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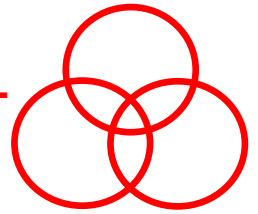
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Headteacher: Mrs M Delany-White



30<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

Dear Parents,

### Rosary Beads Gifts

A very kind parishioner has delighted me with his generous gift of a set of Rosary Beads for every child in the school. The parishioner kindly bought the Rosary Beads whilst visiting Medugorje and is keen that every child in our school has their own beads and will therefore be able to pray the rosary using the special sequence of prayers Our Lady gave us. I will be showing the Rosary Beads to the children in our whole school assembly today and then I will ask Fr Rob or Fr Jamie to bless them during our next school Mass on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May. After they are blessed each child will be able to use their Rosary Beads in class and keep them in their school tray in the same way they keep their other school equipment: pencil, pen, ruler etc.



### Computing Gifts

On a similar note Mr Andy Busse, who helps run our weekly Code Club for the older children, has bought 2 sensors that measure temperature, sound volume and light, 2 water sensors, 2 Simon Says games and 2 bit bot vehicles for the school. These all plug onto the micro bits that we have in school and use in Code Club. The children are now enjoying learning how to programme each one.

### Lenten Projects Family Dance

I'm sure, like me, all those who came along to the Family Dance on Friday evening at Drayton Hall in support of the Parish Lenten projects enjoyed a really wonderful evening. We were entertained by our fabulous school choir and the excellent 'Swing Time' band (featuring Mrs Semple!) and enjoyed a delicious hot supper. It was a great opportunity for the parish and school communities to come together and the 'family' atmosphere of the evening was really special – the children in particular thoroughly enjoyed themselves! A huge 'thank you' to everyone involved in making the event such a success – I'm looking forward to the next one.

Mrs Pratt

The final total is still being counted but it looks like we have raised well over £1000 for the Lenten Project this year, even before we include money raised from Friday's dance. Thank you everyone for your generosity, I'm sure this money will make a difference to all children concerned in Sudan and Helen & Douglas House.





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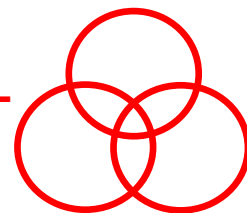
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### Swimming Success

Last week two Year 6 and three Year 5 girls competed in the Vale Finals Swimming Gala at Radley School. All girls enjoyed representing the school and swam extremely well. They competed in four individual races and two relays, coming first in the combined relay. They beat Thomas Reade and Wantage to come first overall with 20 points. The girls will now go on to compete in the Oxfordshire Finals on 4<sup>th</sup> July. Many congratulations to Grace, Hollie, Kate, Megan and Millie.

Mrs Cottrill & Mrs Lavers

### Gymnastics

In my last newsletter I explained that our Friday Martial Arts will no longer be happening this term. Thankfully, we have successfully appointed Mrs Debbie Shaw to teach gymnastics on Friday mornings instead. She has already taught Year 4 twice and the children tell me they really enjoy her lessons and are already learning so much. After half term Year 3 and Year 6 will have gymnastics lesson too.

### 100 Club Winners

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

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize (£30) – Number 16	<b>Peter Delany</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize (£20) – Number 13	<b>Adrian Clarke</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize (£10) – Number 28	<b>Guy Rogers</b>

The next draw will be on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May and if you would like to join the 100+ Club, numbers are still available and cost £11.25 for the remaining 9 draws.

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 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	KS2 group wild flower planting at St Edmund's church	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	6pm	Transition tea at Fitzharrys School
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	10-11:30am 2:20pm	Times Tables sponsor forms due back by today Year 3 science workshop at Abingdon School Gold Book Assembly





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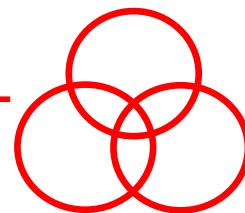
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<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	2:20pm	Early Years Assembly
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	2pm	Ascension Mass in hall- all welcome
Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> May	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>Key Stage 2 SATs Week</b>
Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> May	10-11:30am pm	Year 4 science workshop at Abingdon School 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	3pm	Mother Tongue Day 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
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	pm	Year 6 swimming at Radley School
Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> June	2:20pm	Gold Book Assembly
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	12 noon	First Holy Communion at St Edmund's Church
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	2pm	First Holy Communion at St Edmund's Church
<b>Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	1:30pm	Year 2 Fire Safety talk
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	1-2:15pm 2.20 pm	House cross country heats Gold Book Assembly
<b>Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June		Didcot Girls School Transition day
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> June	2:20pm	Alternative Didcot Girls School Transition day Year 4 Sulgrave Manor trip TBC Year 5A Class assembly
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	9-3pm	Annual Schools' Mass in Portsmouth Year 3 trip to Living Rainforest
Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	9:30-11am 2:20pm	Nursery Stay & Play- summer theme House Cross Country Finals Gold Book Assembly PA Community Event
<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	2:20pm	John Mason, Larkmead & Fitzharrys Transition Day Year 5 trip to Millets Farm Year 3 Class Assembly





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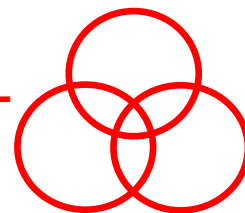
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Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	2pm	St Peter & Paul Mass in school- all welcome
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>		Didcot Girls School Induction day
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July		Alternative Didcot Girls School Induction day Magic Maths Fayre at Larkmead School
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	am am 2:20pm	Year 5 at Larkmead School, Science morning Year 5/6 girls County swimming finals, Radley College KS1 Quad Kids athletics Year 2 Class Assembly
Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> July	pm	House netball & football competitions
<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>		

