in the parish centre, Year 3- 6, see parish website for details
Sunday 9th June	2pm	First Holy Communion Mass at St Edmund's church
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 Girls' Cricket competition
Wednesday 19 th June	2:20pm	Year 1 Class assembly
Friday 21 st June	2.20 pm	Gold Book
Saturday 22nd June	3:30-5pm	Parish Youth Group in the parish centre, Year 3- 6, see parish website for details
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
Saturday 6th July	3:30-5pm	Parish Youth Group in the parish centre, Year 3- 6, see parish website for details
Saturday 6th-Sunday 7th July		Family Pilgrimage to Walsingham, see parish website for details
Monday 8th July		
Wednesday 10 th July	am pm	Sports Day & family picnic Meet the Teacher
Friday 12 th July	am	Reserve Sports Day





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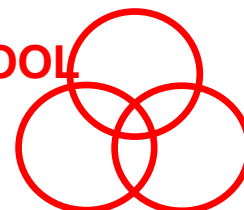
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	2.20 pm pm	Gold Book PA Discos
Monday 15th July		
Tuesday 16 th July	1:45pm 6pm	Year 6 Production Year 6 Production
Wednesday 17 th July		Year 6H to Wittenham Clumps
Thursday 18 th July		Year 6G to Wittenham Clumps
Friday 19 th July	2pm	Prize Day
Saturday 20th July	3:30-5pm	Parish Youth Group in the parish centre, Year 3- 6, see parish website for details
Monday 22nd July	1:45pm	Leavers' Mass
Tuesday 23 rd July	3pm	Term ends
SUMMER HOLIDAY		

