



Diocese of Portsmouth

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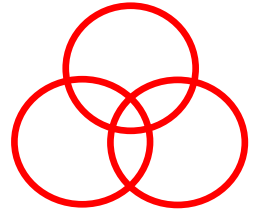
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25th April 2017

Dear Parents,
New School Website

I am delighted that 123ICT have now updated our school website over the Easter holidays. Please do take a look at: <http://www.st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk/> As you know I spend a lot of time adding information and photos to our website to keep it as up to date as possible. It is my aim that nearly everything a current or prospective parent would need to know about our wonderful school will be found on the school website. So if you haven't looked at it recently do take a look now and check out the many pages to find out even more about our school and to see pictures of your children in action.

Lenten Fundraising

As you know we were keen to support Omar, an ex-St Edmund's pupil, in his project to make a difference to the children at Dar Mariam Primary School in Khartoum, Sudan for our Lenten project this year. Omar came into school and spoke to the whole school in assembly. He showed our pupils the photos from his recent visit to the primary school in Khartoum and explained what a difference any money we could raise can make to fellow primary school children in a different, less affluent, country than ours. The children discussed possible fund raising activities which included: a cake sale, a Bring and Buy sale organised and run by Year 6, a guess the name of the teddy organised by Year 5 and monthly coffee mornings after 10:15 Mass on Sunday mornings at St Edmund's church run by St Edmund's parents and children. So far we have raised: cake sale: £203; Bring and Buy Sale £132; Guess the name of the teddy £67; monthly coffee mornings £120. There is also another cake sale this Friday 28th April which I'm sure will be as successful as usual. Thank you to everyone who has supported our Lenten Fundraising so far. Do send in any final donations to the school office as soon as possible please.

Early Years

As you know we are expanding our Nursery provision from September when we will be offering parents the flexibility of full time, part time or a combination of both to suit the family's needs. With this in mind Mrs Semple has been welcoming two and three year olds into our Nursery for monthly Stay & Play sessions since January. These are going really well and have resulted in many children signing up for places in September. If you know of anyone who may want their child to benefit from the fun and stimulating Early Years learning environment we offer here at St Edmund's do tell them to come along to the next Stay & Play sessions:

- **Tuesday 25th April** (Spring)
- **Tuesday 23rd May** (Down on the Farm)
- **Friday 23rd June** (At the Seaside)

All sessions are free, run from 9.30 to 11am and are for two and three year olds, with their parents/carers.





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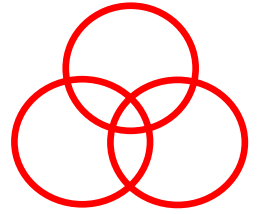
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Stay and Sing

Also, Mrs Semple is offering a free music class for pre-school children and their families from our school and parish each week starting this week. The sessions will include familiar and new songs and rhymes, action songs and percussion instruments. They will happen every Wednesday morning in term-time, from 9-9:30 a.m. Just contact the school office if you and your child would like to come along. Classes begin on **Wednesday 26th April 2017.**

Altar Servers Club

Fr Phil will be running his popular Altar Servers club on Wednesday lunchtimes from 12:30-1pm starting this week. There is availability for two groups of up to ten children to have three weeks of training by Fr Phil during the summer term. The children need to have made their First Holy Communion (so Year 4 and upwards) and need to **not** currently be an altar server. The club will happen in OLA's chapel with pupils from OLA Junior School as well and our children will be accompanied by Mrs Lavers each week. Please check that your child has given their name to their class teacher if they want to be involved as there are limited places available it will be first come first served.

Summer Uniform

As we have now started the summer term girls are very welcome to start wearing their summer dresses (if they are warm enough!) Thank you to all parents who have bought the **navy** check dress, as per our uniform list. If your daughter is wearing a lighter blue check dress can I ask that once she has out grown it, you buy the navy check dresses from now on. Thank you.

Thank you as ever for all of your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Delany-White

Diary Dates- **PLEASE KEEP THESE HANDY**

St Edmund's Catholic Primary School DIARY DATES 2016/17		
Date		Event
Monday, 24th April		Children back to school
Tuesday 25 th April	9:30-11am	Nursery Stay & Play
Wednesday 26 th April	9-9:30 am 12:30-1pm 2pm	Stay & Sing Altar Servers Club Mass in School- all welcome
Friday, 28 th April	2.20 pm	Cake Sale Gold Book Assembly
Monday 1st May		BANK HOLIDAY
Wednesday 3 rd May	9-9:30am 12:30-1pm pm 2:20pm	Stay & Sing Altar Servers Club Mini Vinnies Year 6 Year 3 Class assembly





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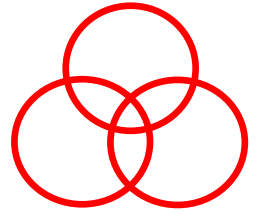
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Thursday 4 th May	pm	Mini Vinnies Year 5
Friday 5 th May	2:20pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 8th May		Key Stage 2 SATs week Year 3 trip to the Living Rainforest
Wednesday 10 th May	9-9:30am	Stay & Sing
Friday, 12 th May	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 15th May		
Tuesday 16 th May		Year 4 trip to Sutton Courtenay
Wednesday, 17 th May	9-9:30am 12:30-1pm 2 pm	Stay & Sing Altar Servers Club Our Lady Mass in School-all welcome
Thursday 18 th May	pm	Reception & Nursery trip to Farmer Gow's Mini Vinnies Year 5
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	12:30-1pm 2:20pm	Mini Vinnies Retreat Day Year 5 & 6 Altar Servers Club 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
Tuesday 6 th June		Year 5 trip to Millets Farm
Wednesday 7 th June	9-9:30am 12:30-1pm 2pm	Stay & Sing Altar Servers Club 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 Year 4 trip to Sulgrave Manor
Wednesday 14 th June	9-9:30am pm 2:20pm	Stay & Sing Mini Vinnies Year 6 Reception Class assembly
Thursday, 15 th June	pm	Mini Vinnies Year 5 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





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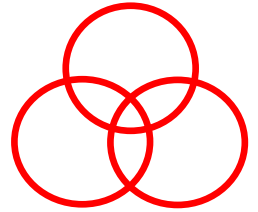
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Tuesday 20 th June	11:30am 1:30pm pm	Year 6 to Pizza Express Welcome new Nursery parents in hall; new Reception children's second visit Year 5 girls to SHSK for Maths workshops
Wednesday, 21 st June	9-9:30am pm 2:20pm	Good Shepherd Mass in Portsmouth Stay & Sing 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	pm	Magic Maths Fair Year 5 Boys Cricket
Wednesday 28 th June	9-9:30am 12:30-1pm 2pm	Abingdon School Mini Olympics Stay & Sing Altar Servers Club First Holy Communion Mass in school
Thursday 29 th June	pm 2pm	Year 6 Induction Day: John Mason, Fitzharrys & Larkmead Mini Vinnies Year 5 St Peter & Paul Mass in school- all welcome
Friday 30 th June	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday 3rd July		Didcot Girls School & St Birinus Induction Day
Tuesday 4 th July		Didcot Girls School & St Birinus Induction Day
Wednesday 5 th July	9-9:30am am 2:20pm	Stay & Sing Year 1 & 2 Quad Kids Year 2 Class assembly
Thursday 6 th July		PA school discos
Friday, 7 th July	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
Sunday 9 th July		St Edmund's Parish Day
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
Sunday 16 th July		10:15 Mass Tea & Cake Sunday
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		

