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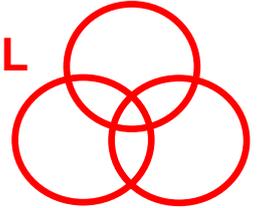
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"The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day." St. Gianna Molla

Dear parents and carers,

I can't believe another half term has ended. Time is flying by now, especially as more normal primary school events are happening once more.

The Midwinter Library



We were delighted to welcome Errol Midwinter into school again this week to officially open our Key Stage 1 library, which we have now named The Midwinter Library in his honour. As many of you know, Errol has been hearing children read at St Edmund's for nearly twenty-five years. In fact, he heard some of the current children's parents read when they were little! Errol thoroughly enjoyed talking to the children again and told me afterwards:

"It was like coming home after a long holiday! It was wonderful to meet you all again. I have so many happy memories of being in St Ed's."

Key Stage 2 Library

Also on the theme of helping the children learn to read, our English Leader Mrs Westhead, has asked parents if you could see if you have any children's books your children have now finished with, which are still in good condition, that you could donate for our Key Stage 2 library? There are quite a lot of books in our library that are getting old and tatty and need replacing! Perhaps you could have a sort out with your children over the half term break before Book Week begins? Thank you.

Book Week 6th – 10th June

We will be holding our annual Book Week during the first week back after half term. During this week your child's teacher will plan lots of exciting book-related activities with the aim of encouraging reading for pleasure. We are delighted that this year we are able to have a real live author in school! Kirsty Applebaum will be visiting us on Friday 10th June





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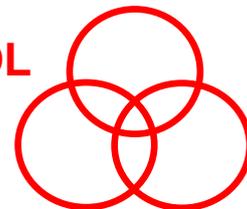
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and running events for children from Reception to Year 6. Kirsty is the writer of several books for Key Stage 2 children, including 'The Middler' and 'Troofriend'. Her books have been shortlisted for many awards, including the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2020, and 'The Middler' was The Times Children's Book of the Week. Kirsty has also recently written a series of books for ages 4 – 7 based around the character of Princess Minna. The books are designed to appeal to both boys and girls and also come with stickers. You can read more about Kirsty at <https://www.kirstyapplebaum.co.uk/>

Radley College Orchestra Day

Last week a group of Key Stage 2 musicians had a wonderful day joining with other musicians from many of the local primary schools for the Radley College Orchestra Day. Miss Prior, who accompanied the children, reports what an amazing experience it was for all involved: <https://st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk/8967/radley-college-orchestra-day/>

Football report St Edmund's vs Carswell

On May 23rd our school football team played an exciting 7 – a – side match against Carswell School. It was a fast moving match, enjoyed by enthusiastic spectators from both teams. Our boys took the lead from the beginning, scoring 8 goals in total (Isaac 2, Jude 2, Malo 1, Maxwell 1, Jack 1, Harry 1) and lost just one. The match was played with great sportsmanship on both sides, and this was evident by the warm handshakes by all team players at the end. Well done St Edmund's Team! We can't wait for the next match on Friday 10th June.

Miss Kucz, Sports Leader

Oxford Playhouse's Plays Out Tent Tour

This summer, Oxford Playhouse will be touring a production of *Animal Rocks*, written by Jack Benjamin around Oxfordshire, connecting with schools and communities to provide exciting opportunities that give young people the chance to be creative. We have been offered the opportunity to host their Plays Out Tent Tour on our school field in June and all of our Year 1-6 children will be able to watch a performance and take part in follow up workshops free of charge. We are also inviting children from fellow diocesan schools, OLA Junior School and St Amand's Primary School to attend performances here as well.

Key Stage 2 Uniform

Just an advanced heads up for parents of children who are currently in Year 2- when the children move into Year 3 in September they need to wear our Key Stage 2 uniform which includes a white shirt or blouse, a school tie and V-neck jumper or cardigan. School ties and cardigans/jumpers are available to buy from the school office but you may want to think about ordering them soon after the half term break as there was a long delay in uniform arriving last September (and the children do like to be in their new Key Stage 2 uniform from day one of moving into Year 3). You can find a full list of our school





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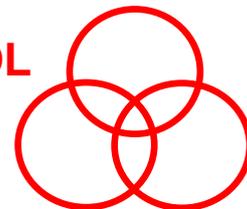
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uniform on the school website: <https://st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk/parents-info/parents-information/school-uniform/>

Platinum Jubilee Day



We have finished this half term with a glorious whole school celebration for Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. The children thoroughly enjoyed eating their Jubilee lunch and then sharing their afternoon tea party together whilst wearing their tremendous crowns and waving their Union Jacks. The Governors who judged the Queen collages and crowns were impressed with the high standard, creativity and artistic flair shown by all age groups. The overall winners were:

Best Collage of the Queen

Class	Winner
Early Years (Reception, Tigers, Nursery)	Aneurin (Reception)
KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2)	Lara (Year 1)
KS2 (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6)	Hugo (Year 3)

Best Crown

Class	Winner
Nursery	Arthur
Tigers	Scott





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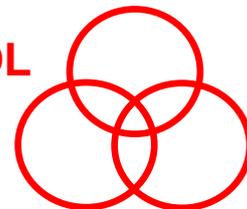
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Reception	Freddie
Year 1	Annie
Year 2	Remik
Year 3	Cripina
Year 4	Ryan D
Year 5	Annabelle
Year 6	William

You can see more photos of our happy day on our school website: <https://st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk/8979/platinum-jubilee-day/>

I hope you all enjoy your Jubilee celebrations over the bank holiday weekend and have a wonderful half term holiday. Remember, the first day back in school after the holiday, Monday 6th June, is our Mother Tongue Day when the children can wear clothes in the colour of the flag for the country their class is supporting (do check information already sent to you via the School office and class teacher emails for more details). Please remember to help your child practice their prayer over the holiday in their Mother Tongue if they have volunteered to read one during our Mother Tongue assembly.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Delany-White

Headteacher

Diary Dates

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

Monday 6th June: School re-opens to pupils – Mother Tongue Day

Week beginning 6th June: Book Week

Wednesday 8th June: 1:45pm Pentecost Mass in school

Friday 10th June: Kirsty Applebaum visiting author

6th- 17th June: Year 6 daily swimming course at the leisure centre

Friday 10th June: St Edmund's vs Caldecott football match

Saturday 11th June: 10 am First Holy Communion

Sunday 12th June: 3pm First Holy Communion

Monday 13th June: St Edmund's vs Dunmore football match

Tuesday 14th June: The Big Exploration launch Year 5 & 6





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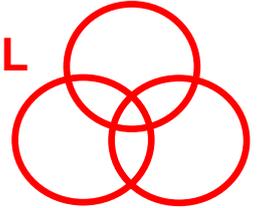
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Tuesday 14th June: Nursery, Tigers and Reception trip to Farmer Gow's

Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th June: Play Out Tent Tour- Oxford Playhouse

Thursday 16th June: Year 3 & 4 Quad Kids

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

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

Tuesday 21st June: AI Monster Workshops Year 5 & 6

Thursday 23rd June: John Mason, Larkmead & Fitzharrys transition day

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

Tuesday 28th June: Year 6 IMPs session

Wednesday 29th June: 1:45pm First Holy Communion Mass in school

Monday 4th July: Sports day

Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th July: Didcot Girls School transition day

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

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

Wednesday 13th July: 6pm Year 6 production for parents

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

