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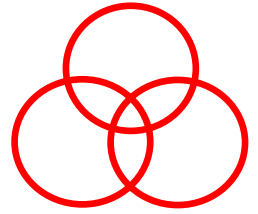
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Dear Parents,

Poetry Performance

I am sure your children would have told you all about the latest exciting visit from James Carter, the poet, here a couple of weeks ago. James always tells us how much he enjoys coming to our school because our pupils always give him such a warm welcome and have so many wonderful ideas for poems. This year he was helping each class enjoy performance poetry and after his visit each class prepared a poem which they then shared with the rest of the school this week on Monday afternoon. The standard of performance was high and the children had obviously spent a long time learning long poems and actions. Every single child from Reception to Year 6 was fully engaged and highly entertained watching the poems from the older and younger children as well.

Living Sustainably

Last week our Year 5 children prepared an excellent class assembly for the whole school on recycling, reusing and reducing. As Anna McG explained:

'Our assembly was all about Eco-Warriors and saving energy. Especially in the dragon story the message was clear: don't waste resources or else the world will not be a nice place. I enjoyed the fact that even though this is a very serious topic, we addressed it in a fun way that everyone would understand.'

The whole school certainly did understand this important message and enjoyed watching the assembly at the same time so well done Year 5! This brings me nicely to our support of St Edmund's Church's Living Sustainably campaign based on the message contained in Pope Francis's Laudato Si. As a staff we regularly collect items of non-perishable foods for the local Food Bank. When a box is full we take it along to the local collection point at Christ Church in Abingdon. If you would like to add to our collection do send in any donations after the half term holiday. Items can include: tins of soup; pasta sauces; rice, tea, coffee, tins of fish or meat, sugar, cereals, jams, tins of fruit etc.

Lenten Fundraising

Following our phenomenal success with the Heart of Light project which enabled us to send £3200 to CAFOD (our Mini Vinnies chosen charity) we are now planning our Lenten charitable focus for the school. With this thought in mind I was delighted to receive the following email from Omar, an ex St Edmund's pupil:

I am a St Edmund's Catholic Primary School ex-pupil (2004-2011). I am half Sudanese and I made my first visit to Sudan in 2009, when at St Edmund's. Now, seven years later I am going to Sudan in December, for the second time. Now that I am older and more mature I realise how fortunate I am to have been able to attend two great schools, with great values and a wonderful sense of community. However, Sudan is a country in which there are 3.2 million children between the ages of 6 and 16 who do not get the opportunity to go to school. Therefore, I decided to take the initiative to try and make a difference, and so I am now in contact with one of the most disadvantaged





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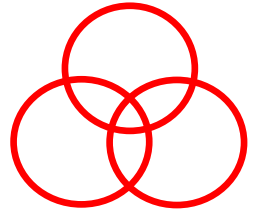
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primary schools in Khartoum, which is run by the Catholic Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco. However, the school is in the poorest area of Khartoum and neighbours the Mayo camp, and so it therefore, lacks resources and essential schooling materials such as pencils and exercise books.

I have contacted one of the Salesian Sisters and found out what materials they need the most, and in order to provide them I have set up a fundraising campaign with a target of £1,000. So far I have had small donations on my crowdfunding page (<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/omar-noia-rodriguez-sudaneducation>), but obviously we need to get closer to the target to make a significant difference to the primary school in Khartoum. I was wondering if as a school you would be able to offer some help to the cause, in one way or another. Also, if you have any unwanted schooling equipment/materials, they would be very welcomed.

As a staff we have decided we really want to support this cause and we are thrilled that an ex-pupil of ours continues to carry the St Edmund's gospel values with him. Therefore, we have asked Omar to come into school after half term to show our pupils the photos from his recent visit to the primary school in Khartoum and to explain to the children what a difference any money we may raise can make to fellow primary school children in a different, less affluent, country than ours. Do look out for further details of our fund raising activities after the holiday which will also include monthly coffee mornings after 10:15 Mass on Sunday mornings at St Edmund's church (dates included on school dates below).

School Uniform

Thank you once again for your support over school uniform. My latest plea is that all children are wearing school **shoes** not trainers or boots please. If the shoes are muddy after playtime the children may be asked to change into trainers or plimsolls to keep our carpets mud free and both plimsolls and trainers are needed for PE lessons. The children still need a pair of school shoes however, as clearly stated in our uniform policy.

Again, can I remind a few parents and children that PE kits are needed in school *every week*, hair longer than shoulder length needs to be tied back and nothing valuable should be brought into school to avoid the obvious distress caused if such items then get broken or lost.

E Safety Talk

All parents and staff of St Edmund's school have been warmly invited to attend the Internet Safety Talk at OLA Senior School 7-8pm on Thursday 2nd March. I would encourage as many of you as possible to go along and find out how you can ensure that your children use the internet safely. The talk is free and refreshments will be provided.

