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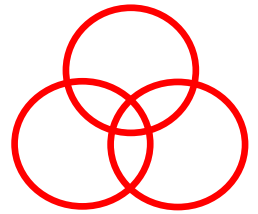
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26th June 2017

Dear Parents,

Good Shepherd Mass



On Wednesday 21st June six Year 5 & Year 6 children (Ewan, Anna, Madeline, Peter, Gabriella & Dominic) represented St Edmund's at the annual schools' Good Shepherd Mass at St. John's Cathedral in Portsmouth. The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Philip and our own Fr. Jamie. At the end of the Mass Peter and Ewan took part in the procession, carrying our St Edmund's banner with pride. The sun shone and they were able to eat their picnic in Victoria Park, which is just across the road from the Cathedral. Altogether it was a joyful day of celebration and a good opportunity to join staff and pupils from other Catholic schools in the diocese, including OLA who kindly offered us transport in their mini bus again for the day.

Mother Tongue Day

We had another hugely successful Mother Tongue Day on Friday 9th June. The day began with whole school worship when staff, parents and grandparents helped me read the Pentecost story from the Acts of the Apostles in their own languages of Maltese, Sinhalese, Greek, Spanish and French. This was followed by twenty-eight children from across the school reading prayers in their own languages, including: Polish, Japanese, Italian, French, Albanian, Igbo, Portuguese, Malayalam, Spanish, Fijian, Nigerian, Irish, Romanian, Sinhalese. Afterwards many parents were able to join the children during the day sharing stories, food and activities in the classrooms as each class celebrated one country represented by at least one class member.





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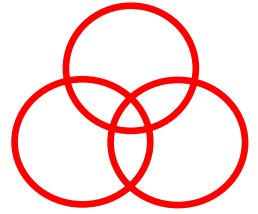
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Then in the afternoon all the children and adults were able to visit the different stalls in the hall prepared by the children to represent the different countries of: Poland (Nursery), Turkey (Reception), Spain (Y1), Belgium (Y2), Japan (Y3), Italy (Y4K & Y6), Philippines (Y4H), Ireland (Y5). It truly was a wonderful celebration of our St Edmund's community and the many languages and cultures within it. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our Year 3 children who have now made their First Holy Communion. We will have a special Mass in school for all the First Holy Communion children this Wednesday 28th June at 2pm. The children are very welcome to wear their special Holy Communion clothes for this Mass and all their families and friends are welcome to join us. Please keep all of the Holy Communion children in your prayers.

Summer Fayre

As you know on Saturday 17th June we had another fun filled afternoon for our Summer Fayre. It was a Medieval themed fayre, with many fun activities running throughout the afternoon. Amazingly the weather was actually hot, and as always the hard work was worth it for the enjoyment of all ages as well as for the amount of money raised. The day raised an amazing £2222 for the PA fund which will really help towards buying the adventure fort we are currently raising money for. Thank you so much to all of the hard working members of the Parents Association, as well as everyone who volunteered on stalls and helped out throughout the afternoon. Such a successful event cannot happen so seamlessly without the hard work and organisation of many people so I am sure you will join me in thanking all of those involved.

Spellathon

Thank you also for your enthusiastic support for our first Spellathon here at St Edmund's. The teachers are delighted that all the children eagerly took their part by learning the spellings set and as parents you did a tremendous job in helping them to collect their sponsor money. Overall, the Parents Association have proudly informed me that the event raised an incredible £2444.

Abingdon Partnership Magic Maths Fayre

This Monday and Tuesday we are hosting the first Abingdon Partnership Magic Maths Fayre which has been enthusiastically organised by our Maths Leader, Mrs Hague. The whole event was opened this morning by the Major of Abingdon, so do look out for pictures in the local press. Over the two days around six hundred children from all of the Abingdon schools will visit us and enjoy many specially created fun Maths activities. Classes of Year 3 & 4 pupils will be visiting for half a day from each of the primary schools. Groups of Year 5 & 6 pupils, and some groups of secondary pupils from Larkmead School, are running stalls throughout the two days. There will be lots of extra children and adults on site, having lots of mathematical fun!





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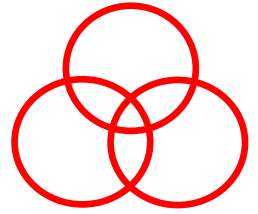
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Mrs Harris's Sports Report June

The House Cross Country Championship

Years 4, 5 and 6 all ran in the heats of the House Cross Country Championship on Friday 16th June and then the fastest 6 runners from each house competed in the final, which the whole school came out to watch on Friday 23rd June. It was a very exciting race. In third place was Rio Year 4H, in third place was Gregory Year 4K and the winner, our Cross Country Champion 2017 was Sagesse Year 6, a fantastic achievement! Our winning House was Briant. Well done to all who took part.

Quad Kids

Mr Swiatek would like to say very well done to all Quad Kids for representing our school so well, both the Year 5 team on Wednesday 14th June and the Year 3 & 4 team on Thursday 15th June. The Year 3 & 4 team did so well they then took part in the finals at Tilsley Park last Tuesday 20th June. It was not easy, especially in the stifling heat, but with each other's support and encouragement they finished 4th overall. Thank you for all of your hard work and great sportsmanship.

Goodbye to Fr Phil

Bishop Philip has recently announced his clergy appointments for the coming year. Sadly, Fr Phil will be leaving Abingdon at the end of August to take up his next appointment as assistant priest at the Cathedral, and as Bishop's secretary, and chaplain to University of Portsmouth. We will all be sorry to see him go. Fr Phil is held in high regard by children and adults alike here at St Edmund's. Luckily there will be another new priest, Fr Robert Stewart, who will be joining Fr Jamie and St Edmund's parish as Assistant Priest in September.

Apologies for such a long newsletter- June is a particularly busy month. Thank you as ever for all of your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Delany-White





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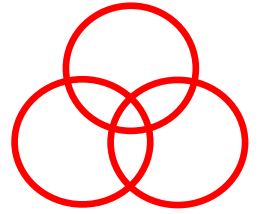
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Diary Dates- PLEASE KEEP THESE HANDY

St Edmund's Catholic Primary School DIARY DATES 2016/17		
Date		Event
Monday, 26th June	am	Abingdon Partnership Magic Maths Fayre Year 1 Singing Workshop at Carswell School
Tuesday, 27 th June		Abingdon Partnership Magic Maths Fayre
Wednesday 28 th June	8:30-12 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-parents welcome
Thursday 29 th June	am pm 2pm	Year 6 Induction Day: John Mason, Fitzharrys & Larkmead Year 5 Story Telling Workshop in school 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 6 pm	Didcot Girls School & St Birinus Induction Day Year 2 Science at Abingdon School Summer Music Concert
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	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 Giving
Thursday 20 th July	2pm	Leavers' Mass
Friday 21 st July	3pm	Term ends
SUMMER HOLIDAY		

