

***Worship Together - Aspire Together- Excel Together***

 **Half Term Holidays – Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June**

**Pupils return to school Monday 4th June**

**GDPR – General Data Protection Regulations -** The General Data Protection Regulation is a new, European-wide law that replaces the Data Protection Act 1998 in the UK. It places greater obligations on how organisations handle personal data. It comes into effect on 25 May 2018.

What information does the GDPR apply to?

The GDPR applies to ‘personal data’, which means any information relating to an identifiable person who can be directly or indirectly identified in particular by reference to an identifier. You may have recently received many emails or notifications from companies regarding changes to their privacy regulations etc. English Martyrs’ have joined with a company called Judicium Education who will be supporting us with our data protection; all data held by third parties on behalf of the school have sent us their strict data policies. Our school policies will be available to read and download through our website, we also have been allocated a Data Protection Officer named Mr C Stilwell, Address: 72 Cannon Street, London, EC4N 6AE, Email: dataservices@judicium.com.

**Westminster Cathedral Performance** - It’s that time again, this is our third year working with Westminster Cathedral Choir and we are excited to announce that Year 4 pupils will be participating in a concert alongside many other schools on 13th June, please see below times.  Year 4 have been working hard on their summer concert songs and are ready to perform. Parents/carers and family members are invited to come and be part of the audience for this wonderful event.  The pupils have worked very hard and have written a song for the show. We are very proud of their efforts and are looking forward to a spectacular evening.

**Here are details for our Moses performance on 13th June 2018.**

3.00pm: Gather at the Cathedral for rehearsal (Pupils and staff)

6.00pm: Return and get into places for performance.

6.45pm Performance starts.

7.45pm Approx end.

**Children to bring water and a snack.** Very little else is needed. They will be able to use the cathedral and outside during the break. Pray it doesn’t rain! It is an evening performance because each school has written its own song and we want parents, relatives, friends, neighbours, teachers and other schoolmates to have the opportunity to attend the performance and see how talented their children are. It will be an amazing evening; we look forward to seeing you.

**R.E. Week 2018 ­–** There are many activities planned throughout R.E. week this year for pupils from Nursery through to Year 6. Each year group visited a place of worship and will be writing about their experiences. Year 2 visited a Buddhist Temple, Year 5 visited the London Sivan Hindu temple, in Lewisham and Year 6 visited the New Peckham Mosque.

London History schools’ Day 2018 – Children across London have been asked to come to school on Friday 25th dressed as their favourite historic Londoner. This is a fun way for them to connect with and understand our great city and its people. This year marks the centenary of the Representation of People Act which gave some women the right to vote. Examples of some of the historic figures the children dressed up to be were Mary Seacole, Cornelius A Blackmoor, Samuel Pepys and Charlie Chaplin. Thank you to all parents for your help and support in making the children’s costumes.

**Food Donations** - Can you help and donate a few items after you have done your weekly shop to help local people in need? The Collection Basket will be kept in the school office.  Please hand your donations to Ms Thorpe or another member of the admin team. Thank you for your generosity! Any contributions of dried and tinned goods, as well as toiletries are very much appreciated.

**School Uniform –** We do hope the lovely sunshine continues, please remember to label your entire child’s uniform clearly with their name and class to avoid pupils losing any items. We have lots of winter coats in lost property – could they be yours? Summer dresses can be blue or yellow, and boys grey shorts; please do not send your child in wearing tights with their summer dresses, we do not want the pupils to get too hot during the school day. Please also remember that small stud earrings are acceptable to wear, not hooped, if seen your child may be asked to stop wearing them.

**Child Safety Advice –** We have been asked to speak to pupils regarding their safety to and from school. We know that some pupils arrive and go home from school on their own or with siblings so we ask that all pupils try to stay together in small groups as much as they can, pupils have been spoken to regarding strangers approaching and what to do. Please also be mindful that pupils are representing our school and we ask that you speak with your child on behaviour and expectations whilst out and about in our uniform.



**SATs -** Well done to Year 6 pupils who have completed their SATs and a very big well done to year 2 pupils who have also taken some of their SATs, they have worked hard and we are very proud of them.

**Author Visit – Lauren St John** – The wonderfully talented author Lauren St John visited us on Thursday 17th May to speak with pupils on writing techniques and how they can use your imagination for wonderful story writing, pupils were given the opportunity to purchase copies of her new book, signed by the author on the day of her visit called Kate Wolfe investigates. Thank you to all parents that purchased a book, we hope your child enjoys the story.

Term Dates 2018-2019 – Our school term dates for September 2018 – July 2019 are available to view on our website; you can find them under Our Parents – Term Dates.

Best wishes – we say a very *big thank you and good bye* to Mrs Moore this half term. Mrs Moore has been a member of our team for a long time, supporting pupils with their learning as well as being a dedicated member of our SEND team. We wish her all the very best and hope to keep in touch.

**May is the month of Mary**

May is the month when Catholics traditionally focus on Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The practice dates back at least 700 years and is still observed around the world today. May is seen as the beginning of new life and the start of summer, which makes this a logical time for the celebrations of Mary, who brought life into the world.

***Pope Frances Quote***

***“Jesus tells us not to hold back these little miracles. Instead, he wants us to encourage them, to spread them. He asks us to go through life, our everyday life, encouraging all these little signs of love as signs of his own living and active presence in our world.”***

***“So we might ask ourselves, how are we trying to live this way in our homes, in our societies? What kind of world do we want to leave to our children? “***

***God Bless you and your family***

***Mrs Appah***