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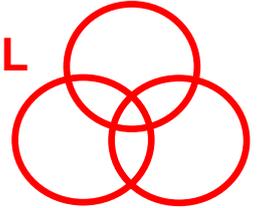
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29th April 2022

Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love.

Mother Teresa

Dear Parents and carers,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday with your families. Let's hope we have a happy and healthy term ahead, with plenty of sunshine.

Lenten Fundraising

Thank you for your support for our Lenten fund raising for St Monica's (Mauni) Primary School in Malawi, Africa. Staff and children all enjoyed our crazy hair and odd sock day which raised £234.40. The guess the name of the teddy bear competition run by Year 6 also raised £58.20. Throughout Lent we challenged all our children to run or walk to see how far we could collectively get towards Malawi to raise money for St Monica's Primary School. Each class walked or ran the Daily Mile every day during Lent. Distances covered by the children from Nursery to Year 6 totalled over 2275 miles. Well done to everyone. It is not too late to make a donation if you would still like to support St Monica's and our Lenten Project via this link: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/lenten-appeal-abingdon>

Summer uniform

It is lovely to see so many girls in their summer dresses this week. I would like to remind all parents to please buy the **navy blue**, small check dresses (generally available in Sainsbury's, Asda and M & S or online). Please also note, our uniform is a dress not the culottes style dresses a few shops sell locally. Some of you may have dresses at home which are now too small for your daughter and that you are happy to pass on to other parents? If so, please do give them either to me at the school gate or hand them to the school office and we will make sure that any families who need them are given them. It is also useful for the teachers to have spares in school in case of spills or accidents. Thank you.

Clubs

I am delighted that our after school clubs are now up and running again. As always, clubs run from 3-4pm, places are allocated on a first come first served basis and there is no charge. After school clubs are a good way for children to develop new talents, make new friendships and get to know different adults in school, so do consider signing your child up if you haven't already:

Monday	Homework Club *not starting until 9th May	Year 3-6	Mrs Wadzyk	Year 4 classroom
Monday	Athletics *not starting until 9th May	Year 3 & 4	WR Sports	outside
Monday	Cooking Club (NB 4:15pm finish and a small	8 x Year 4 children until	Mrs Brown and Miss	DT Room





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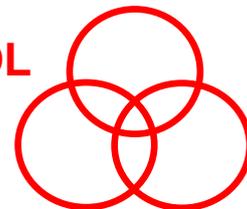
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Monday	Story & art/craft	Year 1 & 2	Mrs Perez and Miss Hurley	Week 1 Reception classroom, Week 2 Year 2 classroom
Tuesday	Book Club	Year 3-6	Mrs Westhead	KS2 Library
Thursday	Choir	Year 3-6	Mrs Semple	Music Room
Thursday	Netball	Year 5 & 6	Miss Kucz	outside
Thursday	Chess/Board games	Year 3 & 4	Miss Foukaridou	Year 3 classroom
Thursday	Art Club	Year 1 & 2	Mrs Boodell	DT Room
Friday	History & art/craft	Year 3 & 4	Miss Prior	Year 3 Classroom
Friday	Cricket	Year 5 & 6	WR Sports	outside
Friday	Code Club	Year 5 & 6	Mrs Demain and Andy Busse	Year 1 Classroom

Lunchtime football club for the Summer Term will continue as before, Year 5 & 6 on a Monday and Year 3 & 4 on a Friday.

Please get in touch with the school office as soon as possible if you haven't signed your child up for a club yet but would still like to do so- Mrs Dingwall has been busy sorting all the requests for places but there are a few slots left in some of the clubs.



St Edmund's Football Team

I am delighted to introduce you to our school football team which consists of a mix of enthusiastic and talented boys from Year 5 and 6 - Noah, Isaac, Harry, Douglas, Malo, Jack, Jude, Kyran, William, Maxwell and Declan. Our team looks extremely smart and proud in their new football kits!

