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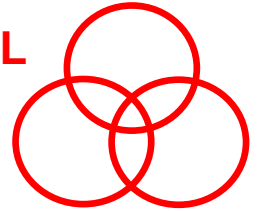
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3rd April 2019

Dear Parents,

Lenten Fund Raising

As you know, as a school we are supporting Our Lady & St Edmund's Church's Lenten fund raising projects again this year. Last Friday we supported the successful Lenten family dance at Drayton Village Hall; our choir sang beautifully on the night and families were entertained by the brass band after a delicious supper. Year 6 are running the Lenten toy sale this afternoon in the hall. We will also have a non-uniform day tomorrow, Thursday 4th April, with all donations going to the Lenten fund raising. Mini Vinnies are planning a few fun activities for the children for after the holidays so do look out for those as well. Please do support these worthwhile causes if you can.

Staff Updates

It is with great sadness that I have to announce the recent death of Mr Bob Finch who worked at our school for many years, teaching many of our children to play the guitar, as well as supporting the children in the classrooms. His funeral is 11am on Tuesday 9th April at Sacred Heart Church, Blackbird Leys. Please remember Mr Finch and his family in your prayers.

This Friday we will also be saying good bye to two of our teaching assistants: Mrs Zielinska and Mr Hunter. I am sure you will join me in wishing them every success in their new careers and thanking them for supporting our children so well.

PA Funds

We are delighted that the Parents Association are able to help us financially this year. The PA have agreed to buy £1000 worth of new books to enable all key stage 2 classes to share good quality texts during whole class reading, as well as to supplement the key stage libraries. The PA are paying for £1500 worth of consumable resources for art, design technology etc as well as funding the new Rainbow Room. In these days of tight budgets for schools it is wonderful to have such a successful and supportive Parents Association so thank you to all parents who continue to support our school so generously; every cake sold makes a difference! Thank you also to all the parents who give their time and energy so willingly to make sure all families have fun whilst raising the much-needed extra funds.

Abingdon Passion Play

On Saturday afternoon our choir will once again join other children and adults in Abingdon for the Abingdon Passion Play. This is a dramatic, fast-paced retelling of the Easter story with an original script and a new beautifully composed musical score. It uses a band of female storytellers to give the piece its narrative drive and the female followers of Jesus a voice. It is a real community effort with a large cast of all ages from the Abingdon area, a choir of over 50 adults from church and community choirs and 6 primary schools involved (including St Edmund's).

In true Passion Play tradition, watch Jesus' triumphal entry on a donkey, his arrest and false trial, and finally his crucifixion and the resurrection. The audience can follow the action as the story unfolds.

You are advised to arrive about half an hour before the performance starts and to wear warm clothing





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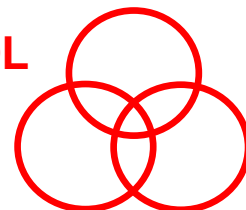
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Children (and adults if they like!) can feel part of the experience by dressing as a biblical character and bringing a 'palm leaf' to wave. Running time is approximately one and a half hours long. Be aware that some scenes may be unsuitable for small children

As ever, thank you all for your continued support. I wish you and your families a happy and holy Easter.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Delany-White

Diary Dates- PLEASE KEEP THESE HANDY

St Edmund's Catholic Primary School		
DIARY DATES 2018/19		
Date		Event
Wednesday 3 rd April	pm pm	Lenten Toy Sale in the hall Choir rehearsal at Trinity Church for Passion Play
Thursday 4 th April		Non-uniform day- donations for Lenten fund raising
Friday 5 th April	am 2pm 3pm	Easter Egg Hunt Stations of the Cross Break up for Easter holidays
Saturday 6th April	2pm	Choir singing in Abingdon Passion Play
8th 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	3:30-5pm	Parish Youth Group in the parish centre, Year 3- 6, see parish website for details
Monday 29th April		
Tuesday 30 th April	am	Year 3 Pizza Express trip
Thursday 2 nd May	pm	Year 6H Junior Citizens
Friday 3 rd May	2:20pm	Gold Book
Monday 6th May		BANK HOLIDAY
Friday, 10 th May	2.20 pm	Gold Book
Saturday 11th May	3:30-5pm	Parish Youth Group in the parish centre, Year 3- 6, see parish website for details
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
Saturday 18th May	9:45-5:30pm	Mini Pilgrimage to Boars Hill, see parish website for details
Monday 20th May		Year 4 trip to Sulgrave Manor





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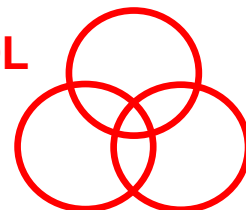
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Tuesday 21 st May	am	Year 4 to Abingdon library
Wednesday 22 nd May	am 2pm	Year 6G Junior Citizens trip (half class) Our Lady Mass in hall- all welcome
Thursday 23 rd May	am am	Early years- Year 3 Peter Pan drama workshops Year 6G Junior Citizens trip (half class)
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	am	Book Week Children back to school Year 3 to Abingdon Library
Wednesday 5 th June		Mini Vinnies retreat day TBC
Friday 7 th June	am 2:20pm	Annual Schools Mass, Portsmouth Year 1 to Abingdon Library 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		
Tuesday 11 th June	am	Year 6G to Abingdon Museum TBC
Wednesday 12 th June	am	Year 5 & 6 Quad kids competition
Thursday 13 th June	am am	Year 6H to Abingdon Museum TBC 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 am pm	Nursery Stay and Play Year 6G to Abingdon Museum Year 6H to Abingdon Lab TBC Girls' Cricket competition
Wednesday 19 th June	am 1-4pm 2:20pm	Year 6G to Abingdon Lab TBC Quad Kids Finals at Tilsley Park 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		Fitzharrys, Larkmead and John Mason transition day





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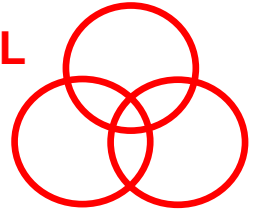
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	2pm	First Holy Communion Mass in school- all welcome
Thursday 27 th June		Larkmead 2 nd transition day
Friday 28 th June	am	Abingdon School Mini Olympics Magic Maths Fayre
Monday 1st July		Prayer Space Week Didcot Girls' Induction day
	2pm	Welcome Meeting new Reception Parents
Tuesday 2 nd July		Didcot Girls' Induction day
	2pm	Welcome Meeting new Nursery parents
Wednesday 3 rd July	am	Year 1 & 2 Quad Kids competition
	2:20pm	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,
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 & 6H 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		

