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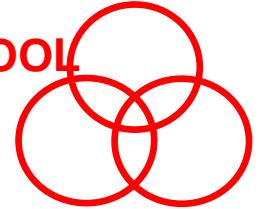
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10th September 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back.

As usual, your children have all settled quickly back into their school routines and a calm and purposeful atmosphere has descended on St Edmund's once more. The children look very smart in all their new uniforms (which I am sure you have remembered to clearly name!). Remember they wear their school shoes during the day but still need trainers and plimsolls for outdoor and indoor PE lessons. Also, our policy is **grey** trousers and skirts/pinafore dresses not black. Thank you to those parents who have supported us in removing ear rings over the last couple of days. Our policy is no jewellery at all in school so please bear this in mind if you are thinking of getting your child's ears pierced and do it right at the beginning of the long summer holiday next year so they have six weeks to heal, then removing the ear rings during the day for school won't be an issue.

New house names

Last Friday the Year 1-6 children had their first house meeting together. Having asked the older children to research saints who inspire them last year we were able to whittle those down to four key people:

Oscar Romero

Pier Giorgio Frassati

Mother Theresa

Therese of Lisieux

The first house meeting gave the teachers a chance to explain all about the house saint and their characteristics which we can aspire to. It also gave the children a chance to start to get to know older and younger children in their house, with older children buddying new younger pupils as they start to settle into our school. We are aiming to have regular house meetings this year with joint events and activities to develop and strengthen our community further.

Reminders

The beginning of a new academic year is a good time for a few reminders. Remember that school starts at **8.50am**. We open the gates from 8:40am and encourage the children to go straight into class to start their early morning tasks. Registration starts at 8:50am promptly and registers are closed by 9:05am. If we haven't heard from you by then the office will contact you to ask where your child is. Remember we have a 24 hour Ansa phone for your convenience. Also, at the end of the day, school finishes at 3.00pm. If you are going to be late picking up your child/children, please let the office know immediately. As always, we will be monitoring attendance and punctuality very closely as irregular attendance has a significant impact on a child's progress. Please support your child in making sure that your child attends school every day they are well enough to do so and do not book holidays or trips to see extended family during term time. Thank you.

Home/school communication

You will shortly receive the class newsletter and topic plan for this term from your child's class teacher. You can also access these on our school website. Do please read these and come and chat to





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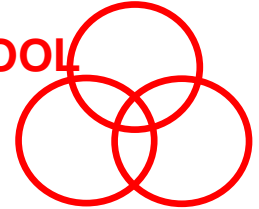
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the teacher at the end of any day except Wednesday (when we have a staff meeting) if there is anything you or your child is not sure about. Each teacher may have a different way of doing things and sometimes it is just easier to ask rather than being unsure for the first few weeks.

Target Cards

This year's Target Cards will start coming home again soon for all children in Year 1-6. They will be sent out fortnightly on a Wednesday. The routine will be the same as before- the cards will be sent home on a Wednesday to be returned on **Thursday** morning without fail please. There is a cover sheet which will accompany the Target Card folder which you may want to read to refresh yourself but do feel free to ask the class teacher at any time during the academic year if you are unsure about your child's progress or want to know more about how to support your child in their learning at home.

Parents Association

The Parents Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday 26th September at 7:30pm in the school hall to which you are all invited. Please do come along and support your fellow parents and see how you can become involved this year. This is a great way to get to know people, especially if you are new to St Edmund's.

The Parents Association have organised a family fun day this Friday, 4-8pm. There will be a fish and chip van, pizza van, drinks, music and games. Do come along and meet other parents and staff and enjoy one of the last evenings of the summer!

Outdoor story space

A huge thank you to one of our governors, Stuart Smith, and his work colleagues – Nick Riley, Marie Traynor and Will Stobbart, who kindly devoted their time over the summer holiday to install our new benches and storytelling chair all ready to be used by the classes now.

We now just need the benches securing in our outdoor prayer area.

New Governors Needed

I am sure you will join me in thanking three of our parent governors: Christina Newbould, Simon Robson & Phil Cole who have recently stepped down from the governing body having kindly given their time and expertise to our school for a long period of time. This does mean we now have three vacancies to fill so if you think you may be interested in supporting our school in this way please do ask any of the current governors e.g. Fiona Rooney, Stuart Smith or Delasi Osei for more information. I am sure they will be happy to answer any questions you may have.





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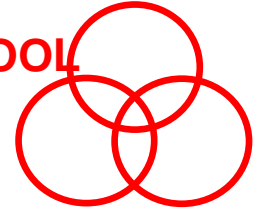
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Mrs Semple's Running Again!

