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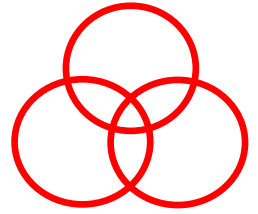
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15th December 2016.

Dear Parents,



We are almost at the end of our magical Christmas week. The children have celebrated the Christmas story in so many moving and engaging ways this week. From the mesmerising Christingle service led by Key Stage 2 in church on Monday evening, through the engaging Early Years Nativity on Tuesday morning, which the Nursery and Reception children then proudly shared with the residents of Station House Care Home in Abingdon on Wednesday morning, to the Key Stage 1 nativity on Wednesday afternoon. All children involved were confident and enthusiastic in their singing, acting, playing and speaking and each audience was greatly moved and entertained. If you would like to see more pictures of these events do look at our school website and Thursday's copy of the Oxford Mail which has a whole page devoted to St Edmund's nativity pictures.





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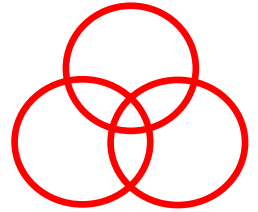
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Christmas Fayre

Last Saturday brought another very successful Christmas Fayre. I am waiting to hear the final figure but the PA members are all confidently telling me they believe they have raised over £2,200. This is a phenomenal amount given the few hours involved on such a wet afternoon. All the families, neighbours and parishioners who braved the weather were treated to a fun filled school and all seemed happy to be parted from their money at all the variety of stalls on offer. I am sure you will join me in thanking all the Parents Association members who worked so hard to make Saturday such a success.

Staff Changes

As you know, we are sadly saying good bye to Miss Finch tomorrow as she leaves us to start her new life in Fareham. Miss Fuokaridou is now excitedly looking forward to taking over as our Year 3 teacher in January. We are also welcoming five new members of staff in January: Mrs Mandy Conway (who returns to us again having briefly left us in the summer); and Teaching Assistants-Mrs Nadia Skeels, Miss Paula Breedon (who is also a HLTA who will cover some afternoon PPA time), Miss Georgia Varda and Mrs Nishani Nanayakkara. I'm sure you and your children will join me in making all the new ladies feel welcome to our St Edmund's community. We are also saying goodbye to Ms Thomas who has taught music this term and welcoming Mrs Attridge who will teach computing one day a week from January onwards.

Thank you already for all your kind Christmas wishes, cards and presents, I really do appreciate them all. I wish you and your families a happy and Holy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all again on January 4th 2017.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Delany-White

Diary Dates- PLEASE KEEP THESE HANDY

St Edmund's Catholic Primary School	
DIARY DATES 2016/17	
Date	Event
19 th December – 2 nd January	Christmas Holiday
Tuesday 3 rd January 2016	INSET day school closed
Wednesday 4 th January	Children back to school Mass in school – all welcome
Friday 6 th January 2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 9th January	
Friday, 13 th January 2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 16th January	
Friday, 20 th January 2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 23rd January	
Tuesday 24 th January	James Carter, poet in school all day
Wednesday, 25 th January pm	Reception & Year 6 Height and weight checks Dance Festival at Thomas Reade School
Friday, 27 th January 2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday 30th January	





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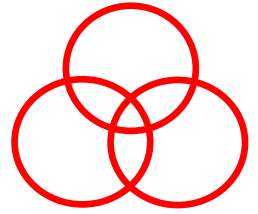
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Tuesday 31 st January		Year 5 Ashmolean trip
Friday 3 rd February	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 6th February		
Wednesday 8 th February	2 pm	Mass in School- all welcome
Friday, 10 th February	2.20pm 3pm	Gold Book Assembly Break up for half term holiday
13th – 17th February		Half Term Break
Monday, 20th February		Children back to school
Friday, 24 th February	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 27th February		
Wednesday 1 st March	2pm	Ash Wednesday Mass in school- all welcome
Thursday 2 nd March		World Book Day
Friday 3 rd March	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 6th March		
Tuesday, 7 th March	3.30 – 5 pm	Netball Tournament – Fitzharrys School
Friday 10 th March	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 13th March		Science Week Science Fair at Abingdon School
Friday, 17 th March	pm	Science Sharing Assembly
Monday, 20th March		Year 6 to Junior Citizen TBC
Tuesday 21 st March	am	Class photos
Friday, 24 th March	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 27th March	3.30-6:30pm	Parents' Evening
Tuesday, 28 th March	4:30-7:30pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 31 st March	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday 3rd April		
Wednesday, 5 th April	2pm	Mass in School- all welcome
Friday 7 th April	2.20 pm 3pm	Gold Book Assembly Term ends
10th-21st April		EASTER holidays
Monday, 24th April		Children back to school
Wednesday 26 th April	2pm	Mass in School- all welcome
Friday, 28 th April	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday 1st May		BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 5 th May	2:20pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 8th May		Key Stage 2 SATs week
Friday, 12 th May	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 15th May		
Wednesday, 17 th May	2 pm	Mass in School-all welcome
Friday, 19 th May	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 22nd May		
Thursday, 25 th May	3pm	Children break up for half term
Friday, 26th May		INSET DAY





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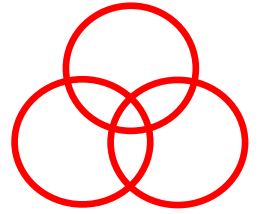
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29 th May – 2nd June		Half Term Break
Monday, 5th June		Children back to school
Wednesday 7 th June	2pm	Pentecost Mass in school- all welcome
Friday, 9 th June		Mother Tongue Day
Monday, 12th June		
Thursday, 15 th June		Quad Kids Athletics (Years 5 & 5) TBC
Friday, 16 th June	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 19th June	pm	Year 6 Boys Cricket
Wednesday, 21 st June	pm	Good Shepherd Mass in Portsmouth Year 5/6 Girls Cricket
Friday, 23 rd June	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 26th June		
Tuesday, 27 th June	pm	Year 5 Boys Cricket
Wednesday 28 th June	2pm	Abingdon School Mini Olympics First Holy Communion Mass in school TBC
Thursday 29 th June	2pm	Year 6 Induction Day: John Mason, Fitzharrys & Larkmead St Peter & Paul Mass in school- all welcome
Friday 30 th June	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday 3rd July		
Wednesday 5 th July	am	Year 1 & 2 Quad Kids
Friday, 7 th July	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 10th July		
Tuesday 11 th July	9:30pm 6pm	Year 6 Production Year 6 Production
Wednesday 12 th July	am	Sports Day & family picnic
Thursday 13 th July	am pm	Reserve Sports Day Meet the Teacher
Friday, 14 th July	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 17th July		No clubs this week
Wednesday, 19 th July	2pm	Prize Day
Thursday 20 th July	2pm	Leavers' Mass
Friday 21 st July	3pm	Term ends
SUMMER HOLIDAY		

