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ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

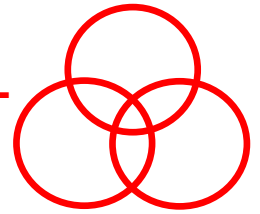
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9th November 2017.

Dear Parents,

St Edmund's Day

Next Thursday 16th November the whole school will be walking over to church to celebrate a special Mass for St Edmund's feast day. You are very welcome to join us for what is always a joyous occasion. Please let the class teachers know if you are able to help with walking the children, particularly if your child is in Early Years or Key Stage 1. I hope you are also aware that you, your family and friends are always welcome to join us for whole school Masses which are on Wednesday afternoons in the school hall at 2pm each month (check the dates below)

Assessment, English & Maths Evening

Last Tuesday 31st October we had an evening for all parents of children in Year 1-6 where we explained more about the assessment system and Target Cards, as well as the English and Maths curriculum for Key Stage 1 & 2. I was pleased so many parents were able to attend this evening as it was an opportunity to learn more about the challenging curriculum and how you as parents can support your child further in their learning at home. If you were unable to attend you can find the Power Points we used on our website: <http://www.st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk/4702/assessment-english-maths-parents-evening/>

Also, if you have any questions about assessment and the target cards either speak to your child's class teacher or me. If you have any questions about English teaching and learning speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Hibbs and if you have any questions about Maths teaching and learning speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Hague.

Staffing Update

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Demarchi has kindly agreed to take on the role of Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo) from January. Also, Mrs Attridge is enjoying teaching Year 5A so much she has agreed to carry on as their class teacher for the rest of the academic year.

Anti-Bullying Week

This year's Anti-Bullying week starts on Monday 13th November and the theme for this year is 'All Different, All Equal'. During the week the children will do lots of extra lessons and activities celebrating one another's differences and reinforcing what is and isn't bullying. Our children generally have a clear understanding that bullying is something which happens Several Times On Purpose (and which, thankfully, is very rare at St Edmund's). If you're not sure about our bullying philosophy and procedures do read our Anti-Bullying policy on our school website if you haven't done so already: <http://www.st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk/information/school-policies/>





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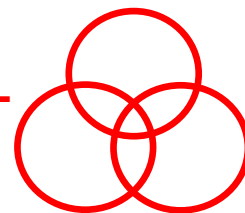
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On Friday 17th November the Anti-Bullying week will end with a whole school sharing assembly, where each class will present either a poem, a drama, a poster or whatever means they have chosen for delivering the anti-bullying message. Do ask your child what extra fun things they have enjoyed during the week.

Christmas Fayre

Finally, it will soon be the Christmas Fayre again. Please put Saturday 9th December in your diaries if you haven't already. As ever, the wonderful PA members would appreciate any help you can offer in preparation for the fayre or on the day itself; even half an hour of your time will make a difference. Do speak to the PA members or your child's class teacher if you can help in anyway. Do look out for the tea towels the children have designed and buy as many as you need- ideal stocking fillers and gifts for grandparents, aunties etc. Also, Friday 1st December is a non-uniform day when all contributions for the fayre will be gratefully received on the playground.

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		
23rd – 27th October HALF TERM BREAK		
Thursday 9 th November	am	Year 6 IMPs trip
Friday, 10 th November	am 2:30pm	Year 4 Aesop's Theatre Year 6 Remembrance Assembly
Monday, 13th November		
Anti-Bullying Week		
Tuesday 14 th November	3:10-4:45pm	PA Film Club
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		
Tuesday 28 th November	am	Year 3 trip to Abingdon Museum
Friday 1 st December	am 2.20pm	PA non-uniform day: donations for Christmas Fayre Year 6 ADSMA Carol Service at St Helen's church Gold Book Assembly Big Christmas Sing Oxford Town Hall





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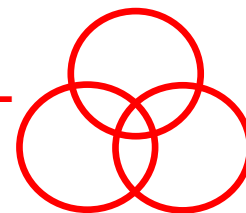
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Monday, 4th December		
Wednesday, 6 th December		Christmas Dinner
	2pm	Advent Mass in school – all welcome
Friday, 8 th December	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
Saturday 9th December		Christmas Fayre
Monday, 11th December	2pm	Foundation Stage Nativity for parents
Tuesday 12 th December	1:30-2:30pm	Nursery visits for new pupils
	pm	Christmas Discos
Wednesday, 13 th December	2pm	KS1 Nativity
Thursday, 14 th December	2pm	KS1 Nativity
Friday, 15 th December	9:30-11am	Nursery Stay & Play Christmas theme
	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		
Thursday 4th January		Children back to school
Monday, 8th January		
Tuesday 9 th January	pm	Year 5G weekly trampolining/badminton at Leisure Centre starts
Wednesday 10 th January	2pm	Mass in school – all welcome
Friday, 12 th January	am	Year 4 weekly Martial Arts/Fitness starts
	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 15th January		
Friday, 19 th January	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 22nd January		
Tuesday 23 rd January	9:30-11am	Nursery Stay & Play- winter theme
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	Gold Book Assembly
	3pm	Break up for half term holiday
12th – 16th February HALF TERM BREAK		
Monday, 19th February		
Children back to school		
Wednesday 21 st February	2pm	Mass in School- all welcome
Friday, 23 rd February	9:30-11am	Nursery Stay & Play- vehicles theme
	am	Year 3 weekly Martial Arts/Fitness starts
	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 26th February		





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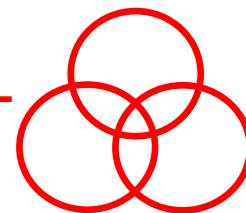
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Thursday 1 st March		World Book Day
Friday 2 nd March	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 5th March		
Friday 9 th March	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 12th March		Science Week
Wednesday 14 th March	2:20pm	Year 1 Class Assembly
Thursday 15 th March	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	3.30-6:30pm	Parents' Evening
Tuesday, 27 th March	9:30-11am 4:30-7:30pm	Nursery Stay & Play- Easter theme 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		Children back to school
Tuesday 17 th April	pm	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
Monday 23rd April		
Friday 27 th April	9:30-11am 2:20pm	Nursery Stay & play- spring theme 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		
Tuesday 22 nd May	9:30-11am	Nursery Stay & Play- growing things theme
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





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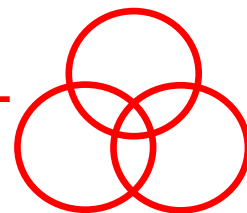
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28 th May – 1st June HALF TERM BREAK		
Monday, 4th June		Children back to school
Friday, 8 th June	am 2:20pm	Year 6 weekly Martial Arts/Fitness starts Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 11th June		
Wednesday, 13 th June	am 2pm	Year 5/6 Quad Kids Athletics 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		
Wednesday, 20 th June	2:20pm	Year 5A Class assembly
Thursday 21 st June		Annual Schools' Mass in Portsmouth
Friday, 22 nd June	9:30-11am 2.20 pm	Nursery Stay & Play- summer theme Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 25th June		
Tuesday 26 th June	pm	Year 5 boys cricket
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	am 2:20pm	KS1 Quad Kids athletics 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
Friday, 20 th July	2pm	Prize Day
Monday 23rd July	2pm	Leavers' Mass
Tuesday 24 th July	3pm	Term ends
SUMMER HOLIDAY		

