



## Diocese of Portsmouth

# ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

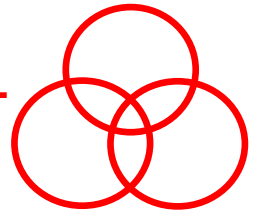
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8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year. I would like to wish you all a warm welcome back to school after what I hope was a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year. Thank you for all the cards, presents and kind wishes I received. Now that the holiday is over the children have all quickly settled back into their school routines and there is the usual calm, but productive buzz around school as the hard work and fun continues once more.

### Reception Places for September 2018

Remember, all parents/carers of a child born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 need to make an application for their child to start a Reception class in September 2018 by no later than **15th January 2018**. This is done via the Oxfordshire County Council website: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/starting-school>

Please remember, ***you must still apply for a primary school place even if your child already attends our nursery class.*** There is no automatic transfer between the two. It is also best to put down three choices as you may not get your first choice and you may then be allocated any school with a place which may not be convenient to get to if you haven't specified your next two choices on the form.

We will also need a copy of our Supplementary Information Form (available on our website or from the office) returned to the office by 15th January please as this information helps with ranking children according to our published admissions criteria. For full details do look at the Admissions page on our school website or ask Mrs Pratt or Mrs Dingwall if you have any questions.

Key Admission dates to be aware of:

- 15th January 2018 - Deadline for on-time applications
- 16th April 2018 - Offer of school places sent by second class post and email
- 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 - Deadline for accepting or declining school places

**Please be aware that if your application is late, it will be processed later in the year, and you are far less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools.**

### Nursery Places

Since September 2017 we have been offering full time and part time places in our nursery and we now have three intakes during the academic year: September for children who are already three years old; January for those who turned three over the autumn term and April for those children who turned three in the spring term. Parents are able to choose all full time (i.e. normal school day times of 8:45-3pm), all part time (mornings 8:45-11:45 or afternoons 12-3pm) or a mixture of some full days and some half days to suit themselves and the needs





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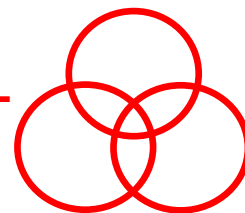
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of their child. Just speak to our Early Years team, Mrs Pratt or me to find out more. To apply for a place in Nursery you need to complete the form available from the school office.

### Nursery Stay & Play Sessions

We are continuing to open our doors to youngsters in the Parish and local community who may want to enjoy our Stay & Play sessions in our well-equipped Early Years unit.

Each session has a different theme (shown in brackets) and runs from 9:30-11am. If you are a parent or carer of a 2 or 3-year-old please do come along and visit us. Feel free to let parents of other 2 or 3 year olds know about our Stay & Play sessions too.

The dates of these sessions are as follows:

- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan (Winter)
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb (Vehicles)
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March (Easter)
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April (Spring)
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May (Growing Things)
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June (Summer)

For further information or to book a place please contact the school office on 01235 521558. All are welcome to come and join us. Do speak to the Early Years staff during the visits about our high quality nursery provision and to find out how we can match the needs of you and your child.

### New Lock Down Policy

The Department for Education advises that all schools should consider the need for robust and tested school lock down procedures. Lock down procedures should be seen as a sensible and proportionate response to any external or internal incident which has the potential to pose a threat to the safety of staff and pupils in the school. Procedures should aim to minimise disruption to the learning environment whilst ensuring the safety of all pupils and staff. On very rare occasions it may be necessary to seal off the school so that it cannot be entered from the outside. This will ensure that pupils, staff and visitors are safe in situations where there is a hazard in the school grounds or outside the school in the near vicinity.

A lockdown is implemented when there are serious security risks for the premises due to, for example, near-by chemical spillage, proximity of dangerous dogs, serious weather conditions or attempted access by unauthorised persons' intent in causing harm/damage.

In response to this advice we have written our Lock Down Policy which is available for you to read on the policies section of our school website. We will be testing our new procedures over the next couple of weeks, firstly with staff only so that we can make any amendments or additions necessary before we test the procedure with the children on site. I am making you aware of this should your children come home one day talking about having to stay in their





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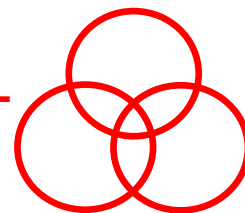
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classroom with all doors closed and blinds down so that you can reassure your child that this is for their safety should the need ever arise for a real lock down procedure.

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: <b>Stay &amp; Sing 9-9:30am Wednesdays</b> <b>Parents' Prayer Group 9-9:30am Fridays</b>		
<b>Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>		
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	pm	Year 5A 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>		
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January		Year 6 at Evolution Workshop, Abingdon School
Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> January	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>		
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	9:30-11am	Nursery Stay & Play- winter theme
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January		Cas Lester, author visiting all day.
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	am	Reception & Year 6 height & weight measurements
Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> January	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>	pm	Year 6 Science Workshop, Abingdon School
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	2:20pm	Year 4 Class Assembly
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February		Planetarium in school all day (Year 1-6)
<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	Year 6 cake sale to raise money for IMPS 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	9:30-11am am 2.20pm	Nursery Stay & Play- vehicles theme Year 3 weekly Martial Arts/Fitness starts Gold Book Assembly





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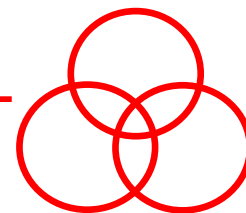
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<b>Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>		
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March		World Book Day
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>		
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	2.20pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>		
<b>Science Week</b>		
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	2:20pm	Year 1 Class Assembly
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	3:30-5pm	High 5 Netball @ Fitzharrys School
Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> March	2.20pm	Science Sharing Assembly
<b>Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>		
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March		Class photos
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	9:30-11am	Nursery Stay & Play- Easter theme
	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	Stations of the Cross
	3pm	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
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	pm	Year 5G 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		Year 2 weekly Martial Arts/Fitness starts
	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>		
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	2:30-4:30pm	Swimming Vale Finals, Year 5/6 girls
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	9:30-11am	Nursery Stay & play- spring theme
	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
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	pm	Our Lady Procession
<b>Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>		
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	9:30-11am	Nursery Stay & Play- growing things theme
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	2pm	Pentecost Mass in hall- all welcome
Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup> May		Mother Tongue Day





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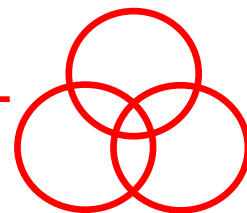
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	3pm	Children break up for half term
<b>Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>INSET DAY- school closed</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> May – 1st June HALF TERM BREAK</b>		
<b>Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>		Children back to school
Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> June	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	am 2pm	Year 5/6 Quad Kids Athletics First Holy Communion Mass in hall- all welcome
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	am	Year 3/4 Quad Kids Athletics
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> June	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> June</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	9:30-11am 2.20 pm	Nursery Stay & Play- summer theme Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	pm	Year 5 boys cricket
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June		John Mason, Larkmead & Fitzharrys Transition Day 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>		
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July		Magic Maths Fare at Larkmead School
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	am 2:20pm	KS1 Quad Kids athletics 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>		

