



Diocese of Portsmouth

ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

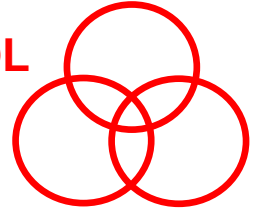
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23rd June 2021

Dear Parents,

The secret of happiness is to see all the beauty in the world, and never forget what is most important to you.

End of term events

Unfortunately, due to the latest extension of the current Covid restrictions until 19th July, we will not be able to hold some of the end of term events as we would normally do. As we have still not had to close a single bubble we will keep all of our current Covid procedures and risk assessment in place until the end of the academic year and hope that normal life can safely return in September. Thank you as always for supporting us so well throughout the many months of restrictions.

Sports Day

Sports Day will be on Thursday 8th July, weather permitting. Please send **all children into school in PE kits** on the day, with a named water bottle and sun hat if the sun is shining. The events will take place in bubbles, with classes taking it in turns to be spectators for another class on the field (socially distanced of course) so that the children have an audience to encourage them on. Early Years- Reception class will watch Nursery and vice versa; Year 1 class will watch Year 2 and vice versa; Year 3 with Year 4; and Year 5 with Year 6. Unfortunately, no house events across bubbles will be able to take place this year. Also, there will be no parents on site but I am sure the staff will take lots of photos to share with parents afterwards.

Prize Giving

We will have a streamlined Prize Giving celebration outside on the afternoon of Monday 19th July (weather permitting). As attendance data has been so different over the last two years due to Lockdowns we won't have the usual attendance awards. We will be focusing on rewarding children for their effort, resilience and contributions in class.

Year 6 Leavers' Masses

Our Year 6 children will be joining the Year 6 children from the Greater Reading Cluster of diocesan schools for a joint online Leavers' Mass tomorrow morning, Thursday 24th June, at 10am. This Mass will be live streamed from English Martyrs Church in Reading (<https://englishmartyrsrdg.com/watch/>) and the recording will be available for all the school communities for 48hours. I will send the link for the joint Year 6 Leavers' Mass to staff and parents as soon as I get it.

We have also booked Fr Jamie and our St Edmund's church for our Leavers' Mass for all of our Year 6 children on Tuesday 20th July at 1:45pm. Fr Jamie will advise us nearer the time





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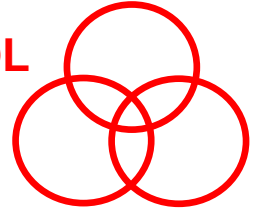
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whether parents will be able to join us in the church or not, as church guidance is slightly different to schools' guidance.

Teachers in September

Nursery:	Mrs Semple
Reception:	Miss Hurley: Monday, Thursday & Friday Mrs Demarchi: Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 1:	Mrs Sylvester: Monday- Wednesday Mrs Demain: Thursday & Friday
Year 2:	Mrs Perez
Year 3:	Miss Foukaridou
Year 4:	Mrs Wadrzyk
Year 5:	Mrs Boodell
Year 6:	Mrs Westhead

Meet the new teacher day

This year we have decided to use a whole day for the children to start to get to know their new teacher. Therefore, on Friday 16th July all of the classes will move up to their new classroom and be with their new teacher for the whole day. We are pleased that Mrs Westhead and Mrs Demain are able to join us for the day. The teachers will be available for parents to say hello to at the school gates at pick up. To minimise confusion to you as parents, please bring your children to their usual gate at the usual drop off times on the Friday morning, except for current Reception (new Year 1) children who we would like to come into school via the field gate where Year 1-4 children currently enter.

Come and Join Us

If you have a child who is three or over and you have not yet signed them up to our wonderful Nursery, please do get in touch with Mrs Lomas via the school office as soon as possible as the Nursery places are filling up for September. Equally, we have already enrolled many children for January or April starts so please enrol your child now if they are turning three before Christmas or Easter respectively.

There are also a few places left in several year groups through the school for September so please do contact the school office for an application form if you would like your child to join us.

Teaching Assistant positions

We are currently advertising for two Teaching Assistants to join our wonderful school from September. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in supporting our children and working with a strong team of committed professionals, please look at the information on our website and consider applying to join us: <https://st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk/our-school/join-us-vacancies/>





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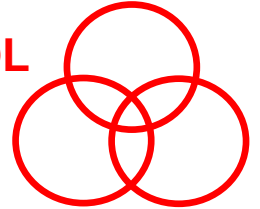
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I hope you and your family stay well and that the weather will continue to improve for our last four weeks of term. Remember our last school day is **Wednesday 21st July**.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Delany-White
Headteacher

