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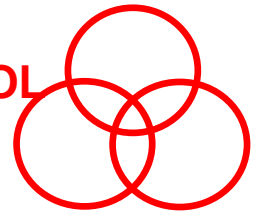
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30<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Dear Parents,

Term 1 is already rapidly advancing and life here at St Edmund's continues in its usual happy, busy way. All of the classes are settled, with new friendships made and old ones reformed. Our new teachers, Mrs O'Brien in Year 5 and Mrs Harper in Year 1 are still smiling every day as everyone has made them so welcome and all the teachers are delighted with their new children and the hard work and commitment they are already showing to their new learning, as am I.

Year 6 in particular have had a great start to the academic year. From the 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> September they went to Osmington Bay in Dorset for their week long residential trip. During the week they were able to challenge themselves with activities like abseiling and climbing and they developed team skills as they worked together building rafts for example. Mrs Hague, Mr Long and Mrs Jefferies were incredibly proud of their perseverance, enthusiasm, exemplary behaviour and support for one another throughout the week. We are all very proud of them and they are already proving themselves to be excellent role models for the rest of the school to look up to. Well done Year 6!



I was delighted by the tremendous support so many of you showed for our Assessment Evening at the beginning of term to launch our new assessment system here at St Edmund's. Hopefully you are now able to talk more confidently to your child about their learning as you know by their Target Cards which targets they are working towards each week. Thank you for returning the cards to the teachers each Tuesday morning and do remember to ask the teachers if there is anything you are unsure about concerning your child's learning. If you were not able to make it on the evening, or you would like a reminder of all we discussed, I have put my PowerPoint presentation and all the Target Cards for Year 1-6 on our school website. Remember also to look at our website often as I am regularly adding useful information and photos of the children at work and at play to it. I am delighted that I have already been able to add some examples of high quality writing to our Star Writers page this term.

Thank you also to those parents and families who gave up so much of their time last Saturday for our second Community Day. Again the sun shone on us as we worked together to improve the grounds and





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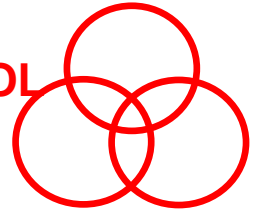
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outside areas for our children. The warmth of community spirit was felt by all and it reminded me once again how blessed I am to be the Headteacher of our wonderful school.

We were pleased to welcome our new priest, Fr Phil, into school recently. Fr Phil has come to work with Fr Jamie at St Edmund's Church and he has already chatted to most of the children in their classrooms or at Thursday Mass in the church. He has said that he intends to spend a lot of his time either here or at Our Lady's School working with the children of the Parish so do look out for him in the weeks to come. He will also hopefully take an active part in our Sion Mission week which we are already planning for the children and which will be from 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> November, further details to follow soon.

Looking at the weeks ahead it will soon be Parents Evening again so do look out for the letter and keep either Monday 12<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October free in your diary to come and speak to your child's teacher and look at the work in their books. Please also notice on the dates below that half term is slightly longer for the children this year as we have an INSET day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and again on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Yours sincerely,

*Mrs Delany-White*

Diary Dates- **PLEASE KEEP THESE HANDY**

St Edmund's Catholic Primary School		
DIARY DATES 2015/16		
Date		Event
<b>Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> September</b>		
<b>BOOK FAIR ALL WEEK IN DISCOVERY DEN</b>		
Wednesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> September	9.15 am	Year 6 PGL Assembly
Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> October	3.15pm	Meeting for Year 5 Parents re PGL visit 2016
	3.30 pm	Girls 7-a-side Football Tournament - OLA
Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30 – 5 pm	Abingdon Schools' Cross Country – Tilsley Park
Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> October		Abingdon Schools' Festival of Languages - Fitzharrys
	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>3.30 – 6.30 pm</b>	Parents' Evening
Tuesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> October	4.30 – 7.30pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> October	2 pm	Mass in School
Thursday, 15 <sup>th</sup> October	2.45 pm	PA Cake Sale in Hall