Have a lovely half term break. I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 20th February and to hearing the children telling me all about the fun week off they will have enjoyed.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Delany-White





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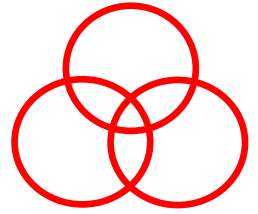
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Diary Dates- PLEASE KEEP THESE HANDY

St Edmund's Catholic Primary School DIARY DATES 2016/17		
Date		Event
Friday, 10 th February	2.20pm 3pm	Gold Book Assembly Break up for half term holiday
13th – 17th February		Half Term Break
Sunday 19 th February		10:15 Mass Tea & Cake Sunday
Monday, 20th February		Children back to school
Tuesday 21 st February	9:30-11am	Nursery Stay & Play
Thursday 23 rd February	3-4pm	Netball Match v St Nicholas (away)
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
	7-8pm	Internet Safety Talk at OLA Senior School
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
Wednesday 15 th March	am 2:20pm	ADSDMA Spring Concert Rehearsal, Fitzharrys School Year 1 Class assembly
Friday, 17 th March		Science Fair
Sunday 19 th March		10:15 Mass Tea & Cake Sunday
Monday, 20th March		
Tuesday 21 st March	am	Class photos
Friday, 24 th March	9:30-11am 2.20pm	Nursery Stay & Play Gold Book Assembly
Saturday 25 th March		OCMS 75 th Anniversary Concert, Birmingham Symphony Hall
Monday, 27th March	3.30-6:30pm	Parents' Evening
Tuesday, 28 th March	4:30-7:30pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday 30 th March		Year 2 trip to Warwick Castle
Friday 31 st March	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday 3rd April		ASDMA Spring Concert, Amey Theatre
Wednesday, 5 th April	8:50-11:50 2pm	Nursery & Reception Stay & Play 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





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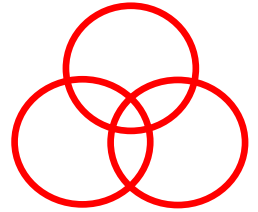
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Tuesday 25 th April	9:30-11am	Nursery Stay & Play
Wednesday 26 th April	2pm	Mass in School- all welcome
Friday, 28 th April	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday 1st May		BANK HOLIDAY
Wednesday 3rd May	2:20pm	Year 3 Class assembly
Friday 5 th May	2:20pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 8th May		Key Stage 2 SATs week
Friday, 12 th May	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 15th May		
Tuesday 16 th May		Year 4 trip to Sutton Courtenay TBC
Wednesday, 17 th May	2 pm	Mass in School-all welcome
Friday, 19 th May	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
Sunday 21 st May		10:15 Mass Tea & Cake Sunday
Monday, 22nd May		
Tuesday 23 rd May	9:30-11am	Nursery Stay & Play
Wednesday 24 th May	2:20pm	Year 4H Class assembly
Thursday, 25 th May	3pm	Children break up for half term
Friday, 26th May		INSET DAY
29th 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	pm	New Reception children's first visit
Tuesday 13 th June	pm	New Nursery children's first visit
Wednesday 14 th June	2:20pm	Reception Class assembly
Thursday, 15 th June		Quad Kids Athletics (Years 5 & 5) TBC
Friday, 16 th June	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
Saturday 17th June		Summer Fayre
Sunday 18 th June		10:15 Mass Tea & Cake Sunday
Monday, 19th June	pm 1:30pm	Year 6 Boys Cricket Welcome new Reception parents in hall; new Reception children's second visit
Tuesday 20 th June	11:30am 1:30pm pm	Year 6 to Pizza Express Welcome new Nursery parents in hall; new Reception children's second visit Year 5 girls to SHSK for Maths workshops
Wednesday, 21 st June	Pm 2:20pm	Good Shepherd Mass in Portsmouth Year 5/6 Girls Cricket Year 4K Class assembly
Friday, 23 rd June	9:30-11am 2.20 pm	Nursery Stay & Play Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 26th June		Magic Maths Fair
Tuesday, 27 th June		Magic Maths Fair





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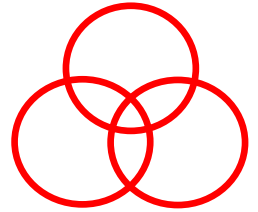
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	pm	Year 5 Boys Cricket
Wednesday 28 th June		Abingdon School Mini Olympics
	2pm	First Holy Communion Mass in school TBC
Thursday 29 th June		Year 6 Induction Day: John Mason, Fitzharrys & Larkmead
	2pm	St Peter & Paul Mass in school- all welcome
Friday 30 th June	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday 3rd July		
Wednesday 5 th July	am	Year 1 & 2 Quad Kids
	2:20pm	Year 2 Class assembly
Thursday 6 th July		PA school discos
Friday, 7 th July	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 10th July		
Tuesday 11 th July	9:30pm	Year 6 Production
	6pm	Year 6 Production
Wednesday 12 th July	am	Sports Day & family picnic
Thursday 13 th July	am	Reserve Sports Day
	pm	Meet the Teacher
Friday, 14 th July	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
Sunday 16 th July		10:15 Mass Tea & Cake Sunday
Monday, 17th July		
Wednesday, 19 th July	2pm	Prize Day
Thursday 20 th July	2pm	Leavers' Mass
Friday 21 st July	3pm	Term ends
SUMMER HOLIDAY		

