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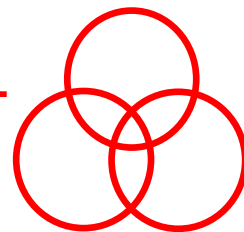
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Headteacher: Mrs M Delany-White



10<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear Parents,

*'Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime.'*  
Chinese Proverb

### **Lent Charity Fundraising**

We hope you will join us in supporting the Our Lady and St Edmund's Church Lenten Fundraising projects again this year. The two chosen charities are:

#### **BeSpace**

**BeSpace** is a small Oxfordshire based charity that works to provide reflective, interactive prayer spaces in all primary and secondary schools in Oxfordshire. They are passionate about giving young people the opportunity and space to engage with Christian Prayer. We had our first Prayer Space week here at St Edmund's last academic year and are looking forward to our Narnia themed Prayer Space week after half term, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March. Do pop in to see the Prayer Space after school that week and talk to your children about it so that you can see the impact for yourself.

#### **5th Gospel Christians**

**5th Gospel Christians** is a Catholic charity which provides ongoing support for the Christians of the Middle East. They are particularly concerned to address the needs of the Iraqi Christian refugees in Jordan. These refugees are currently in limbo, with their lives on hold.

### **Online Safety**

As part of our school's ongoing commitment to keeping your children safe, Mrs Attridge and I are going to be sending out monthly updates about Online Safety in this newsletter. Hopefully you will find these helpful and they will have some useful tips and information for you. They can be useful for primary and secondary aged children. First, we would like to point you in the direction of the school website, where there are lots of useful links and suggestions. This is a great place to start. It is worth taking the time to look at each link given. Online Safety can be found under the Information tab: <https://st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk/information/e-safety/>

### **Smoking near school premises**

In our school, the staff team and I work very hard to encourage our pupils to make positive choices regarding their health and wellbeing, both now and in the future as they become young adults. In addition, we have a statutory responsibility to keep the school environment safe and healthy for everyone who works and studies here.

Unfortunately, we have now received a number of complaints from parents, and a member of the public, with regard to groups of adults gathering to smoke at the entrances to our school before the school day begins as they wait to drop-off their children. This issue was raised by some parents on the recent OFSTED questionnaire, reflecting their level of concern. Littering as a result of this activity is also very evident in these areas. Clearly, we are concerned that this does not promote the right message to our young people, or the wider community which we are keen to maintain a positive partnership with. Our school environment is a place which we would like to remain smoke and





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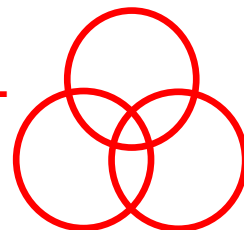
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litter-free.

I would therefore kindly ask all parents and carers to consider where it might be appropriate to smoke within the vicinity of the school, and to be understanding of the wider issues mentioned above. As always, I am hugely grateful for the support that we receive with matters such as this, especially when it comes to the health and wellbeing of all the young people in our care.

### **Governors' Fund 100+ Club February-2020 Draw**

The latest draw of the Governors' Fund 100+ Club was made on 9<sup>th</sup> February. The winning numbers for February were:

1st Prize (£30) – Number 25 Malgorzata Majewska

2nd Prize (£20) – Number 35 Mrs Angela Smith

3rd Prize (£10) – Number 86 Yuh Ling Cronin

Congratulations to the winners. There are still numbers available this year at £13.75 for the remaining draws. 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 Stuart Smith (Parent Governor) – by email at [ssmith@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:ssmith@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk) if you would like to join or have any questions.

### **Reading Café**

Finally, all children and parents of Early Years and Key Stage 1 children are invited to join us for our next Reading Café on Friday morning, 8:15-8:45am, in the Discovery Den. This is the chance to share a story and a croissant with your child in the warmth before school starts. Also, all children of all ages will be encouraged to take part in our Reading Challenge over the half term break; look out for further details from the class teachers. As our recent Ofsted report states: *Reading is the central core of learning from the early years onwards as it is at the heart of the curriculum.* So please do encourage your child to keep reading over the holiday.

