



## Diocese of Portsmouth

# ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

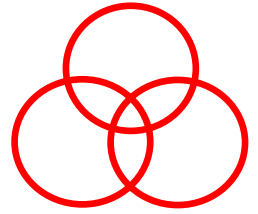
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12<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

Dear Parents,

Once again, I am delighted to say that our new academic year has started happily. All the children have quickly settled into their new classrooms and new routines and all new children are already looking like they have been part of our school for ages. The children look very smart in all their new uniform (which I am sure you have remembered to clearly name parents!). Remember they can wear their smart new school shoes during the day now but need trainers and plimsolls for outdoor and indoor PE lessons.

### Early Years Opening

You may have noticed that we now have our new Early Years canopy installed. This completes all the renovation of the Early Years indoor and outdoor area we have undergone over the last few years. To mark the completion, we have asked our local MP, Layla Moran to officially open the Foundation Stage outdoor area on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 3pm. As the diocese kindly paid for the new canopy (as well as the new school roof) we have also asked for a diocesan representative to attend on 22<sup>nd</sup> September- we are hoping the Bishop can spare Fr Phil for the afternoon but as yet this has not been confirmed. Do come along to the Early Years outdoor area at pick up on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, see all the improvements for yourself and use the opportunity to talk to your local MP, I'm sure she will want to meet as many parents as possible.

### Target Cards

As you know we introduced our new assessment system two years ago and we are pleased by how well it is working. All the children and adults should have a much clearer idea about progress and what each child needs to do next on a weekly basis by looking at the Target Cards. This year's Target Cards will start coming home again each week (NB Year 1 cards are sent home fortnightly). The routine will be the same as before- the cards will be sent home on a Monday to be returned on Tuesday morning without fail please. There is a cover sheet which will accompany the Target Card folder which you may want to read to refresh yourself but do feel free to ask the class teacher at any time during the academic year if you are unsure about your child's progress or want to know more to support your child in their learning.

### Parents Workshops

To help you in understanding the curriculum and assessment system fully we have arranged a few parent workshops over the next few weeks:

- On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm there will be a Reading workshop for all Key Stage 1 parents. If your child is in Year 1 or 2 please try and attend this workshop and learn more about how your child learns to read and how you can support them in the process at home
- Also on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm there is an Early Years phonics evening for parents of children in Foundation Stage. This will be in the Reception class room.
- On Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 6:30pm we will have an evening for all parents of children in Year 1-6 where we will explain more about the assessment system and Target Cards, as well as the English and Maths curriculum for Key Stage 1 & 2. Again, please do try and attend and use this evening as an opportunity to learn more about the challenging curriculum and how you can support your child further in their learning at home.





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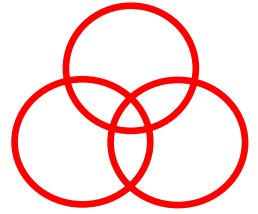
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Please find below the majority of dates for this academic year. I'm sure this academic year is going to be another enjoyable and highly successful one.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Delany-White

### Diary Dates- PLEASE KEEP THESE HANDY

St Edmund's Catholic Primary School		
DIARY DATES 2017/18		
Date		Event
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September</b>		Nursery children start Reception children full time
	am	Year 3 weekly swimming starts
	3pm	Year 6 Homework Club starts
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	3:15pm	Year 6 PGL meeting for parents
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	2pm	Whole school Mass in the hall- all welcome
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	am	Year 5G weekly Martial Arts/Fitness starts
	2:20pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>		Clubs start this week Year 6 Residential week
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	pm	Year 4 weekly trampolining/badminton at Leisure Centre starts
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	am	Year 5 Flying Atoms Science show at Abingdon School
	3pm	Layla Moran (MP) opening Early Years outdoor area
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>		
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	am	Individual photographs
	pm	Year 5/6 at OLA Festival of Reading
	2pm	KS1 Reading workshop for parents
	7pm	EY phonics evening for parents
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	am	Year 1 sports workshops at Thomas Reade
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	2:20pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>10-4pm</b>	<b>Community Day TBC</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>		
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	2pm	Whole school Mass in the hall
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	2:20pm	Year 6 PGL Assembly
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> October	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	3.30 – 6.30 pm	Parents' Evening
Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> October	4.30 – 7.30pm	Parents' Evening





