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 **English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School Newsletter**

**22nd April 2016**

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Congratulations to

 Ms Huynh who got married last weekend. Her married name will be Mrs Taylor. We wish both her and her husband a lifetime of love and happiness

Dear Families,

Welcome back after the Easter Holidays, I hope you all had a relaxing break.

We have a very busy and exciting term coming up; please keep checking our school website events diary to keep updated.

**SATS Information**

SATs for Year 6 begin on the **9th May and finish on 12th May**. The pupils have been working really hard towards these exams and we wish them all the best.

KS1 SATs will be undertaken between **16th and 27th May.** **Phonics Screening Check week commencing 13th June**. There is a SATs guide for parent/carers on our school website if you would like more information. A timetable of the examinations will be displayed shortly.

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We are delighted to welcome Valerie **McMillan** our new Speech and Language Therapist who will be working in school on Thursday and Friday's. She will be helping to support children and teachers across the school.

**Our Lady of Fatima**

Children from our school

took part in several activities

held in the Parish Church for

the Visit of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the relics of Giacinta and Francisco on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th April. They took part in the parish procession and dressed in costumes representing the children to whom our Lady appeared in Portugal in 1917. In school, we also had special assemblies in both Buildings about the story of the apparitions in Fatima and Mary’s message for us.

Thank you to all the year 1 parents that attended the meeting on Thursday 21st April where they discussed the Phonics Screening checks, which will take place in June.

Thank you to parents who attended the year 5 writing workshops. Both workshops were very well attended and parents, as well as children participated enthusiastically during the session. We look forward to continuing working together to support your children in developing as writers.

Year 1 will be visiting Crystal Palace Park to see the Dinosaur exhibition

on 17th and 19th May 2016.

1J Class Assembly will be on 27th April at 9.15am. It focuses on St George.  St George’s day is Saturday 23rd April. It is also the 400-year anniversary of Shakespeare’s death and year 1 has been learning lots of interesting facts about William Shakespeare. There are many free activities in Trafalgar square on Saturday for parents and children to enjoy, please see the link to find our more.

<http://www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/event/8726328-feast-of-st-george-in-trafalgar-square>



**Keeping Children Safe is Everybody's Business - including Yours!**

Are you concerned about a child or young person who you know or lives near you? Do you think they are not being properly cared for? Are you concerned that they may be physically, emotionally or sexually abused, or neglected? Although you may feel you do not want to get involved, everyone is responsible for keeping children and young people safe. Do not think, “*What if I’m wrong?”* – think, “*What if I’m right?”* Tell someone. All our staff are trained in Safeguarding and are available to help you if you have a concern.

**Summer School Uniform**

We hope that the sun continues to shine, we remind you about our summer uniform, a blue or yellow summer dress no shorter than knee length and socks, white or grey (no tights), grey shorts for boys. Children can wear plain hat/cap if they wish no colours or logos on the hats/caps and sunglasses are not necessary.

Year 3 and 4 have some exciting trips planned over the next few weeks, letters and dates will be sent out soon.

The Freshwater Theatre Company will be in school on 4th May leading an interactive workshop based on year 5's topic, The Mayans. The children always enjoy working with this theatre company and we welcome them back to our school.

**Wishing you all a safe and happy weekend, please remember to support your child with their reading and homework. God Bless Mrs Appah**