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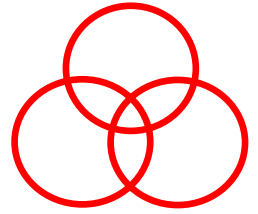
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25th May 2017

Dear Parents,

Mother Tongue Day

We will be celebrating the rich and diverse cultures we have within our St Edmund's community again after half term when we hold our annual Mother Tongue Day on Friday 9th June. To start the day, we will have whole school worship at 9am in the hall to which you are all invited if you are free. During whole school worship I read an extract from the Bible and discuss its message and relevance to us. For Mother Tongue Day I would like to ask if any parents/ grandparents/ family friends who are free could read out parts of the Bible reading in their own language so the children really appreciate the Pentecostal story. As in previous years, I have asked children to volunteer to read a small prayer in their own language as part of the worship. So far I have had a few children volunteer for this. Please encourage your child to volunteer if they would like to. I will then need you to help your child translate the prayer I will give them into your language and let them practise reading it at home with you. Please check with your child whether they have spoken to me already if you would like them to be involved in this very special worship. We are hoping to have as many languages as possible represented. In the afternoon we are hoping many adults will be free to read stories to children in class in their own language and join us in the hall where we want to set up stalls representing different languages and countries from our school community. The class teachers will be sending out further details but if you feel you will be able to help in any way please do let us know.

Staff Changes

As most of you know, Mrs Kelly is now planning her retirement after twenty-three loyal years teaching and leading here at St Edmund's. The prospect of school without Mrs Kelly's wisdom, compassion and ready humour is hard to imagine but thankfully it will not happen just yet as Mrs Kelly has kindly agreed to delay her retirement to Christmas now. This is because our new Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Stephanie Cottrill, will not be joining us until January. Mrs Cottrill already has four years' experience as a Deputy at St Amand's primary so I am sure she will be able to confidently take over as Mrs Kelly leaves us. We will also be welcoming Mrs Sue Graham to our Key Stage 2 team in September.

First Holy Communion

There are just a few weeks left now before many of our Year 3 children will make their First Holy Communion. The Holy Communion Masses at St Edmund's church are as follows: Saturday 10th June at noon and Sunday 11th June at 2pm. We will also have a special Mass in school for all the First Holy Communion children on Wednesday 28th June at 2pm. The children are very welcome to wear their First Holy Communion clothes for this Mass and all their families and friends are welcome to join us. Please keep all of the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion in your prayers.





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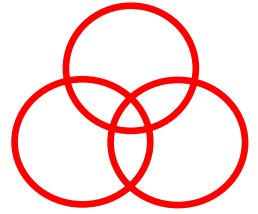
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Early Years

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 session. The final play session for this academic year is:

- **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.

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. The sessions are proving to be very popular and they include familiar and new songs and rhymes, action songs and percussion instruments. They 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.

Thank you as ever for all of your support. Have a lovely half term holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Delany-White

Diary Dates- PLEASE KEEP THESE HANDY

St Edmund's Catholic Primary School		
DIARY DATES 2016/17		
Date		Event
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
Thursday 8 th June	am	Reception Class pond dipping at Barton Field
Friday, 9 th June		Mother Tongue Day Spellathon sponsorship money due in
Saturday 10 th June	12 noon	First Holy Communion Mass
Sunday 11 th June	2pm	First Holy Communion Mass
Monday, 12th June	pm	Maths week begins New Reception children's first visit
Tuesday 13 th June	pm	New Nursery children's first visit





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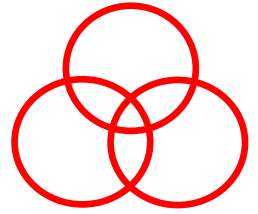
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	9-11:15am	Year 4 trip to Sulgrave Manor Year 5 science at Abingdon School
Wednesday 14 th June	9-9:30am am pm 2:20pm	Stay & Sing Year 6 trip to Abingdon Museum Mini Vinnies Year 6 Reception Class assembly
Thursday, 15 th June	pm	Mini Vinnies Year 5 Quad Kids Athletics (Years 5 & 6)
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 Nursery 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 pm 2.20 pm	Nursery Stay & Play Cross country final 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, Year 5 boys 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		House netball & football competitions
Monday 3rd July		Didcot Girls School & St Birinus Induction Day
Tuesday 4 th July	pm	Didcot Girls School & St Birinus Induction Day Academy Presentation to Parents
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





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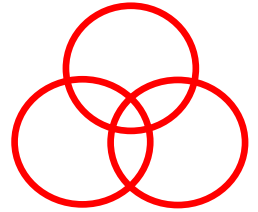
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Friday, 7 th July	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
Sunday 9 th July		St Edmund's Parish Day
Monday, 10th July	pm	Year 5 French afternoon at Fitzharry's
Tuesday 11 th July	9:30pm 6pm	Year 6 Production Year 6 Production
Wednesday 12 th July	am	Sports Day & 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 Year 6 trip to Wittenham Clumps
Wednesday, 19 th July	2pm	Prize Day
Thursday 20 th July	2pm	Leavers' Mass
Friday 21 st July	3pm	Term ends
SUMMER HOLIDAY		