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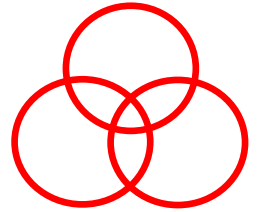
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Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> October	3pm	Children break up for Half Term holiday
<b>Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>		<b>INSET Day- school closed</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October HALF TERM BREAK</b>		
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>		Children back to school
Tuesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> November	6:30pm	Assessment, English & Maths evening for parents of Year 1-6 children
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	2pm	Whole school Mass in the hall- all welcome
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	am 2.20pm	Year 5A weekly Martial Arts/Fitness starts Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	am	Year 6 IMPs trip
Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> November	2:30pm	Year 6 Remembrance Assembly
<b>Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>		<b>Anti-Bullying Week</b>
Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> November	10am	St Edmund's Day Mass-whole school in Church
Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> November	2.20pm	Anti-Bullying Sharing Assembly
<b>Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November		Year 1 trip to Woodstock Museum TBC
Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> November	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>		
Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm	Advent Mass in school – all welcome
Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> December	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>2pm</b>	Foundation Stage Nativity for parents
Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm	KS1 Nativity
Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00 pm	KS1 Nativity
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> December	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>6pm</b>	KS2 Christingle in Church
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	3pm	Term ends
<b>20<sup>th</sup> December – 3rd January CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>		
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>		Children back to school
<b>Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>		
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January		Year 5G weekly trampolining/badminton at Leisure Centre starts
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	2pm	Mass in school – all welcome
Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> January	am 2.20pm	Year 4 weekly Martial Arts/Fitness starts Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>		
Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> January	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>		
Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> January	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly





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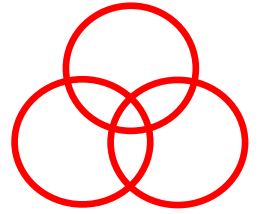
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<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>		
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	2:20pm	Year 4 Class Assembly
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>		
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	am	Year 3 trip to Pizza Express
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	2 pm	Mass in School- all welcome
Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> February	2.20pm 3pm	Gold Book Assembly Break up for half term holiday
<b>12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February HALF TERM BREAK</b>		
<b>Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>		
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	2pm	Mass in School- all welcome
Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	am 2.20pm	Year 3 weekly Martial Arts/Fitness starts Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>		
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March		World Book Day
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>		
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>		
<b>Science Week</b>		
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	2:20pm	Year 1 Class Assembly
Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> March	2.20pm	Science Sharing Assembly
<b>Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>		
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	2:20pm	Year 5G Class Assembly
Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>		
3.30-6:30pm		Parents' Evening
Tuesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> March	4:30-7:30pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	2pm	Holy Week Mass in School- all welcome
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	2pm 3pm	Stations of the Cross Break up for Easter holidays
<b>30<sup>th</sup> March- 13<sup>th</sup> April EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>		
<b>Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
Children back to school		
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
Year 5A weekly trampolining/badminton at Leisure Centre starts		
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	2pm	Easter Mass in School- all welcome
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> April	2.20 pm	Year 2 weekly Martial Arts/Fitness starts Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>		
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	2:20pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	2:20pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>		
<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>		
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	2:20pm	Early Years Assembly





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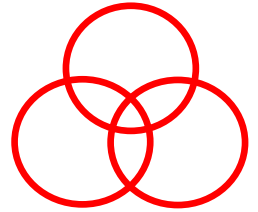
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Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	2pm	Ascension Mass in hall- all welcome
Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> May	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>Key Stage 2 SATs Week</b>
Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> May	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>		
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	2pm	Pentecost Mass in hall- all welcome
Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup> May	3pm	Mother Tongue Day Children break up for half term
<b>Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>INSET DAY- school closed</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> May – 1st June HALF TERM BREAK</b>		
<b>Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>		Children back to school
Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> June	am 2:20pm	Year 6 weekly Martial Arts/Fitness starts Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> June	2pm	First Holy Communion Mass in hall- all welcome
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> June	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>pm</b>	
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> June	2:20pm	Year 5A Class assembly
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> June		Annual Schools' Mass in Portsmouth
Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	2:20pm	Year 3 Class Assembly
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	2pm	St Peter & Paul Mass in school- all welcome
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>		
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	2:20pm	Year 2 Class Assembly
Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> July	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>		
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	am pm	Sports Day & family picnic Meet the Teacher
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	am 2.20 pm	Reserve Sports Day Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>		No clubs this week
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	1:45pm 6pm	Year 6 Production Year 6 Production
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> July	2pm	Prize Day
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	2pm	Leavers' Mass
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	3pm	Term ends
<b>SUMMER HOLIDAY</b>		

