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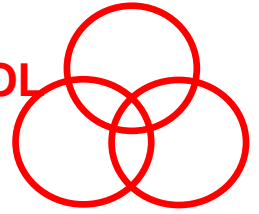
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26th March 2015.

Dear Parents,

I can't believe we are about to break up again, the weeks are so busy and flying by rapidly. I also can't believe that at the end of this holiday I will have been the proud Headteacher of our wonderful school for a whole year. I feel like I have been here for ever (which I think is a good sign!).

We all continue to work incredibly hard and all of the children are making great progress. Thank you for all your support of your children with their writing homework this term; their teachers are seeing some excellent pieces of writing and many children have made significant progress towards their writing target as a result of this extra practise at home. Mrs Hibbs will be giving out writing prizes to two children from each class tomorrow afternoon and over the Easter holiday I will be adding a new writing section to our school website so that you and your families can read some of the children's work on line. I am also going to add a picture gallery to our website so you can see pictures of your children in action, at work and at play.

Staffing News

This term we were delighted by the response we had to our adverts for a permanent Key Stage 2 teacher and a temporary Key Stage 1 teacher for September. Obviously, teachers are keen to join us as we had ten applicants for the Key Stage 2 position and four for the Key Stage 1. This gave us a tough day last week when we interviewed the six strongest candidates. Again, I was tremendously proud of our children, by the way they welcomed the candidates who had to teach a class as part of the interview process but especially by the mature way the School Council approached their interviewing task. Each School Council member took their responsibility very seriously and they certainly gave the teachers a polite but thorough grilling. At the end of a long day we decided to appoint Mrs Fay O'Brien to join our Key Stage 2 team and Mrs Sarah Harper to join our Key Stage 1 team. Both teachers will visit us towards the end of the summer term when they will be able to meet the children and parents.

We will also be saying good bye to Mrs Perry tomorrow. Mrs Perry has taught Year 5 from January to now and I know the children and parents of Year 5 will join me in thanking Mrs Perry for all of her hard work and in wishing her well in the future.

Thrilling Netball News

Both St. Edmund's Yellow team and Blue team had fantastic results at the Abingdon Schools High 5 Tournament. The Yellow team came 2nd in their group and went on to play in the semi-final. The Blue team won their group and also played in the semi-final. Unfortunately for us, both of our teams had to play each other in the semi-final. The Blue team narrowly won and went on to play in the final. They emerged as winners and became Abingdon Champions!





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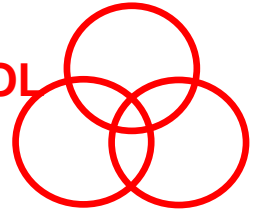
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As Abingdon Champions, the Blue team went through to the Vale High 5 Netball Championships. In that, they won their group, won the semi-final and went through to the final against Radley Primary School. In the final they were narrowly beaten 1-0, so they are the Vale runners up: 2nd out of 54 schools in the Vale – no mean feat! This means that the Blue team will now play in the Sainsbury's Games Oxfordshire finals in April. The Yellow Team is Freya, Hannah, Gemma, Caroline, Emily, Eilish, Caitlin and Emily. The Blue Team is Meg, Maja, Odette, Alice, Annabelle, Jeanette and Styles.

We are incredibly proud of both of our Netball teams. They are a credit to the school.

Fantastic Football News:

On Thursday 19th of March the girls took part in the Vale of White Horse Girls 6 aside football finals. After winning all of their games in the group stages they finished top of their group which resulted in them reaching the semi-finals. In the semi-final they played St.Swithun's School in a thrilling match which resulted in us winning in extra-time thanks to a fantastic team effort and a wonderful goal by Eleanor.

In the final we faced a really tough encounter against Blewbury Primary but an early goal from Meg settled our nerves, there was some fantastic goalkeeping by Annabelle and brilliant defending and attacking play from Maja, Gracie, Eleanor, Jeanette and Eilish to see us over the line to become Champions for 2015.

This was a remarkable achievement from the girls as it was their first time of entering the competition and our first time winning it. A huge congratulations to them for their excellent team work, they made St. Edmund's really proud.



I wish you all a happy and holy Easter,
Mrs Delany-White





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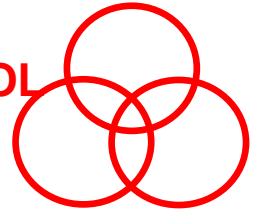
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Diary Dates- PLEASE KEEP THESE HANDY

Friday 27 th March	PA Easter Egg Hunt am Year 6 charity event Break up for Easter Holidays at 3pm
Monday 13 th April	Term 5 begins
Thursday 16 th April	Netball Oxfordshire Finals am
Tuesday 21 st April	PA cake sale at 2:30 pm
Wednesday 22 nd April	Year 1 assembly
Wednesday 29 th April	Whole School Mass at 2 pm in hall
Monday 4 th May	May Day Holiday
Wednesday 6 th May	Year 2HS assembly
Thursday 7 th May	Year 3 trip to Living Rainforest
Monday 11 th - Thursday 14 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Wednesday 13 th May	Year 3 assembly
Saturday 16 th May	PA Bingo Evening
Wednesday 20 th May	Whole School Mass at 2 pm in hall
Thursday 21 st May	Mother Tongue Day for whole school Break up for Half Term Holiday
Friday 22 nd May	Staff INSET- school closed
Monday 1 st June	Term 6 begins
Wednesday 3 rd June	Year 5 assembly
Saturday 6 th June	11am First Holy Communion in St Edmund's Church
Sunday 7 th June	2pm First Holy Communion in St Edmund's Church
Wednesday 10 th June	Year 2KW assembly
Thursday 11 th June	St Edmund's Book Day
Friday 12 th June	First Holy Communion Mass at 2 pm in hall
Wednesday 17 th June	Reception class assembly
Thursday 18 th June	Megan Rix, author, visiting
Saturday 20 th June	Summer Fayre
Monday 22 nd June	JMS Community Concert- Choir
Wednesday 24 th June	Tilsley Athletics Competition Year 5 & 6
Thursday 25 th June	Bishop's Visit to school
Wednesday 1 st July	Sports Day (weather permitting)
Thursday 2 nd July	Alternative Sports Day (if needed)
Wednesday 6 th July	Year 6 Production at 1:30 pm
Thursday 7 th July	Year 6 Production at 6 pm





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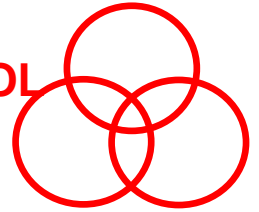
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Thursday 9 th July	PA School Discos
Friday 10 th July	Leaver's Mass at 2 pm in hall
Tuesday 14 th July	Meet the Teachers afternoon
Thursday 16 th July	Prize Giving 2 pm in the hall
Friday 17 th July	School finishes at 3pm
Monday 20 th July	Staff INSET- school closed