Mrs Semple is running the Oxford Half Marathon on Sunday 13th October to support the Abingdon-based charity 'Be Free Young Carers'. Below is the information on Mrs Semple's fundraising page and the link should any of you be generous enough to support this worthy cause:

'At least 2 children in every classroom in Oxfordshire are young carers, and as a class teacher I am aware of some of the challenges these children face every day. We can help these young people have a chance to be children, relax, make friends and have fun away from the pressures of their caring roles, away from the anxiety and stress so many feel. 'Be Free Young Carers' is currently the only organisation in Oxfordshire that offers this support. I am running the Oxford Half Marathon to raise much needed funds and awareness of the fantastic work BFYC does to support young carers in Oxfordshire.'

https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/FionaSemple/1?utm_source=messenger&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=fundraiser&utm_term=socialshare&utm_content=fundriasingpage

Please find below the majority of dates for this academic year. I'm sure this academic year is going to be another happy and highly successful one for us all.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Delany-White





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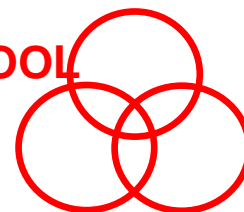
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Diary Dates- **PLEASE KEEP THESE HANDY**

St Edmund's Catholic Primary School		
DIARY DATES 2019/20		
Date		Event
Monday 9th September		Nursery & Reception children start
Wednesday 11 th September		Year 1 & 2 French club starts
	2pm	Whole school Mass in the hall- all welcome
Friday 13 th September	am	Year 3 weekly swimming starts
	2:20pm	Gold Book
	4-8pm	Family Fun Day
Monday 16th September		Year 6 Residential week
	7pm	Early Years phonics evening for parents
Friday 20 th September	2:20pm	Gold Book
Monday 23rd September		Clubs start this week
Tuesday 24 th September		Year 5 to Abingdon Museum- Anglo-Saxon workshop TBC
	9:15-11:30am	Year 1 Multi Sports at Thomas Reade
	1pm	Mini Vinnies
Thursday 26 th September	7pm	PA AGM in hall- all welcome
Friday 27 th September	2:20pm	Gold Book
Monday 30th September		Book Fair all week
Wednesday 2 nd October		Individual & family photographs
	1-3pm	Abingdon cross country competition
Friday 4 th October	2:20pm	Gold Book
Monday 7th October		Flu Immunisations Reception – Year 6
Wednesday 9 th October	2:20pm	Year 6 PGL Assembly
Thursday 10 th October	am	Year 4 Christ Church Music
Friday 11 th October	2.20pm	Gold Book
Monday, 14th October		Year 5 to Dorchester Abbey- Anglo-Saxon Experience Day TBC
Wednesday 16 th October	am	Year 6- author talk at OLA
	2pm	Harvest Mass in hall- all welcome
Friday, 18 th October	2:20pm	Gold Book
Monday 21st October	3.30 – 6.30 pm	Year 1-6 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 22 nd October	4.30 – 7.30pm	Year 1-6 Parents' Evening
Friday 25 th October	2:20pm	Gold Book
	3pm	Children break up for Half Term holiday
28th October – 1st November HALF TERM BREAK		
Monday 4th November		





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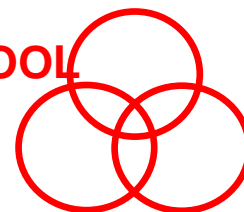
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Tuesday 5 th November	12-4pm	Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Vale Finals TBC
Friday, 8 th November	2:20pm	Gold Book
Monday, 11th November		Anti-Bullying Week
	2:30pm	Year 6 Remembrance Assembly
Wednesday 13 th November	1:30-4pm	Year 5/6 Swimming gala at Radley College
Friday, 16 th November	10am	St Edmund's Day Mass-whole school in Church
Monday, 18th November	2pm	Anti-Bullying Sharing Assembly
Friday, 22 nd November	2.20pm	Gold Book
Monday, 25th November		
Wednesday 27 th November	pm	Big Christmas Sing
Friday 29 th November	2.20pm	Gold Book
Monday 2nd December		
Wednesday, 4 th December	2pm	Advent Mass in school – all welcome
Friday 6 th December	2.20pm	Gold Book
Monday, 9th December	2pm	Foundation Stage Nativity for parents
Tuesday 10 th December	2pm	KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 11 th December	2pm	KS1 Nativity
Friday, 13 th December	2.20 pm	Gold Book
Monday 16th December	6pm	KS2 Christingle in Church
Wednesday 18 th December	3pm	Term ends
Thursday 19th December		INSET day- school closed
20th December – 5th January CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY		
Monday 6th January		Children back to school Art week
Wednesday 8 th January	2pm	Epiphany Mass in school – all welcome
Friday 10 th January	2.20pm	Art sharing assembly
Monday 13th January		
Friday 17 th January	2.20pm	Gold Book
Monday 20th January		
Friday 24 th January	2.20pm	Gold Book
Monday 27th January		
Friday 31 st January	2.20pm	Gold Book
Monday 3rd February		
Wednesday 5 th February	2 pm	Mass in School- all welcome
Friday 7 th February	2.20pm	Gold Book
Monday 10th February		
Wednesday 12 th February	2:20pm	Y5 Class Assembly
Friday 14 th February	2:20pm 3pm	Gold Book Break up for half term holiday
17th – 21st February HALF TERM BREAK		
Monday, 24th February		Children back to school
Wednesday 26 th February	1:45pm	Ash Wednesday Mass in school- all welcome



