



English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School Newsletter

4th May 2018



Worship Together - Aspire Together- Excel Together

Bank Holiday Monday 7th May
Children return to school on Tuesday 8th May

Feast of English Martyrs' – pupils and staff attended whole school mass on Friday to celebrate the Feast of English Martyrs', it is always a joyous occasion when the whole school come together and attend mass to celebrate special feasts day. Pupils are in the process of planting flowers around our cross in Building 2 playground to reflect and remember those who lost their lives.

R.E. Newsletter Summer Term 1 – Parents have been emailed this half term's R.E. Newsletter, parents can view the newsletter on our Newsroom page /Newsletters or our Teaching and Learning / R.E. page, as well as what their child's class will be learning this half term on their year group page.

Read with my child Reception, Year 1 and 2 - Our sessions for reading have been popular and it has been lovely to see parents attending. Our next session will be **Wednesday 9th May** followed by **23rd May, 13th and 27th June and the 11th of July**. We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your support.

Author Lauren St John - The wonderfully talented author Lauren St John will be visiting us on Thursday 17th May to speak with pupils on writing techniques and how you can use your imagination for wonderful story writing, parents will be given the opportunity to purchase copies of her new book, which she is promoting, she will be available to sign copies of her book for pupils which have been purchased. Letters will be sent to parents before her visit on 17th with more information.

SATs – We are proud of the effort being made by our Year 6 pupils as they prepare for their National Curriculum tests (also known as SATs) and would like to thank you for the support that you are giving your child with their homework. SATs week begins on **Monday 14th May – Thursday 17th May**, the timetable is given below. The papers are externally marked and the results are returned to school in July. Children's reports at the end of year will give their results. Writing assessments will continue to take place throughout the term and are marked and moderated by teachers.

To enable the children to come into school and feel relaxed before taking the test papers, we will be running a breakfast club each morning at 8.25am (children should arrive no later than 8.30am). Children will be able to come into school and enjoy yogurt, toast, fruit and juice with their friends and then go up to class on time in a positive frame of mind. We hope that all the children will take advantage of this free special treat. The timetable for the week is as follows:



Monday 14th May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling paper
Tuesday 15th May	Reading Comprehension paper
Wednesday 16th May	Arithmetic paper - Maths Reasoning Paper 1
Thursday 17th May	Maths Reasoning Paper 2



Year 2 SATs– Year 2 SATs will take place in May. Pupils have been working very hard and we are very proud of all their efforts.

Good luck to all pupils involved

Class 3C - will be visiting the Museum of London on Friday 15th of June with Ms Ashton. They will be taking part a special workshop to learn more about our current Ancient Rome. It will be exciting for them to learn about The History of Roman London.

EMS is growing – Parents may have noticed that now winter is finally over, English Martyrs' have been planting for spring! The gardens in Building 1 are sown with a range of both fruit and vegetables that are shared with the children. In the summer, we will be able to harvest strawberries. Year 2 have been growing flowers so the children can learn about germination, and these are planted in the beds near the reception area. Hopefully, if the sun continues to shine, we will have a very colourful garden for the summer term. We would love parents to be more involved with our garden. If any parents would like to get involved and be willing to water and weed the beds in the garden, as they dry out fast, any help filling the watering cans and watering the beds, particularly during the sunny days, would be much appreciated. Please let Mrs Hughes know if you are able to help - once or twice a week would be much appreciated.

Fr Anthony – Sending our heartfelt best wishes to Fr Anthony, school governor who recently undertook surgery and is recovering well and gaining strength by the day. He is in very good spirits. Our prayers and thoughts are with him at this time and would like to say a big **Thank You** for all his support as a school governor; we hope to see him soon.



Encourage your friends to join English Martyrs' – We currently have spaces in various year groups and would like to inform parents if you know of anybody that is looking for a school placement to come and visit our school or request an admission application from the school office, alternatively information and applications can be found on our website on Our Parents / Admissions. As we currently have vacancies in classes we are able to accept applications from other faiths.

What to do if you have a concern at English Martyrs' - Parents and carers may have concerns, worries or complaints about things at certain times. We take these very seriously at English Martyr's and will always seek to resolve any problems by working with you and your family.

If you have any concerns it is usually best to start by talking to the class teacher or a member of the senior leadership team.

You can contact us in the following ways:

- By speaking to us in the playground after school
- By making an appointment to speak to us
- By writing a letter to us

When writing a letter, please always supply your name, telephone number and details of your concern, as we will usually want to arrange a meeting with you to discuss the issues raised.

PJ (Pyjama Day 2018) – When a child is in hospital their family can often be faced with having to travel long distances each day and either pay for costly hotel rooms or sleep on a chair at their bedside. Ronald McDonald House provides families with a comfortable place to stay that's close to their child, giving them more time and energy to focus on being together. It is always every parent/carers worst fear to have their child unwell and to have a place to stay can help towards easing their concerns and worry. Therefore we would like to invite pupils and staff to join us in wearing their PJ's on the 8th June and to donate £1.00 to this special cause. Donations will be collected by a member of staff at the gate in the morning. Over the years some of our parents have sadly relied on hospital treatments for their children and knowing how kind and supportive our parents and staff are we would like to offer our support in a way that is fun and effective. Every little bit helps so on **Friday 8th June** Wear your PJs for the day and give families with children in hospital, somewhere to sleep at night. For more information on this charity please visit <https://www.rmhc.org.uk/get-involved/rmhc-events/pj-day-2018/>

God Bless and have a safe Bank Holiday Weekend

Mrs Appah