We are playing in the Abingdon Town 7 Aside Football League. It is good to





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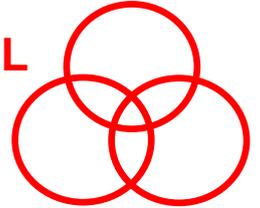
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be able to take part in sports competitions again after a two year Covid break.

Our First League Match!

On Wednesday 30th March we travelled to Long Furlong Primary School for an away match. The team showed huge determination. It was a fabulous match with all boys playing really well. Unfortunately, we lost 3-2 but it was a great game, in which we could really see the children starting to play as a team. Malo scored twice but the whole team was amazing. Well done St Edmund's! I can't wait for the next match!

Miss Kucz, Sports Leader

Covid-19 Update

I know this year has been challenging for many of you as well as for us. We are grateful for your support and understanding as, like so many schools and workplaces, we have faced many difficulties, particularly during last half term. We have had to work together to cover absences and support pupils, families and colleagues who have faced illness and other difficult experiences whilst endeavouring to teach the gaps in children's knowledge and skills across all areas. We are also continuing to support some children who have found it difficult adjusting to life in school since the pandemic. This term we are hoping that all staff and children will stay well so that we can continue to build stamina and support mental well-being, as well as teaching our full and rich curriculum.

The temporary provisions in the Coronavirus Act 2020 expired on 24 March 2022 and there is no longer a legal requirement for schools or work places to have a separate Covid-19 risk assessment. From April 1st the new guidelines for schools include:

- Children and young people who are **unwell** and have a high temperature should stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people. They can go back to education or childcare setting when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough.
- If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. The risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower after 3 days if they feel well and do not have a high temperature.
- Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days.
- Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.
- It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.
- Children with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education or childcare setting.





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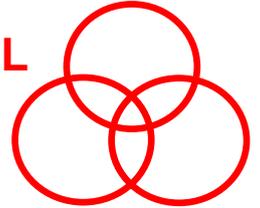
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- If someone has symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as COVID-19, they should follow the [guidance for people with symptoms of a respiratory infection such as COVID-19](#).

In school, we will continue to ensure spaces are as well ventilated as possible and encourage good respiratory hygiene and handwashing. In the event of an outbreak of an infectious disease will put in place our emergency plan and keep you informed of further actions. Prompt exclusion of children, young people and staff who are unwell with an infectious disease is essential to prevent the spread of infection in education and childcare settings. For Covid/ Covid symptoms, exclusion of 5 days for adults and 3 days for children is advised and there is no longer a requirement to test at the end of the isolation period.

Thank you as always for your support,

Mrs Delany-White

Headteacher

Diary Dates

Monday 2nd May: Bank Holiday- school closed

Monday 9th May: Key Stage 2 SATs week, Monday- Thursday mornings

Monday 23rd May St Edmunds vs Carswell Football match

Friday 20th May: Diocesan Schools Mass

Thursday 26th May: Jubilee Day celebrations for whole school

Friday 27th May: INSET day- school closed

Monday 30th May- Friday 3rd June: half term holiday

Monday 6th June: School re-opens to pupils – Book Week

Friday 10th June St Edmunds vs Caldecott Football match

Saturday 11th June 11 am First Holy Communion

Sunday 12th June 2pm First Holy Communion

Monday 13th June St Edmunds vs Dunmore Football match

Monday 20th June: new Reception children, stay and play

Tuesday 21st June: new Nursery children, stay and play

Saturday 18th June: Summer Fair

Monday 27th June: Magic Maths Week

Monday 27th June: new Reception children, second visit and parent welcome talk

Tuesday 28th June: new Nursery children, second visit and parent welcome talk

Monday 4th July: Sports day

Friday 8th July: Reserve Sports Day (in case of rain)

Wednesday 13th July: Year 6 production 1:45pm

Wednesday 13th July: Year 6 production 6pm

Friday 15th July: Meet the Teacher Day

Monday 18th July: Prize Giving 2pm

Tuesday 19th July: Leavers' Mass 1:45pm

Wednesday 20th July: School finishes for the summer holiday at 3pm

