



Diocese of Portsmouth

ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

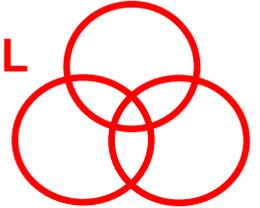
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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter break with your families, and that the children are happy to be returning to school.

As you are aware, poor Mrs Sylvester has undergone knee surgery this week and will therefore be away from school while she recovers. However, we are very fortunate to have Mrs Forson joining the Year 1 team, teaching the class Monday – Wednesday. Mrs Forson is familiar with the school, having worked at St Edmund's several years ago and we are delighted to welcome her back!

Our topic this term is 'Around the World', with a focus on Australia. We will be looking at how our world is made up of continents, countries, and oceans, carrying out some simple map work and looking at aerial photos to identify landmarks. Most of our Literacy work this term will be based around this topic. We will be looking at different types of texts, including Australian stories, poetry, riddles, recounts, and information writing. We will continue to concentrate on improving handwriting and punctuation.

Phonics

A key area of focus this term will be to prepare for the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check, which will take place in June. We will be doing lots of phonics practice to ensure that everyone is familiar with their phonic sounds, and if we feel children need it, we will give them extra support.

Reading

Please continue to read with your child every day and record it in their reading records. Most children do bring their book bags in each day and read regularly at home. Thank you for your support with this - we are delighted to see the progress they are making! Please do continue with the reading as often as you can; the more they read, the more confident and fluent they become.

PE

Our PE day is on a Friday - please remember to send the children to school in their PE kits- red polo shirts, blue or black shorts or jogging bottoms.

As we are now in the Summer term, we hope that we will have some good weather. Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school. Children should also have named





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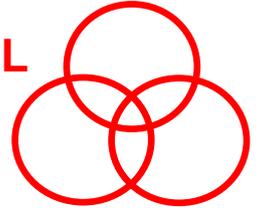
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sun hats and named sun cream if required. All children are now able to wear the school summer uniform and long hair must be tied back. Please ensure all items of clothing, including PE kit are named!

Thank you very much for your continued support. If you do have anything you wish to discuss or questions to ask, you can email us at the Year 1 email address, and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Alternatively, please do approach one of us at the end of the school day; we are more than happy to help!

We look forward to an enjoyable and busy term with the children.

Best wishes,

Mrs Demain, Mrs Forson and Mrs Sylvester

