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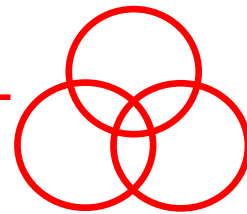
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Dear Parents,

Lenten Fundraising

As Lent has now started we are now planning our Lenten charitable focus for the school. As many of you are aware last year I received the following email from Omar, an ex St Edmund's pupil:

I am a St Edmund's Catholic Primary School ex-pupil (2004-2011). I am half Sudanese and I made my first visit to Sudan in 2009, when at St Edmund's. Now, seven years later I am going to Sudan in December, for the second time. Now that I am older and more mature I realise how fortunate I am to have been able to attend two great schools, with great values and a wonderful sense of community. However, Sudan is a country in which there are 3.2 million children between the ages of 6 and 16 who do not get the opportunity to go to school. Therefore, I decided to take the initiative to try and make a difference, and so I am now in contact with one of the most disadvantaged primary schools in Khartoum, which is run by the Catholic Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco. However, the school is in the poorest area of Khartoum and neighbours the Mayo camp, and so it therefore, lacks resources and essential schooling materials such as pencils and exercise books.

As a school we decided we really wanted to support this cause and we were thrilled that an ex-pupil of ours continues to carry the St Edmund's gospel values with him. Therefore, Omar came into school to show our pupils the photos from his last visit to the primary school in Khartoum and to explain to the children what a difference any money we may raise can make to fellow primary school children in a different, less affluent, country than ours. Last year we raised almost £800, which Omar was able to take out to Dar Mariam Primary School over the Christmas holidays during his recent visit. This year we would like to raise more money for the children in Dar Mariam Primary School and join St Edmund's Parish for our Lenten fundraising as our parish has now taken on this worthwhile cause for this Lent also.

Therefore, the children have already stated to share their fund raising ideas with their teachers and the Mini Vinnies, so do look out for further details of our fund raising activities over the weeks to come.

Healthy Lunches and Snacks

As I am sure you are aware, St Edmund's School has Healthy Schools status and healthy lunches are encouraged – parents are therefore requested not to include crisps or chocolate bars in their children's lunch boxes. Please also don't send children to school with fizzy drinks or glass bottles. We expect all of our children to bring water only and in a named plastic bottle to drink through the day. All the children in the Reception Class are able to have a drink of milk each day. All Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children are provided with a free piece of fruit/vegetable daily under the School Fruit and Vegetable scheme. Key Stage 2 children are asked to bring a healthy snack only into school which they eat at morning break time. Please do support us in keeping your children healthy.





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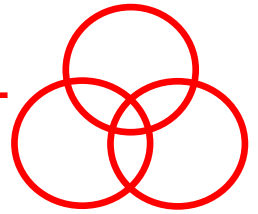
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Governors' 100+ Club

The winning numbers in the February draw of the Governors' 100+ Club were:

1st Prize (£30) – Number 53 – Sarah Demarchi

2nd Prize (£20) – Number 28 – Guy Rogers

3rd Prize (£10) – Number 74 – Fr Jamie McGrath

The next draw will be on Friday 2nd March, and if you would like to join the 100+Club, numbers are still available and cost £13.75 for the remaining 11 draws. Just ask in the school office or speak directly to Phil Cole, parent governor responsible for the 100 Club.

New Lock Down Policy

As I explained in my previous newsletter we now have a new school lock down policy, which along with all other school policies is available for you to read on the school website. Before half term we tested our new procedures twice, firstly with teachers only so that we could make the few amendments and additions necessary before we then tested the procedure with the children on site. I am delighted to say that all the children throughout the school responded in a very calm and sensible way to the lock down (including the three year olds in Nursery). Should the need ever arise for a real lock down procedure I am sure the children will cope really well.

World Book Day

On Tuesday 27th February, Year 6 will be organising a Pre-Loved Book Sale in the afternoon. Please bring all donated books to school by Monday 26th February and leave them outside Year 6's classroom. The Year 6's will price them up and all proceeds from the Sale will go towards buying new books for classrooms and the library.

We will also be celebrating World Book day on Thursday 1st March. This year, each class will be read or told a story by a different teacher and in the afternoon, they will share books with a different class. The children will spend most of the day enjoying reading and book related activities and we hope that as many children as possible will enjoy **dressing up as a book character too**.

On Friday 23rd February, your children will be bringing home their World Book Day £1 voucher. These vouchers are redeemable at any local book shop and are valid from Monday 26th February – Sunday 25th March. We hope that World Book Day will be an exciting and memorable day for your children. If you wish to know more about World Book Day, please follow this link. <http://worldbookday.com/>

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Delany-White





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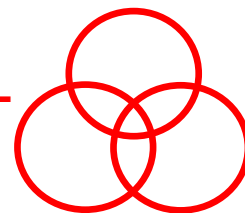
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Diary Dates- PLEASE KEEP THESE HANDY

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, 19th February		Children back to school
Wednesday 21 st February	2pm	Mass in School- all welcome
Friday, 23 rd February	9:30-11am 2.20pm	Nursery Stay & Play- vehicles theme Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 26th February		
Tuesday 27 th February	pm	Pre-Loved Book Sale
Thursday 1 st March		World Book Day
Friday 2 nd March	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 5th March	am	Year 5 at Abingdon School Science Lab
Tuesday 6 th March	am	Year 6 at panto, John Mason School
Thursday 8 th March		Tennis taster for Reception- Year 4
Friday 9 th March	pm 2.20pm	Year 6 to Junior Citizens, Oxford Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 12th March		Science Week
Wednesday 14 th March	2:20pm	Year 1 Class Assembly
Thursday 15 th March	1-4pm 3:30-5pm	Year ¾ football tournament at Chandlings School High 5 Netball @ Fitzharrys School
Friday, 16 th March	pm pm	Atom Science Fair at Amey Theatre Science Fair OCMS Primary pop concert, Year 5/6 choir
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 11-12:30am 4:30-7:30pm	Nursery Stay & Play- Easter theme Year 3 visit Trinity Church, Easter experience 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 5G weekly trampolining/badminton at Leisure Centre starts
Wednesday 18 th April	2pm	Easter Mass in School- all welcome





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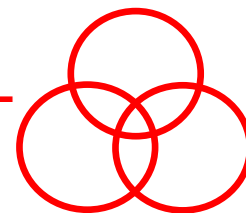
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Friday, 20 th April	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday 23rd April		
Wednesday 25 th April	2:30-4:30pm	Swimming Vale Finals, Year 5/6 girls
Friday 27 th April	9:30-11am 2:20pm	Nursery Stay & play- spring theme Gold Book Assembly
Monday 30th April		
Friday 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	2:20pm	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 am 2:20pm	Year 5 at Larkmead School, Science morning KS1 Quad Kids athletics Year 2 Class Assembly





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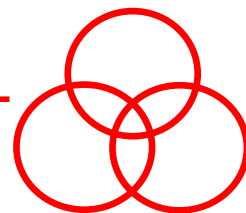
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Friday, 6 th July	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 9th July		
Thursday 12 th July	am pm	Sports Day & family picnic Meet the Teacher
Friday 13 th July	am 2.20 pm	Reserve Sports Day Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 16th July		No clubs this week
Tuesday 17 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		

