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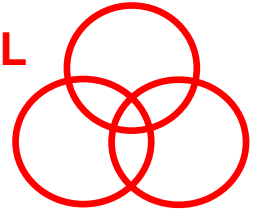
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18<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Dear Parents,

**DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?**

*In the words of Pope Francis*

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

### Lenten Fund Raising

As a school we are supporting Our Lady & St Edmund's Church's Lenten fund raising projects again this year. They are:

**THRIVE** part of the Innovista Christian Charity, has been working with young people in South Abingdon since 2016, helping them bounce back from the obstacles that they face in their





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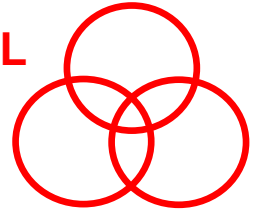
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community. Thrive focuses on bringing hope and lasting change to the youth, giving them skills and resilience. There are currently two Youth Workers, an intern and 20 volunteers (one from our Parish) who are all Christian. One of the youth workers has recently visited our Mini Vinnies and told them about their work so the children understand what a difference any money we raise will make.

**BE FREE YOUNG CARERS** is a local charity, dedicated to the care and support of young carers; young people aged between 8 and 18 who must devote a proportion of their lives to caring for a family member. Currently in Abingdon, 90 young carers are supported and there are another 90+ carers who attend schools in Abingdon.

**EMMAUS** gives homeless people accommodation, support and meaningful work. Emmaus Oxford runs a small community which houses 28 people who have been homeless. These members are called Companions who volunteer for 30 hours weekly, mostly within the social enterprise, working in a shop which specialises in selling second hand furniture and white goods. Donations from the Lenten fund raising will go directly to helping homeless people have somewhere to live and work whilst they turn their lives around.

As a school we have planned to support the Lenten family dance on March 29<sup>th</sup> at Drayton Village Hall; our choir will be singing on the night and tickets are available to buy from the school office. Year 6 will organise and run a Lenten toy sale on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April so do encourage your children to start sorting out any unwanted toys now. We will also have a non-uniform day on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April with all donations going to the Lenten fund raising. Please do support these worthwhile causes if you can.

### Staff Updates

I am sure you will join me in congratulating Miss Hurley on the birth of Max Louis on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Mum and baby are both doing well. Thankfully, Mrs Sylvester's knee operation also went well, and she is looking forward to returning to teach Year 1 again on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

### Science Week

As you know we had an exciting and informative science week last week, with children of all ages amazing their class mates with their scientific experiments. Thank you to all parents for supporting the children so well with this. Then on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March we had our exciting science day. This was a chance for the children to show-case their work, discuss it with peers and share their love of learning across the age ranges: Key Stage 1 shared their science investigations and knowledge with Key Stage 2 in the morning, Key Stage 2 shared with Key Stage 1 and parents in the afternoon. They were all incredibly enthusiastic about their scientific learning and understanding. Many adults reported hearing some wonderful questioning and explanations between the children and those visiting their stands. Thank you again to all the parents who supported the children and were able to visit the stalls on Friday afternoon, I hope you enjoyed the event as much as I did.





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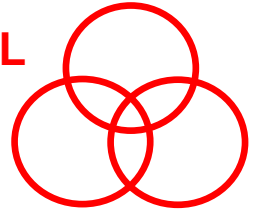
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### Sports Update

Well done to our hockey team who played in the Abingdon Schools Hockey tournament on the 6th March. They came second in their group and qualified for the quarter finals. Unfortunately, they then lost to OLA. But, many thanks to OLA for transporting us in their mini bus!

Congratulations also to all of our Netball teams. Two teams played in the Abingdon Schools Netball tournament. One of our teams was knocked out in the group stage but the other got through to the semi-finals. They came third in the whole tournament and have qualified for the Vale Netball Championships this Wednesday. All of our teams were a credit to the school and played enthusiastically, but with a strong sense of fair play. We are very proud of them.

### Governors' Fund 100+ Club - latest draw results:

March winning numbers were:

1st Prize (£30) – Number 44 Pauline Anderson

2nd Prize (£20) – Number 13 Adrian Clarke

3rd Prize (£10) – Number 30 Guy Rogers

Congratulations to the winners.

There are many numbers available this year at £13.75 for the remaining draws. There will be some double draws coming up, so get in quick if you would like the chance of winning.

The next draw will take place on **Friday 6th April 2019**. 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 (Parent Governor) – by email at [pcole@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:pcole@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk) or phone on 07779 662725 if you would like to join or have any questions.

### Car Parking and Road Safety

Mrs Pratt recently sent out a reminder to parents about the importance of parking safely and considerately at school drop off and pick up times so that we can do all we can to ensure everyone's safety. Unfortunately, we are still experiencing problems with cars parking on the double yellow lines at the end of Swinburne Road and on the zig-zags at the front of school. Coincidentally our local PCSO has contacted us and offered her support in tidying up the parking around school. She will therefore be making regular spot checks and has asked us to inform parents that appropriate action will be taken where vehicles are causing an obstruction.

As ever, thank you all for your continued support. I wish you a peaceful and prayer filled Lent.

