



Diocese of Portsmouth

ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

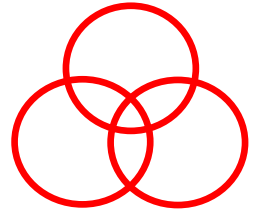
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6th October 2017.

Dear Parents,

School Successes

Over the last academic year, we have been working hard as a school to increase our understanding of Catholic Social Justice and to deepen the Catholic identity of our school within our Portsmouth diocese. We have been working towards achieving the Participator Level of the Romero Award which aims to:

- Increase a school's understanding of Gospel values of justice, love and peace
- Create opportunities for mutual learning and transformation for everyone involved with the school
- Enable opportunities to reflect on Catholic social teaching
- Increase a school's contribution and commitment to solidarity with the poor and marginalised

We are thrilled that we have successfully achieved the **Participator Level of the Romero Award**.

Comments in the feedback to our application included:

- The school has obviously raised its awareness of CST (Catholic Social Teaching), especially through the Catholic Strategic Plan, which is excellent!
- Strategic strand. The evidence files for this section were good and gave a great insight into what is being accomplished at St Edmund's.
- Curriculum strand. Some excellent work is being done in specific areas of the curriculum on CST, mainly RE and Geography; it will be exciting to see how this filters through to other subject areas in due course.
- Practical Strand. The Heart of Light text was interesting to read; the Mini Vinnies are doing a great job.
- Overall this is a good application and I have no hesitation in awarding the participator level to St Edmund's.

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded the **Silver Primary Science Quality Mark**.

Jane Turner, PSQM National Director said: *"Gaining a Primary Science Quality Award is a significant achievement for a school. The profile and quality of science teaching and learning in each awarded school is very high. Children are engaging with great science both in and outside the classroom, developing positive attitudes towards science as well as secure science understanding and skills. Science subject leaders, their colleagues, head teachers, children, parents and governors should be very proud."*

This award is testament to the hard work of all staff, children and our previous Science Leader, Fay O'Brien, who significantly raised the quality and provision of science teaching here over the last couple of years. I am delighted that all of our hard work has been recognised with the awarding of this PSQM and that science is such an important and enjoyable subject here at St Edmund's.

Early Years Opening

On Friday 22nd September we were honoured to welcome our MP, Layla Moran, to cut the ribbon to officially open our Early Years outdoor area.





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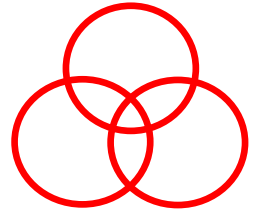
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This opening ceremony marked the end of a few years' hard work and investment to make our Early Years provision the high standard it now is both indoor and outdoor. This has been achieved through funding from our Portsmouth diocese, Oxfordshire Local Authority, our Parents Association and Governors. It has also involved an incredible amount of hard work by all of our Early Years team who are now rightly proud of all they have achieved. We were delighted by how many parents, children, governors and parishioners came to celebrate the official opening with us.

NB We currently have full and part time vacancies in our Nursery for three years olds, as well as full time Reception places for four year olds. If you know of any child who would benefit from our excellent Early Years provision do ask their parent to speak to Mrs Pratt, or any of our Early Years team, if they would like to know more.

Parents Workshop

On Tuesday 31st 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. 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.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Delany-White

Diary Dates- PLEASE KEEP THESE HANDY

St Edmund's Catholic Primary School		
DIARY DATES 2017/18		
Date		Event
Every week in term time:		Stay & Sing 9-9:30am Wednesdays Parents' Prayer Group 9-9:30am Fridays
Friday 6 th October	2:20pm	Year 6 PGL Assembly
Saturday 7th October	10-4pm	Community Day
Monday 9th October		
Tuesday 10 th October	3-5pm	PA Film Club
Thursday 12 th October	3:15pm	PGL meeting for Year 5 parents
Friday, 13 th October	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 16th October	3.30 – 6.30 pm	Parents' Evening
Tuesday, 17 th October	4.30 – 7.30pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 18 th October		Aesop's Theatre Year 4 in the hall
Thursday, 19 th October	3pm	Year 6 trip to Didcot Railway Centre Children break up for Half Term holiday
Friday, 20th October		INSET Day- school closed
23rd – 27th October HALF TERM BREAK		





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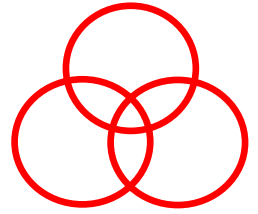
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Monday 30th October		Children back to school
Tuesday, 31 st October	6:30pm	Year 5 Anglo-Saxon Experience Day Assessment, English & Maths evening for parents of Year 1-6 children
Wednesday 1 st November	2pm	All Saints Mass in the hall- all welcome
Friday, 3 rd November	am 2.20pm	Year 5A weekly Martial Arts/Fitness starts Gold Book Assembly
Monday 6th November		
Tuesday 7 th November	pm	Gym Festival
Thursday 9 th November	am	Year 6 IMPs trip
Friday, 10 th November	2:30pm	Year 6 Remembrance Assembly
Monday, 13th November		Anti-Bullying Week
Thursday, 16 th November	9:30am	St Edmund's Day Mass-whole school in Church
Friday, 17 th November	2.20pm	Anti-Bullying Sharing Assembly
Monday, 20th November		
Wednesday 22 nd November	pm	Swimming gala
Thursday 23 rd November		Year 1 trip to Woodstock Museum
Friday, 24 th November	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 27th November		
Friday 1 st December	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly Big Christmas Sing Oxford Town Hall
Monday, 4th December		
Wednesday, 6 th December	2pm	Christmas Dinner Advent Mass in school – all welcome
Friday, 8 th December	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
Saturday 9th December		Christmas Fayre
Monday, 11th December	2pm	Foundation Stage Nativity for parents
Tuesday 12 th December		Christmas Discos
Wednesday, 13 th December	2pm	KS1 Nativity
Thursday, 14 th December	2.00 pm	KS1 Nativity
Friday, 15 th December	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday 18th December	6pm	KS2 Christingle in Church
Tuesday 19 th December	3pm	Term ends
20th December – 3rd January CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY		
Tuesday 4th January		Children back to school
Monday, 8th January		
Tuesday 9 th January		Year 5G weekly trampolining/badminton at Leisure Centre starts
Wednesday 10 th January	2pm	Mass in school – all welcome
Friday, 12 th January	am 2.20pm	Year 4 weekly Martial Arts/Fitness starts Gold Book Assembly