Thank you as always for all your support this term and I wish you and your families a happy half term break next week.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Delany-White

### Diary Dates- PLEASE KEEP THESE HANDY

St Edmund's Catholic Primary School		
DIARY DATES 2019/20		
Date		Event
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	pm	Year 6 to see Grease at OLA
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February		Safer Internet Day
	9:30-11am	Nursery Stay & Play
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	12:20-2pm	Mini Vinnies helping with Parish lunch
	2:20pm	Y5 Class Assembly





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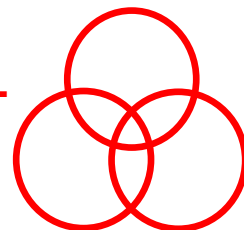
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Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	am	St Helen's & Katherine's Love Languages Competition
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	8:15-8:45am 2:20pm 3pm	Reading Cafe Gold Book Break up for half term holiday
<b>17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February HALF TERM BREAK</b>		
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	am	Nursery dental checks Children back to school
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February		NSPCC sponsorship forms and money back
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	1:45pm	Ash Wednesday Mass in school- all welcome
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	9am 3:30pm	NSPCC thank you assembly Netball match vs St Nicolas School
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	9:30-11:30am 2.20pm	Year 6 to Junior Citizens Gold Book
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>		<b>Prayer Space &amp; Book Week-</b> Narnia theme
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	am 2.20pm	Year 5/6 Hockey Tournament Year 2 Class Assembly
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	1-4pm 3pm	World Book Day Year 5/6 Girls Football Tournament PA book café and Narnia work on display in school hall- all welcome
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	2.20pm	Gold Book
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	1pm 3.30-6:30pm	<b>Science Week</b> Fire Safety Talk for Year 5 & 6 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	9:30-12 3:30-6:30pm	Year 6 to Science Workshop Parents' Evening
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	9:30-11am 2.20pm	Nursery Stay & Play Science Sharing Assembly
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>		
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	pm	Class photos Hope Not Hate meeting at Marcham School
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	2:20pm	Year 4 Class assembly
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	3:30-5:30pm	High Five Netball Competition at Fitzharrys School
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	am 2.20pm	Primary Science ATOM Fayre at Fitzharry's School Gold Book
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>		
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	2pm 3:30-5:30pm	Lent Mass in School- all welcome Vale Netball Finals at Larkmead School
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	1:15-2:45pm	Year 3 Easter Experience at Trinity Church
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March		Gold Book
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	7pm	Music Concert at Amey Theatre
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	9am	KS2 Reconciliation Service
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	am	Reception & Year 6 height & weight checks





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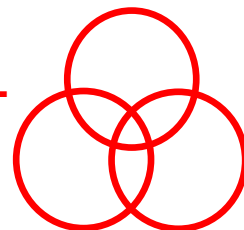
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Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	am 2pm 3pm	Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Bonnet Parade Stations of the Cross Break up for Easter holidays
<b>6<sup>th</sup> April- 17<sup>th</sup> April EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>		
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>		Children back to school
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	2pm	Easter Mass in School- all welcome
Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> April	2.20pm 7pm	Gold Book Lenten Project: Parish Evening with live music and supper in school hall.
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	am 9:30-11am	Year 3 Pizza Express trip Nursery Stay & Play
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	9-11:30 am	Early Years-Year 3 Perform drama workshops
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	2:20pm	Gold Book
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>		
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>Key Stage 2 SATs Week</b> Year 5 trip to the Ashmolean Museum
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> May	9:30-11am 2.20 pm	Nursery Stay & Play Gold Book
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>		
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	2:20pm	Year 3 Class Assembly
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	2pm	Ascension Day Mass in hall- all welcome
Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	2pm 3pm	Our Lady Procession Children break up for half term
<b>25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May HALF TERM BREAK</b>		
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>		<b>INSET DAY- school closed</b>
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June		Children back to school
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	2:20pm	Gold Book
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>First Holy Communion at St Edmund's Church</b>
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>2pm</b>	<b>First Holy Communion at St Edmund's Church</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	9:30am	Year 6 to Abingdon library
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	9:30-11am	Nursery Stay & Play
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	am	Year 5 & 6 Quad kids competition TBC
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	2.20 pm	Gold Book
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	12-4:30pm	Annual Schools Mass in Portsmouth Year 5/6 Cricket Tournament at Abingdon School
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	2pm	First Holy Communion Mass in school- all welcome
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	2.20 pm	Gold Book
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>		<b>Magic Maths Week</b>
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	pm	Maths Fayre in hall
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	11-1pm	<b>Summer Fayre</b>





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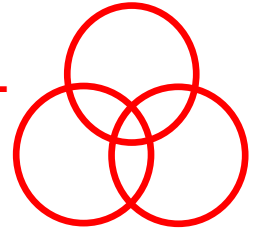
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<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	2:20pm	Year 1 Class Assembly
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>		<b>INSET DAY- school closed</b>
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>		
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July		Mini Vinnies retreat day
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	am pm	Sports Day & family picnic Meet the Teacher
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	am 2.20pm	Reserve Sports Day Gold Book PA Summer Discos
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>		
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	1:45pm 6pm	Year 6 Production Year 6 Production
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July		Year 6 visit to Earth Trust
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	2pm	Prize Day
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	1:45pm	Leavers' Mass
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	3pm	Term ends
<b>SUMMER HOLIDAY</b>		

