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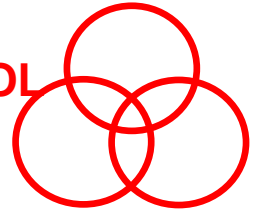
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27th June 2015.

Dear Parents,

Life has been very busy here over the last few weeks with so many wonderful celebrations. We had a hugely successful Mother Tongue Day on Thursday 21st May. The day began with whole school worship when parents and grandparents helped me read the Pentecost story from the Acts of the Apostles in their own languages of Polish, French, Fijian and Twi. This was followed by children from Reception to Year 6 reading prayers in their own languages: Spanish, French, Polish, Nyangian, Sinalese, Twi, Catalan, Italian and Malayalam. Afterwards many parents were able to join the children during the day sharing stories, food and activities in the classrooms as each class celebrated one country represented by at least one class member. Then in the afternoon all the children and adults were able to visit the different stalls in the hall prepared by the children to represent the different countries of: China, Japan, Poland, Ghana, Canada, Italy, Ukraine and Spain. It truly was a wonderful celebration of our St Edmund's community and the many languages and cultures within it. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way.

Then on Thursday 11th June, we all celebrated our St Edmund's Book Day. The children and staff dressed up as book characters and each class participated in a variety of book related activities such as:

- Designing puppets and book marks
- Listening to authors reading their books on-line
- Drawing their favourite characters on the computer
- Making books
- Writing letters to authors
- Writing 'Guess the Character' riddles
- Acting in plays

In addition to this, classes were paired up to share and read books together. Our Book Day culminated in an assembly where we showed our costumes and shared what we had been doing in class. It was a fun and successful day and we look forward to the next one.

Last Saturday we had a fun filled afternoon for our Summer Fayre. It was a circus themed afternoon, with a circus entertainer who greeted the guests on stilts, and then in addition to a great juggling show, ran circus workshops throughout the fayre. Amazingly the weather held out for us all afternoon, so we were able to enjoy the fun activities from BBQ, ice cream van and bouncy castle, to Diddi car races, fun photo booth and all the usual tombola, stalls and raffles. We were also supported by the local police who brought a car along for children to sit in, the Amanda Alder Dance Company, who danced for us as well as Mrs Semple's school choir who sang in the arena and Pets at Home, who brought some pets to hold. We ended the day with a fancy dress parade and competition, the grand raffle and finally a couple of games of 'Tug of War' for the adults and children which rounded everything off nicely. The day raised an amazing £2000 for the PA fund which will really help towards buying some of the items we are saving money for. Thank you so much to everyone who came along and especially to those who volunteered on stalls and helped out throughout the afternoon.





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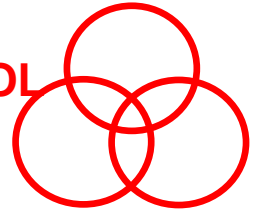
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On Thursday this week we were honoured to welcome Bishop Phillip to our school. All of the staff and children made the Bishop feel very welcome and he made many favourable comments about our lovely school and all the happy people within it. He was particularly impressed by our special St Edmund's hymn which everyone sang out beautifully during the special liturgy we held in the hall during the afternoon. We hope Bishop Phillip will make the long journey up from Portsmouth to visit us again soon.

On Tuesday 16th June we held two e Safety parent sessions to help parents understand about the benefits and potential pit falls of internet use both within school and at home. The message of the sessions was hard hitting and worrying as our children spend so much of their time online now and from a very early age. As teachers and parents we want to protect our children but I don't think we can fully protect them if we don't fully understand the dangers ourselves. Therefore, I was pleased to see around twenty parents at the afternoon and evening sessions. If you were unable to attend we will run these sessions again next year but in the meantime do look at some of the helpful information on the ThinkuKnow and CEOP websites (both of which have links on the e Safety page on our school website: <http://www.st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk>).