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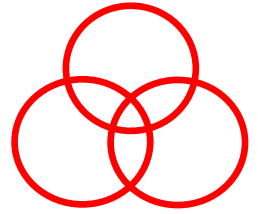
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Monday, 15th January		
Friday, 19 th January	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 22nd January		
Friday, 26 th January	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday 29th January		
Wednesday 31 st January	2:20pm	Year 4 Class Assembly
Friday 2 nd February	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 5th February		
Tuesday 6 th February	am	Year 3 trip to Pizza Express
Wednesday 7 th February	2 pm	Mass in School- all welcome
Friday, 9 th February	2.20pm 3pm	Gold Book Assembly Break up for half term holiday
12th – 16th February HALF TERM BREAK		
Monday, 19th February		
Wednesday 21 st February	2pm	Mass in School- all welcome
Friday, 23 rd February	am 2.20pm	Year 3 weekly Martial Arts/Fitness starts Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 26th February		
Thursday 1 st March		World Book Day
Friday 2 nd March	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 5th March		
Friday 9 th March	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 12th March		
Wednesday 14 th March	2:20pm	Year 1 Class Assembly
Thursday 15 th March	3:30-5pm	High 5 Netball @ Fitzharrys School
Friday, 16 th March	2.20pm	Science Sharing Assembly
Monday, 19th March		
Tuesday 20 th March		Class photos
Wednesday 21 st March	2:20pm	Year 5G Class Assembly
Friday, 23 rd March	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 26th March		
Tuesday, 27 th March	4:30-7:30pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 28 th March	2pm	Holy Week Mass in School- all welcome
Thursday 29 th March	2pm 3pm	Stations of the Cross Break up for Easter holidays
30th March- 13th April EASTER HOLIDAYS		
Monday, 16th April		
Tuesday 17 th April		Year 5A weekly trampolining/badminton at Leisure Centre starts
Wednesday 18 th April	2pm	Easter Mass in School- all welcome
Friday, 20 th April	2.20 pm	Year 2 weekly Martial Arts/Fitness starts Gold Book Assembly





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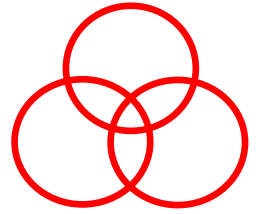
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Monday 23rd April		
Friday 27 th April	2:20pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday 30th April		
Friday 4 th May	2:20pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday 7th May		
BANK HOLIDAY		
Wednesday 9 th May	2:20pm	Early Years Assembly
Thursday 10 th May	2pm	Ascension Mass in hall- all welcome
Friday, 11 th May	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 14th May		
Key Stage 2 SATs Week		
Friday, 18 th May	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 21st May		
Wednesday 23 rd May	2pm	Pentecost Mass in hall- all welcome
Thursday, 24 th May	3pm	Mother Tongue Day Children break up for half term
Friday, 25th May		
INSET DAY- school closed		
28th May – 1st June HALF TERM BREAK		
Monday, 4th June		
Children back to school		
Friday, 8 th June	am 2:20pm	Year 6 weekly Martial Arts/Fitness starts Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 11th June		
Wednesday, 13 th June	am 2pm	Year 5/6 Quad Kids Athletics First Holy Communion Mass in hall- all welcome
Thursday 14 th June	am	Year 3/4 Quad Kids Athletics
Friday, 15 th June	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 18th June		
pm		
Wednesday, 20 th June	2:20pm	Year 5A Class assembly
Thursday 21 st June		Annual Schools' Mass in Portsmouth
Friday, 22 nd June	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 25th June		
Wednesday 27 th June	2:20pm	John Mason, Larkmead & Fitzharrys Transition Day Year 3 Class Assembly
Friday 29 th June	2pm	St Peter & Paul Mass in school- all welcome
Monday 2nd July		
Wednesday 4 th July	2:20pm	Year 2 Class Assembly
Friday, 6 th July	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 9th July		
Thursday 12 th July	am pm	Sports Day & family picnic Meet the Teacher
Friday 13 th July	am 2.20 pm	Reserve Sports Day Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 16th July		
No clubs this week		
Tuesday 17 th July	1:45pm 6pm	Year 6 Production Year 6 Production





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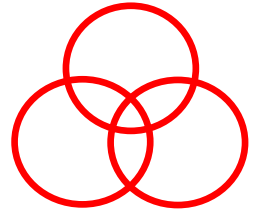
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Friday, 20 th July	2pm	Prize Day
Monday 23rd July	2pm	Leavers' Mass
Tuesday 24 th July	3pm	Term ends
SUMMER HOLIDAY		

