

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th March 2021

Dear children, parents and carers

As we approach the end of this Spring term it's good to look back and reflect about these last three months at our school.

We started January with the news of another lockdown and the partial closure of schools. This was a challenging time during which some pupils were able to attend school while others engaged with their learning from home. Our pupils deserve a big 'well done' for the efforts they made to continue to make the best of a challenging situation. They showed resilience through a difficult time. They embraced new ways of learning including meeting for virtual lessons on MS Teams and submitting their work electronically. This continued until the first week of March, when thankfully, restrictions were eased and all children were able to return to school.

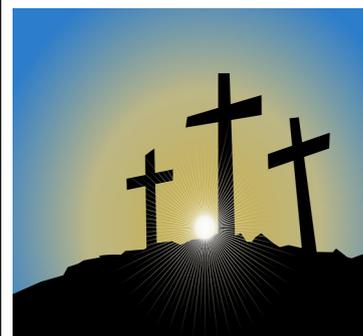
We are very pleased about the way children have returned to school and the effort they have made to make the best of these last four weeks since full reopening of schools. We now look forward to our Easter Holidays and then a fresh term full of learning and more exciting activities for our children. A big thank you goes to you parents and to all our staff at school for the team effort everyone showed throughout this term.

A special mention goes to Mrs Appah, not only for leading the school through these difficult months and the complications that the pandemic brought with it, but for her commitment and service to the school for so many years, first as a teacher and for the past ten years, as a head teacher. Although Mrs Appah is soon to retire I'm sure we will be seeing her again in the coming months and years.

Have a good weekend and a blessed Easter.

Mr Camilleri - Headteacher

HOLY WEEK



Next week is a special week in the calendar of the church. This is because during this week we remember the sufferings of Jesus and then his triumph through his Resurrection from death.

Children will be reflecting on this next week through assemblies and acts of collective worship in school or in the parish church.

For more details about celebrations in church please see the parish weekly newsletter.

WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER



TERMLY LEARNING CONFERENCES

A big thank you to all parents for taking part in our Termly Learning Conferences earlier this week which for the first time took place on MS TEAMS. Please contact the school office if you were unable to attend and would like to arrange another time for a phone call to speak to the class teacher.

FAREWELL

This week children and staff at English Martyrs' had the opportunity to say farewell and a big **THANK YOU** to **Mrs Appah** who will soon be retiring after so many years of service as a Headteacher at English Martyrs'. Mrs Appah met with all children who said their farewells through songs, dance, presentations and other creative ways. See more on page 3 of this Newsletter.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The following are some of the important dates to remember:



Sunday 28th March:
PALM SUNDAY



Wednesday 31st March:
End of Spring Term

Thursday 1st April:
HOLY THURSDAY



Friday 2nd April:
GOOD FRIDAY



Sunday 4th April:
EASTER SUNDAY



Monday 19th April:
Training day for teachers.
No school for children today.

Tuesday 20th April:
Children return to school.
Beginning of the Summer term.



ST MARGARET CLITHEROW

Today, Friday 26th March we celebrate the feast day of Saint Margaret Clitherow. St Margaret (6M's class saint) was one of the forty English Martyrs after whom our school is named. She suffered and was ready to give up her life for what she believed in about 500 years ago in York.

NEW SCHOOL LEAFLET

Have you seen our new school leaflet? This gives information about our school for prospective parents and others. Copies are available at the school office.



THOUGHT FOR LENT



**CREATE IN ME A PURE
HEART O GOD**

Psalm 51

BRITISH SUMMER TIME

This weekend clocks go **forward** by one hour at 1.00 am on Sunday 28th March.

**DON'T FORGET
TO SET
(LOCKS FORWARD!)**

FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

THIS WEEK

MRS APPAH'S FAREWELL

Children saying their farewells to Mrs Appah this week



Years 1 and 2's presentation on Tuesday



5T's presentation on Thursday - News Report



Final Virtual Good News Assembly on Thursday



Year 4's Presentation



6T's Dance for Mrs Appah

TERMLY LEARNING CONFERENCES

Online meetings between parents and teachers on MS Teams.



PLANTING VEGETABLES IN THE SCHOOL GARDEN

This week we also started our planting of vegetables in the school garden.



We look forward for a bumper crop in the coming months!