Yours sincerely,

*Mrs Delany-White*







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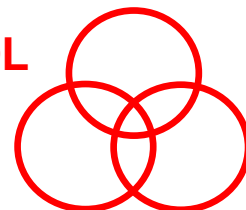
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### Diary Dates- PLEASE KEEP THESE HANDY

St Edmund's Catholic Primary School DIARY DATES 2018/19		
Date		Event
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>		
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March		Class photos
	pm	Hope not Hate Abingdon Partnership project
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	am	Year 5 singing at Christchurch Cathedral
	3:30-5:30pm	Netball Vale Finals
Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> March		Science Amey Theatre, ATOM festival
	2.20pm	Gold Book
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>		
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	am	Year 4 pupils to Abingdon School for Humanities Curriculum morning
	Am	KS2 Reconciliation Service
	1:30pm	New nursery parent's meeting
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	am	Year 4 at Abingdon School, chemistry workshop
	2:20pm	Year 3 Class assembly
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March		Home visits for new nursery children
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March		Year 2 Warwick Castle trip
	am	Year 3 to Trinity Church
	2:20pm	Gold Book
	7 pm	Lenten Project Family Dance- Drayton Village Hall (tickets from office)
<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
	pm	Lenten Toy Sale in the hall
	4:30-7:30pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	2pm	Lent Mass in School- all welcome
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April		Non-uniform day- donations for Lenten fund raising
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	am	Easter Egg Hunt
	2pm	Stations of the Cross
	3pm	Break up for Easter holidays
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	2pm	Choir singing in <b>Abingdon Passion Play</b>
	2-5pm	<b>Film Club</b> at Kassam Cinema, see parish website for details
<b>8<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
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>3:30-5pm</b>	<b>Parish Youth Group in the parish centre, Year 3- 6, see parish website for details</b>





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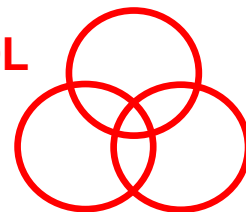
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<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	pm	Year 6H Junior Citizens
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	2:20pm	Gold Book
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> May	2.20 pm	Gold Book
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>3:30-5pm</b>	<b>Parish Youth Group in the parish centre, Year 3- 6, see parish website for details</b>
<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 2.20 pm	Nursery Stay and Play Gold Book
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9:45-5:30pm</b>	<b>Mini Pilgrimage to Boars Hill, see parish website for details</b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>		Year 4 trip to Sulgrave Manor
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	am 2pm	Year 6G Junior Citizens trip (half class) Our Lady Mass in hall- all welcome
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	am am	Early years- Year 3 Peter Pan drama workshops Year 6G Junior Citizens trip (half class)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	2pm 3pm	Our Lady Procession 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		Book Week Children back to school
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June		Mini Vinnies retreat day TBC
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	2:20pm	Annual Schools Mass, Portsmouth Gold Book
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>10am 3:30-5pm</b>	<b>First Holy Communion Mass at St Edmund's church Parish Youth Group in the parish centre, Year 3- 6, see parish website for details</b>
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>2pm</b>	<b>First Holy Communion Mass at St Edmund's church</b>
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	am	Year 6G to Abingdon Museum TBC
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	am	Year 5 & 6 Quad kids competition
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	am am	Year 6H to Abingdon Museum TBC 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>	pm	Year 6 cricket competition
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	9:30-11am am pm	Nursery Stay and Play Year 6G to Abingdon Museum Year 6H to Abingdon Lab TBC Girls' Cricket competition





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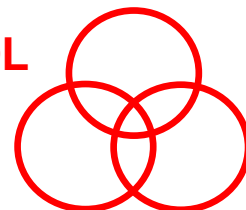
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Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	am 1-4pm 2:20pm	Year 6G to Abingdon Lab TBC Quad Kids Finals at Tilsley Park Year 1 Class assembly
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	2.20 pm	Gold Book
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>3:30-5pm</b>	<b>Parish Youth Group in the parish centre, Year 3- 6, see parish website for details</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	pm	New Reception children's first visit
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	pm pm	New Nursery children's first visit Year 5 cricket competition
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	2pm	Fitzharrys, Larkmead and John Mason transition day First Holy Communion Mass in school- all welcome
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June		Larkmead 2 <sup>nd</sup> transition day
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	am 2:20pm	Abingdon School Mini Olympics Gold Book
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	2pm	Prayer Space Week Didcot Girls' Induction day Welcome Meeting new Reception Parents
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	2pm	Didcot Girls' Induction day Welcome Meeting new Nursery parents
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	am 2:20pm	Year 1 & 2 Quad Kids competition Year 2 Class Assembly
Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> July	2.20 pm	Gold Book
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>-Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>3:30-5pm</b>	<b>Parish Youth Group in the parish centre, Year 3- 6, Family Pilgrimage to Walsingham, see parish website for details</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>		
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	am pm	Sports Day & family picnic Meet the Teacher
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	am 2.20 pm pm	Reserve Sports Day Gold Book PA Discos
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>		
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	1:45pm 6pm	Year 6 Production Year 6 Production
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July		Year 6G & 6H to Wittenham Clumps
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	2pm	Prize Day
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>3:30-5pm</b>	<b>Parish Youth Group in the parish centre, Year 3- 6, see parish website for details</b>
<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>		