If you haven't yet sponsored Kimberley Kelly for her parachute jump raising funds for Against Breast Cancer you're not too late as the initial date was postponed due to bad weather. Kimberley's fundraising link is: <http://www.doitforcharity.com/KimberlyKelly> and you can find more details about the Big Pink Plunge at: <http://www.againstbreastcancer.org.uk/get-involved/sporting-and-challenges/events/554/big-pink-plunge-world-record-attempt/> Also there is a free Family Fun Day at Millets Farm centre next Saturday 4th July from 10- 4pm.

Sports Report by Mrs Harris

This month has been busy once again and we are all looking forward to Sport's Day and our House Netball and Football competitions before the end of term.

Some of our Year 5 boys took part in the Abingdon School Mini Olympics last week and although they didn't win they enjoyed taking part in events such as climbing and rowing.

Our Athletics team entered the Abingdon Primary Championships and with some extremely creditable performances came 4th.

Our Cricket teams also entered the Vale Cricket Championships and played well. The Girl's team actually won! They are now Vale Champions, have received a cup and they will go through to the County Finals in July. Well done to them.

Year 5 are enjoying their Tae Kwan Do/Fitness PE lessons on Friday mornings this term, paid for with some of our Sport's Premium money. Their final session will be at the CanDo Dojo in Abingdon during the last week of term.

The classes for next academic year will be as follows:

Nursery (mornings only) Mrs Semple & Mrs Astone

Reception Mrs Demarchi, Mrs Moloney & Miss Stokes (am)





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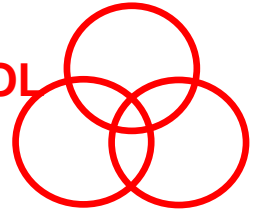
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Year 2	Mrs Wadrzyk (am) & Mrs Kelly (pm) Mrs Knipe (am) & Ms Forson (pm)
Year 3	Mrs Hibbs (Mon-Thurs) & Mr Long (Fri) Mrs Brown (am)
Year 3	Mrs Harris Mrs Pell (am)
Year 4	Miss Finch Mrs Conway (am)
Year 5	Mrs O'Brien Mrs Jefferies (am)
Year 6	Mrs Hague Mrs Himpson (am)

The children will meet their new class teacher on Tuesday 14th July in the afternoon and parents you are very welcome to come and meet the new teacher at 3 pm in the classroom.

Apologies for another long newsletter but there are lots of exciting things happening at St Edmund's at the moment.

Kind regards,

Mrs Delany-White

Diary Dates- PLEASE KEEP THESE HANDY

Tuesday 30 th June	Year 3 trip to Abingdon Museum (am) Summer Music Concert 6 pm in the hall
Wednesday 1 st July	Sports Day (weather permitting) Open afternoon after the picnic- a chance for your child to show you all of this year's hard work
Thursday 2 nd July	Alternative Sports Day (if needed)
Monday 6 th July	Year 6 Production at 1:30 pm in the hall
Tuesday 7 th July	Year 6 Production at 6 pm in the hall
Wednesday 8 th July	Year 4 Assembly 2:20 pm in the hall





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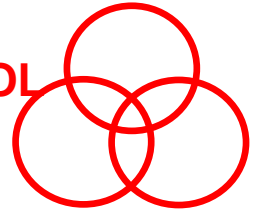
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Thursday 9 th July	PA School Discos
Friday 10 th July	Leavers' Mass at 2 pm in hall
Monday 13 th July	Year 3 trip to Pizza Express (pm)
Tuesday 14 th July	Meet the Teachers afternoon for children; parents can meet the new teacher in the classroom after school at 3pm
Wednesday 15 th July	Year 5 Dojo visit am Year 6 trip to Wittenham Clumps Year 2 trip to Abbey Meadows
Thursday 16 th July	Year 6 Dojo visit am Prize Giving 2 pm in the hall
Friday 17 th July	End of Term - School finishes at 3pm
Monday 20 th July	Staff INSET- school closed
SUMMER HOLIDAYS	
Tuesday 1 st & Wednesday 2 nd September	Staff INSET- school closed
Thursday 3 rd September	Term 1 begins: Year 1-6
Monday 7 th September	Term 1 begins: Reception
Wednesday 9 th September	Term 1 begins: Nursery
Saturday 26 th September	Community Day 10-4 pm