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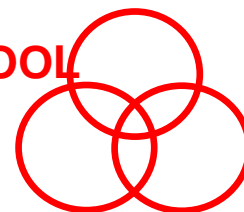
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Friday 28 th February	2.20pm	Gold Book
Monday 2nd March		
Wednesday 4 th March	am 2pm	Year 5/6 Hockey Tournament Year 2 Class Assembly
Thursday 5 th March	1-4pm	Year 5/6 Girls Football Tournament
Friday 6 th March	2.20pm	Gold Book
Monday 9th March		
	3.30-6:30pm	Science Week Parents' Evening
Tuesday 10 th March	4:30-7:30pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 13 th March	2.20pm	Science Sharing Assembly
Monday 16th March		
Tuesday 17 th March		Class photos
Wednesday 18 th March	2:20pm	Year 4 Class assembly
Thursday 19 th March	3:30-5:30pm	High Five Netball Competition at Fitzharrys School
Friday 20 th March	2.20pm	Gold Book
Monday 23rd March		
Wednesday 25 th March	2:00pm 3:30-5:30pm	Lent Mass in School- all welcome Vale Netball Finals at Larkmead School
Friday 27 th March		Gold Book
Monday 30th March		
Tuesday 31 st March	9 am	KS2 Reconciliation Service
Friday 3 rd April	am 2pm 3pm	Easter Egg Hunt Stations of the Cross Break up for Easter holidays
6th April- 17th April EASTER HOLIDAYS		
Monday 20th April		Children back to school
Wednesday 22 nd April	2pm	Easter Mass in School- all welcome
Friday, 24 th April	2.20 pm	Gold Book
Monday 27th April		
Friday 1 st May	2:20pm	Gold Book
Monday 4th May		
Friday 8th May		BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 11th May		
		Key Stage 2 SATs Week Year 5 trip to the Ashmolean Museum
Friday, 15 th May	2.20 pm	Gold Book
Monday 18th May		
Wednesday 20 th May	2:20pm	Year 3 Class Assembly
Thursday 21 st May		Ascension Day Mass in hall- all welcome
Friday, 22 nd May	2pm 3pm	Our Lady Procession Children break up for half term
25th – 29th May HALF TERM BREAK		
Monday 1st June		INSET DAY- school closed
Tuesday 2 nd June		Children back to school





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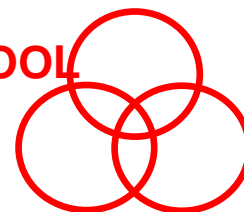
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Friday 5 th June	2:20pm	Gold Book
Monday 8th June		
Wednesday 10 th June	am	Year 5 & 6 Quad kids competition TBC
Friday 12 th June	2.20 pm	Gold Book
Monday 15th June		
Tuesday 16 th June		Annual Schools Mass in Portsmouth
	12-4:30pm	Year 5/6 Cricket Tournament at Abingdon School
Wednesday 17 th June	2:00pm	First Holy Communion Mass in school- all welcome
Friday 19 th June	2.20 pm	Gold Book
Monday 22nd June		Magic Maths Week
Friday 26 th June	pm	Maths Fayre in hall
Monday 29th June		
Wednesday 1 st July	2:20pm	Year 1 Class Assembly
Friday 3rd July		INSET DAY- school closed
Monday 6th July		
Thursday 9 th July	am pm	Sports Day & family picnic Meet the Teacher
Friday 10 th July	am 2.20 pm	Reserve Sports Day Gold Book
Monday 13th July		
Wednesday 15 th July	1:45pm 6pm	Year 6 Production Year 6 Production
Friday 17 th July	2pm	Prize Day
Monday 20th July	1:45pm	Leavers' Mass
Tuesday 21 st July	3pm	Term ends
SUMMER HOLIDAY		

