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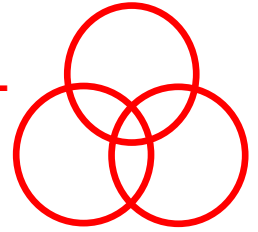
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9th December 2019

Dear Parents,

'What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family.' Blessed Mother Teresa

Mini Vinnies & Year 6 support the Homeless

Last week, Year 6 and the Mini Vinnies, gave up some of their time to produce Christmas cards for the homeless. Knowing that this may be the only card somebody receives with the message of Christmas, the children put their hearts into it and took great care to produce something special. Altogether, 36 Christmas cards were made. Well done Year 6! These cards will be given by some of the adult Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) members of St Edmund's parish to the homeless people who attend a Christmas lunch organised for them in Oxford later this month, together with a small gift for each person. The Year 6 pupils are also keen to support the parish collection for the homeless. They would like you to please bring into school, or put in the box at the back of St Edmund's church, any:

- shampoo
- soap
- new socks and
- toothpaste.

Christmas Fayre

Thank you once again to everyone who made the Christmas Fayre so successful. It was a lovely, happy occasion and managed to raise an incredible £2874.05!

New this year

Many of you may have noticed that we are lucky enough to be installing many new things for our children this academic year. During October half term we had eight new interactive whiteboards installed so that all classrooms and teaching rooms now have up to date interactive whiteboards. The all-weather Daily Mile track will finish being installed by the middle of this week. When we break up for Christmas the Key Stage 1 toilets will have new sinks fitted and in January the Key Stage 2 and staff toilets will be completely refurbished. Then from February half term onwards we will be completely refurbishing the Key Stage 2 library and updating the Key Stage 1 library. All these wonderful things are being made possible by a combination of an incredibly generous donation from an ex pupil, money from the diocese and money from the Sports Premium Grant. I do hope the children appreciate how lucky we are here at St Edmund's.

Help Please

In preparation for our library refurbishments we need to start sorting through all the books we have in both libraries. We are in the fortunate position that we now have too many books to make choosing a book easy for the children. Therefore, we would like to start boxing some books up and rotating them on a regular basis. We also need to sort out books which are worn and damaged. I would like to start this huge job next week and then continue after Christmas when we need to completely empty the KS2 library ready for the decorators during half term. Therefore, if any of you





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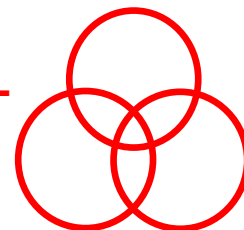
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have a spare hour or two to spare next week or after Christmas please do let me or the office staff know. Thank you.

Advent and Christmas on St Edmund's Parish Website

Throughout the Advent period, there is a page on the youth section of the parish website with activities, information and an interactive Advent calendar:

<https://www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/advent-christmas-for-children>. Please do visit the website with your child/children if you haven't already. There is also a page in the What's On section for adults.

Christmas Celebrations

I know I will see most of you during this week's Nativities or at the Christingle Service next Monday evening in the church. However, if I don't see you before we break up next Wednesday, I would like to thank you for all your support this year and wish you and your families a happy and holy Christmas.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Delany-White

Diary Dates- PLEASE KEEP THESE HANDY

St Edmund's Catholic Primary School DIARY DATES 2019/20		
Date		Event
Monday, 9th December	2pm	Foundation Stage Nativity for parents
Tuesday 10 th December	2pm	KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 11 th December	2pm	KS1 Nativity
Thursday 12 th December	9-12:30pm pm	Year 6 at John Mason performance New nursery children visit and welcome talk for parents PA Christmas Discos:
	5:30-6:30pm	Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2 children
	6:45-7:45pm	Year 3-6 children
Friday, 13 th December	8:15-8:45am am	KS1 Reading Café Early Years singing at Old Station House
Monday 16th December	6pm	Key Stage 2 Christingle Service in Church
Tuesday 17 th December	9:30-11am	Nursery Stay & Play
Wednesday 18 th December		Early Years Stay & Play for current families Christmas Jumper Day Term ends
	3pm	
Thursday 19th December		INSET day- school closed
20th December – 5th January CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY		
Monday 6th January		Children back to school





