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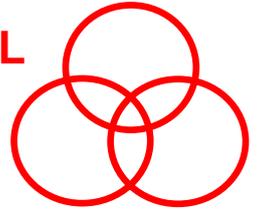
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1st July 2019

Dear Parents,

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Noah, Declan, Harry, Jack, Isla, Patrick G, Patrick N, William, Giuseppe, Hope, Isaac DG, Andres, Gwen, Phoebe, Niamh, Douglas and Lacie Anne who have now all made their First Holy Communion. We had a special Mass in school for all the First Holy Communion children last Wednesday. The children all looked beautiful and handsome in their special Holy Communion clothes and it was lovely that so many of their relatives were able to join us. Please continue to keep all of the Holy Communion children in your prayers.



Prayer Spaces

This week we are holding our first Prayer Spaces week here at St Edmund's.

The theme of the Prayer Space is 'Space'. The Prayer Space is divided into four sections:

S- Sorry T- Thanks O- Others P- Please

Every class from Year 1-6, has been divided in two and will enter the Prayer Space one group at a time for approximately 40 minutes with the class teacher or Teaching Assistant. Once in the Prayer Space, the children sit together to listen to a short introduction given by one of the leaders. Then they are divided into four groups and sent to the four stations of the Prayer Space. Each small group then rotates until all four stations have been visited. Finally, all the children gather for a short debrief and then return to their classroom. Parents are very welcome to visit the Prayer Space in the Key Stage 2 library themselves after school today. I am grateful to Melanie and many kind parishioners from St Edmund's and other Abingdon churches who are giving us their time and support to run this special week for our children.

Sports Reports

We have had a very busy term for sports so far and we still have Sports Day to go on Wednesday 10th July:

Quad Kids

Our team of Millie, Carmen, Hollie, Luna, George, Jnana Das, Harry, Cameron and Gregory competed valiantly at Tilsley Park on June 12th but were not in the first four schools to qualify for the Vale Finals.





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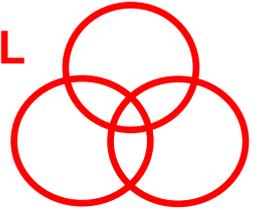
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Cricket Competition

Miss Foukaridou has asked us to celebrate the resilience of the Year 6 cricket team (Kate, Hollie, Samuel, Cameron, George, Isaac, Gregory and Kuba) who proudly represented our school in the cricket tournament on Monday 17th June at Abingdon School. Our team managed to win the last three games even after a rough start. Their behaviour was impeccable, and they all showed great determination throughout the competition. They competed in all of the matches with a big smile on their face! Well done everyone!

House Netball and Football Trophies

These were keenly competed for with some very close results:

In the football, Briant and Roberts drew to share the cup.

In the netball, Briant were the winners.

House Cross Country Cup

Another keenly fought race with More being the eventual victors. The individual accolades go to Isaac in 3rd place, Cameron in 2nd place and the winner, Gregory in first. Well done to all of Year 4, 5 and 6 who ran in the heats.

Many thanks to OLA who transported many of our teams to events during the year, enabling more of our children to experience sporting competition.

Goodbye Year 6

Sadly, we will soon be saying goodbye and good luck to our talented Year 6 pupils. New parents often ask where our children go when they leave St Edmund's and are slightly confused when I reply 'everywhere'. To clarify this point let me explain that this year's leavers are going to:

Didcot Girls School (4)

Fitzharry's (17)

Our Lady's Senior School (2)

School in Bristol (1)

Moving to Spain (1)

Larkmead (11)

John Mason (8)

Aureus School (3)

St Birinus (1)

I wish them all continued success in their new school, and I am sure they will maintain the high standards of commitment in all that they do. They will face many new challenges in the years ahead but they are more than ready to do so with confidence in the knowledge that they will succeed if they are prepared to put the effort in- as they have done over the years here at St Edmund's. I just hope they remember to keep in touch and share their successes with us in the years to come.

Goodbye and thank you

We are sadly saying goodbye to Miss Hunter who has taught Reception class for the last couple of years. After several months of ill health Miss Hunter has sadly resigned to concentrate on getting herself strong and well again over the months to come. I am sure you join me in praying for her





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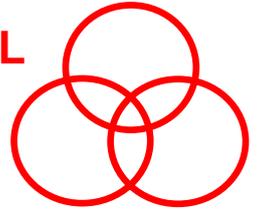
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speedy recovery. I am delighted to say that Mrs Boodell, who joined us on a temporary twelve-month contract last September will be staying with us on a permanent contract. Mrs Boodell has already proved herself to be a valuable asset to our team and is greatly loved by the Year 4 children and families.

