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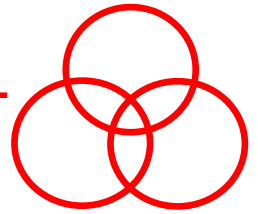
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8th December 2017.

Dear Parents,

Prayer Groups

I am delighted that we now have two new prayer groups running each week. On Friday morning Mrs Lavers leads a parent prayer group in the Music room from 9-9:30am. Do come along and join us if you are able to. Mrs Lavers has also now started a Key Stage 2 prayer group each Wednesday lunchtime. This is proving to be so popular with the children that we are considering changing the venue as the library simply isn't big enough.

Our Year 5 children have been asking Melanie for weeks when they can start their Mini Vinnies group. The children have all now had their forms and there are so many of them desperate to become Mini Vinnies that Melanie and Mrs Himpson are now going to run two Year 5 groups to accommodate all twenty-four pupils who have signed up, as well as continuing to run the current Year 6 Mini Vinnies group. This shows how important it is to our pupils to be following Jesus's teaching to love and care for others, especially those in need. I am sure the new Mini Vinnies will have a powerful impact on all they help over the next two years.

Staffing Update

At the end of this term we will sadly say goodbye to Mrs Kelly who is retiring after over twenty-one years teaching here at St Edmund's. I still can't imagine our school without Mrs Kelly and I know you are all joining me in wishing her a long and happy retirement. If you are available, do come and join us for a celebratory Mass in Mrs Kelly's honour on Tuesday 19th December at 10:30am in the school hall.

In January we will welcome our new deputy Headteacher, Mrs Cottrill who is very much looking forward to joining us. Mrs Cottrill will take on Mrs Kelly's teaching timetable in Year 5 and she will also be our new RE Leader.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Holroyd (lunchtime supervisor) and Miss Varda (teaching assistant) at Christmas. I would like to thank them both for all their hard work and commitment in their time here at St Edmund's.

Social Media

As I know many of you are about to enjoy your children's performances in the Early Years or Key Stage 1 nativities over the next few days can I politely remind you that we expect you to only take pictures or videos of your own children and that no pictures or videos of any other children in the school may be posted by you on any social media websites (Face Book, Twitter etc). If any parent currently has photos etc. of other children from school on their social media websites can they please delete them as soon as possible. The law around data protection is about to change and the fines will be considerable for anyone found to be breaching our school policy and this law.





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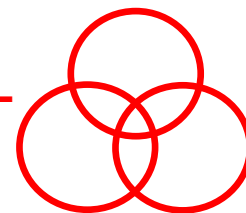
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I look forward to seeing many of you over the next few days for all the Christmas events. If I don't see you personally I would like to wish you a happy and holy Christmas time.

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		
Monday, 11th December	2pm	Foundation Stage Nativity for parents
Tuesday 12 th December	9-12	Year 5 pupils at 'Festive Languages for Fun', Abingdon School
	1:30-2:30pm	Nursery visits for new pupils
	5:30-7:45pm	Christmas Discos
Wednesday, 13 th December	pm	Foundation Stage nativity at Old Station House
	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	9-11:50am	Nursery & Reception Stay & Play for parents & younger siblings
	6pm	KS2 Christingle in Church
Tuesday 19 th December	10:30am	Mass for Mrs Kelly- all welcome
	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 5A 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		
Thursday 18 th January		Year 6 at Evolution Workshop, Abingdon School
Friday, 19 th January	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 22nd January		
Tuesday 23 rd January	9:30-11am	Nursery Stay & Play- winter theme
Wednesday 24 th January		Cas Lester, author visiting all day.
Friday, 26 th January	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly





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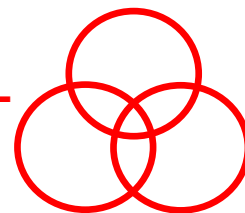
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Monday 29th January	pm	Year 6 Science Workshop, Abingdon School
Wednesday 31 st January	2:20pm	Year 4 Class Assembly
Friday 2 nd February	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 5th February		
Tuesday 6 th February	am	Year 3 trip to Pizza Express
Wednesday 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		
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	Nursery Stay & Play- Easter theme
	4:30-7:30pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 28 th March	2pm	Holy Week Mass in School- all welcome
Thursday 29 th March	2pm	Stations of the Cross
	3pm	Break up for Easter holidays
30th March- 13th April EASTER HOLIDAYS		
Monday, 16th April		Children back to school
Tuesday 17 th April	pm	Year 5G weekly trampolining/badminton at Leisure Centre starts
Wednesday 18 th April	2pm	Easter Mass in School- all welcome
Friday, 20 th April		Year 2 weekly Martial Arts/Fitness starts
	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday 23rd April		
Wednesday 25 th April	2:30-4:30pm	Swimming Vale Finals, Year 5/6 girls





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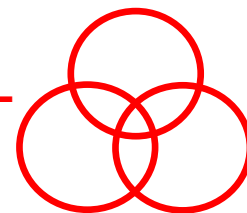
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Friday 27 th April	9:30-11am 2:20pm	Nursery Stay & play- spring theme Gold Book Assembly
Monday 30th April		
Friday 4 th May	2:20pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday 7th May		BANK HOLIDAY
Wednesday 9 th May	2:20pm	Early Years Assembly
Thursday 10 th May	2pm	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	pm	Our Lady Procession
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
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		
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		
Tuesday 3 rd July		Magic Maths Fare at Larkmead School
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





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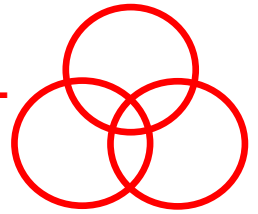
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Friday 13 th July	am 2.20 pm	Reserve Sports Day Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 16th July		No clubs this week
Tuesday 17 th July	1:45pm 6pm	Year 6 Production Year 6 Production
Friday, 20 th July	2pm	Prize Day
Monday 23rd July	2pm	Leavers' Mass
Tuesday 24 th July	3pm	Term ends
SUMMER HOLIDAY		