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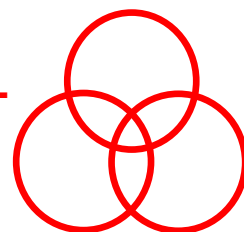
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		Art & Poetry week
Wednesday 8 th January	2pm	Epiphany Mass in school – all welcome
Friday 10 th January	am 2.20pm	Vision screening, Reception class Art sharing assembly
Monday 13th January		
Friday 17 th January	9:30-11am 2.20pm	Nursery Stay & Play Gold Book
Monday 20th January		
Friday 24 th January	2.20pm	Space Dome for Year 1-6 Year 6 & Reception height & weight check Gold Book
Monday 27th January		
Friday 31 st January	2.20pm	Gold Book
Monday 3rd February		
Tuesday 4 th February	am	NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe key stage assemblies and Year 5 & 6 workshops
Wednesday 5 th February	2pm	Mass in School- all welcome
Friday 7 th February	2.20pm	Year 5 trip to Rutherford Laboratory Year 2 Warwick Castle trip Gold Book
Monday 10th February		
Tuesday 11 th February	9:30-11am	Safer Internet Day Nursery Stay & Play
Wednesday 12 th February	2:20pm	Y5 Class Assembly
Thursday 13 th February	am	St Helen's & Katherine's Love Languages Competition
Friday 14 th February	2:20pm 3pm	Gold Book Break up for half term holiday
17th – 21st February HALF TERM BREAK		
Monday 24th February		
Wednesday 26 th February	1:45pm	Ash Wednesday Mass in school- all welcome
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	World Book Day Year 5/6 Girls Football Tournament
Friday 6 th March	2.20pm	Gold Book
Monday 9th March		
	1pm 3.30-6:30pm	Fire Safety Talk for Year 5 & 6 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 10 th March	3:30-6:30pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 13 th March	9:30-11am 2.20pm	Nursery Stay & Play Science Sharing Assembly
Monday 16th March		





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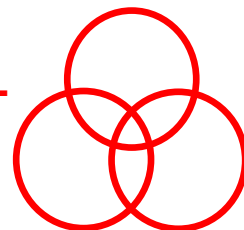
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Tuesday 17 th March		Class photos
Wednesday 18 th March	2:20pm	Year 4 Class assembly
Thursday 19 th March	3:30-5:30pm	High Five Netball Competition at Fitzharrys School
Friday 20 th March	am 2.20pm	Primary Science ATOM Fayre at Fitzharry's School Gold Book
Monday 23rd March		
Wednesday 25 th March	2pm 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	9am	KS2 Reconciliation Service
Friday 3 rd April	am 2pm 3pm	Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Bonnet Parade 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	2.20pm	Gold Book
Monday 27th April		
Tuesday 28 th April	am 9:30-11am	Year 3 Pizza Express trip Nursery Stay & Play
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	9:30-11am 2.20 pm	Nursery Stay & Play Gold Book
Monday 18th May		
Wednesday 20 th May	2:20pm	Year 3 Class Assembly
Thursday 21 st May	2pm	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
Friday 5 th June	2:20pm	Gold Book
Saturday 6th June	11am	First Holy Communion at St Edmund's Church
Sunday 7th June	2pm	First Holy Communion at St Edmund's Church
Monday 8th June		
Tuesday 9 th June	9:30-11am	Nursery Stay & Play
Wednesday 10 th June	am	Year 5 & 6 Quad kids competition TBC
Friday 12 th June	2.20 pm	Gold Book





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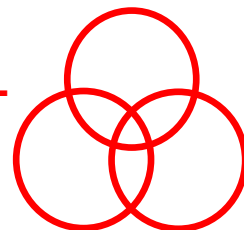
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Monday 15th June		
Tuesday 16 th June		Annual Schools Mass in Portsmouth Year 5/6 Cricket Tournament at Abingdon School
	12-4:30pm	
Wednesday 17 th June	2pm	First Holy Communion Mass in school- all welcome
Friday 19 th June	2.20 pm	Gold Book
Monday 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		
Tuesday 7 th July		Mini Vinnies retreat day
Thursday 9 th July	am pm	Sports Day & family picnic Meet the Teacher
Friday 10 th July	am 2.20pm	Reserve Sports Day Gold Book
Monday 13th July		
Wednesday 15 th July	1:45pm 6pm	Year 6 Production Year 6 Production
Thursday 16 th July		Year 6 visit to Earth Trust
Friday 17 th July	2pm	Prize Day
Monday 20th July	1:45pm	Leavers' Mass
Tuesday 21 st July	3pm	Term ends
SUMMER HOLIDAY		