Classes for September

The classes for next academic year will be as follows:

Nursery: Mrs Semple

Reception: Mrs Demarchi (Tues & Wed) & Miss Hurley* (Mon, Thurs & Fri)

* Sept- Oct, Miss Prior (Thurs & Fri) until Miss Hurley returns fully from maternity leave

Year 1: Mrs Sylvester (Mon-Wed) & Mrs Harris (Thurs & Fri)

Year 2: Mrs Boodell

Year 3: Miss Foukaridou

Year 4: Mrs Wadrzyk

Year 5: Mrs Graham (Mon-Wed) & Mrs Attridge (Thurs & Fri)

Year 6: Mrs Hague

The children will meet their new class teacher on the afternoon of Wednesday 10th July and parents are very welcome to come and meet the new teacher at 3pm when you have collected your children.

Uniform

As some of the shops have already started to advertise sales on school uniform for the next academic year (how depressing for the children before they have even started their summer holidays!) I think a timely reminder now before anyone goes shopping early may be in order. Please check our full uniform list on our school website: <https://st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk/information/parents-information/school-uniform/> Please particularly note that all **trousers and shorts should be grey** (not black) and **school socks should be grey or navy (grey, navy or white for girls)**. All sweatshirts and cardigans should be school ones with our school logo on which are available to buy from the school office.

Jewellery

In the interests of safety and security *no* jewellery (apart from wristwatches, which must be removed for Physical Education), is allowed in school. If you would like your child to have pierced ears, please do this on the first day of the summer holiday so that the earrings can be easily removed when they return to school in September. Alternatively wait until your child leaves primary school and moves onto secondary school.

Summer Fayre Success

Thank you to everyone who came along to support our recent Summer Fayre. It was a wonderful afternoon, the rain held off until the very end and an impressive £1877 was raised altogether. Thank you so much to all of the hard working and enthusiastic Parents' Association members and staff who made this event such a happy and successful one.





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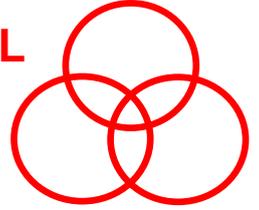
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Change of Date

We have been informed by Oxfordshire County Council that there has been a change to the Academic Year 2019/2020. The May Bank Holiday has been moved from the traditional Monday 4th May to **Friday 8th May 2020**. This change is to mark the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. A copy of the updated Term Dates is now on our website.

100 Club

The latest draw of the Governors' Fund 100+ Club were made on 7th June.

The winning numbers were:

1st Prize (£30) – Number 27 **Leila Brown**

2nd Prize (£20) – Number 53 **Sarah Demarchi**

3rd Prize (£10) – Number 79 **Peter Hendricks**

Congratulations to the winners.

There are many numbers available this year at **£8.75** for the remaining draws. There will be some double draws coming up, so get in quick if you would like the chance of winning. **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 or phone on 07779 662725 if you would like to join or have any questions.

Tiny Feet Coffee Morning at Cumnor Hill House

Finally, if you would like a free coffee and refreshments for your preschool child(ren) do go along to Cumnor Hill House, 10:30am-midday, every Friday morning. This is a chance for you and your children to make some elderly people's faces light up so please drop in if you are free on a Friday morning. I can guarantee the staff and residents will make you and your young children very welcome.

As ever, thank you all for your continued support and for helping to make this year another successful one here at St Edmund's. I look forward to seeing you all at the many events which are still to take place over the final few weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Delany-White





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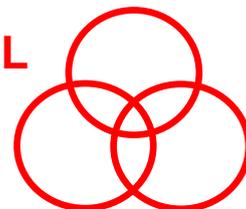
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Diary Dates- PLEASE KEEP THESE HANDY

St Edmund's Catholic Primary School DIARY DATES 2018/19		
Date		Event
Monday 1st July		Prayer Space Week Didcot schools Induction day Welcome Meeting new Reception Parents 2pm
Tuesday 2 nd July	pm 2pm	Didcot schools & Aureus School Induction day Year 2 to Abingdon School science lab Welcome Meeting new Nursery parents
Wednesday 3 rd July	am 2:20pm	Year 6 to Pizza Express Year 2 Class Assembly
Thursday 4 th July	am	Early Years trip to Earth's Trust- 'Little Explorers' Day Year 4 at Abingdon School for Science workshop
Friday, 5 th July	am 2.20 pm	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 to Abingdon Partnership Magic Maths Fayre at Larkmead School Gold Book Bike marking after school on the playground
Saturday 6th July	3:30-5pm	Parish Youth Group in the parish centre, Year 3- 6,
Monday 8th July		
Tuesday 9 th July	2:15pm	Music Concert
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 Year 1 trip to Farmer Gow's
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		