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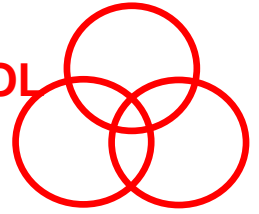
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Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> October	am 2.20 pm	Reception Class Vision Screening Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
Tuesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> October	3 – 5.30 pm	PA Film Club
Thursday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	3 pm	Term 1 ends
Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> October		INSET Day
<b>26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>		<b>Term Break</b>
<b>Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>		INSET Day
Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> November		Term 2 starts
Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> November	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>		<b>SION Mission all week</b>
Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> November	9.45 am	Whole school mass in Church – St Edmund's Day
<b>Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	am	PA Nearly New Sale (School Hall)
<b>Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>		Anti-bullying Week
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> November	pm	Swimming Gala at Radley College
Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> November	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>		Perform Drama – Year 3
Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> November	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
Wednesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	am 2 pm	Gym Festival – Berinsfield Mass in school – all welcome
Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> December	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>		
Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas Dinners - tbc
Thursday, 10 <sup>th</sup> December	5 – 9 pm	Christmas Discos
Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> December	2.20pm Evening	Gold Book Assembly Christmas Fayre set-up
Saturday, 12 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas Fayre
<b>Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	6 pm	KS2 Christingle in Church
Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30 am 2.00 pm	FS Nativity KS1 Nativity
Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00 pm	KS1 Nativity
Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup> December		
Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> December	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly Term 2 ends
<b>21<sup>st</sup> December – 1<sup>st</sup> January</b>		<b>Christmas Holiday</b>
<b>Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016</b>		Term 3 starts
Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> January	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>		
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> January	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>		
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> January	2 pm	Mass in School
Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly





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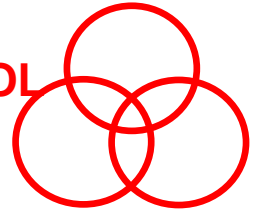
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<b>Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>		
Wednesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> January	am	Dance Festival at Thomas Reade School
Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> January	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>		
Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> February	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>		
Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> February	3 – 5.30 pm	PA Film Club
Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> February	2 pm	Mass in School
Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> February	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly Term 3 ends
<b>15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>		
		<b>Term Break</b>
<b>Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>		
		Term 4 starts
Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> February	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> February</b>		
Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> March	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>		
Tuesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30 – 5 pm	Town Netball Tournament – Fitzharrys School
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>		
Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> March	4.30 – 7.30 pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> March	2 pm	Mass in School
Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> March	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>		
Tuesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	am	Class Photographs - tbc
Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup> March		Term 4 ends
<b>25<sup>th</sup> March – 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
		<b>Term Break</b>
<b>Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
		Term 5 starts
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> April	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> April	pm	PA Cake Sale
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> April	2 pm	Mass in School
Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> April	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>		
		<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>		
Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> May	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>		
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> May	2 pm	Mass in School
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> May	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>		
Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> May		Term 5 ends





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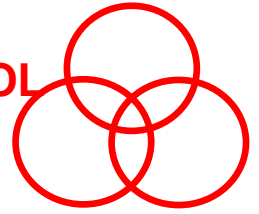
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Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> May		INSET DAY
<b>30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>		<b>Term Break</b>
<b>Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>		Term 6 starts
Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> June	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> June	am	Quad Kids Athletics (Years 5/6) at Tilsley Park
Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> June	am	Quad Kids Athletics (Years 3 / 4) at Radley College
Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> June	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>pm</b>	Year 6 Boys Cricket at Thomas Reade School
Tuesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> June	pm	Year 6 Girls Cricket at Thomas Reade School
Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> June	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
Tuesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> June	pm	Year 5 Boys Cricket at Thomas Reade School
Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> July	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>		
Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> July	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>		
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> July	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>		
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	2 pm	Leavers' Mass in the hall
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> July		Term 6 ends

