English Martyrs’ Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents, we have come to the end of our academic year, it has been a challenging time and I would like to say Thank You, to all our parents, pupils, and staff for all your hard work, patience and support. There have been many anxious moments and we have all come together to help one another through these difficult times. As you know, we have never experienced anything like this before and we have all had to adjust to a very different way of life, our pupils have been amazing and our parents have been wonderfully supportive.

We know September will be different from our usual return after the summer break, but please be assured we will continue to put everybody’s safety and well-being first, it is extremely important to have all our pupils back at school in September, pupils’ education has been affected by the pandemic and we now must focus on ensuring they receive all the help and support possible to catch up and be the best they can be once again.

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| **2019-Teacher** | | **September 2020 -Teacher** | |
|  | | Nursery | Mr Humphreys |
| Nursery | Mr Humphreys | Reception | Ms Bentaleb / Mr Longley |
| Reception | Ms Bentaleb | 1K | Ms Russell |
| 1K | Ms Russell | 2J | Ms Sutherland |
| 1L | Ms Sutherland | 2E | Mr Field |
| 2E | Mrs V Russell | 3C | Ms Thompson |
| 2J | Ms Thompson | 3M | Ms Rossi |
| 3C | Mr Field | 4G | Ms Ashton |
| 3M | Ms Rossi | 4J | Mrs Amachree |
| 4G | Mrs Ashton | 5T | Ms Hughes |
| 4J | Mrs Brewu |
| Yr 4/5 | | 6M - (Yr 5/6) | Ms Brewu |
| 5E | Mrs Amachree | 6T | Mrs Leakey |
| 5T | Ms Hughes |

Please encourage your child to continue to read over the holiday. Visit the school website and join the Summer Reading Challenge or complete the Summer Reading Passport in the holiday pack. We look forward to hearing about all the books you have read!

Prizes will be available when we return to school for completed Reading passports. Make sure you have your pack!

To ensure we comply with safety measures in September the school will continue its No Visitors Notice, therefore parents and visitors will only be permitted entrance into the school main building by appointment only. Appointments can be requested via email to the office email address or by telephone. Please wait for confirmation of an appointment time and date.

To enable the school to continue with social distancing and safety measures, there will be staggered start times in September and children will continue to be placed in a bubble with their class teachers as above, this will ensure that there is minimum cross over between classes and year groups. Having over 300 pupils back on the school premises will be challenging but we will keep you up to date on all our safety measures and we are all working hard to ensure all pupils, parents and staff feel safe and secure. Please check our school website regularly for updates and information throughout the summer holiday period.

School Bags

School bags will now only be purchased through ParentPay as part of our uniform option. Please make sure you have your account activated to enable you to purchase a bag. Once we have received confirmation of payment the bag will be passed on to your child’s class teacher.

The cost of school bags are as follows;

P.E./Swim Bag £3.00

Small School Bag £7.00

Large School Bag £8.50

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Well done to all the children for getting through a difficult lockdown period. You have worked hard at home and at school to keep developing and progressing. I have been happy to see the children's stamina and skills improve since they have come back to school. Continue to work on your fitness and ball skills during the holidays and remember that physical exercise also helps with your mental health! I look forward to seeing you all in September. Mr Longley

School Fund

The annual school fund contribution per family will be £15.00 from September.

This is to help fund educational workshops, trips and special events for pupils.

This will be set up to receive payment via Parentpay in September and parents will be updated in the September newsletter. The deadline for all payments to be received will be Friday 6th November.

Please note: It is **Not** £15.00 per child, it is per family.

**Term Dates 2020-2021**

Our term dates are available to view on our website for the new academic year. Please remember that pupil’s medical appointments should be made outside of school hours as much as possible and travel during term time can be refused.

**Pupils return to school on Friday 4th September.**

Summer Home Learning Packs – We have prepared home learning packs and many parents have collected them along with their child’s end of year report. Please encourage your child to complete the work; it is very important that they continue have the discipline to learn as much as they can.

**Late Collections – over the past academic year there were occasions when pupils were collected late from school. In September the school will be implementing a late charge to parents of £1.00 per minute for every minute late.**

We are very proud of one of our Year 2 pupil, Samuel in class 2J. He and a friend started to collect some food for people and helped distribute this to the needy in his local area. Southwark News have run a special story highlighting their kindness. It is such a kind and wonderful thing to have done. Please see link below from Southwark News. <https://www.southwarknews.co.uk/news/pride-of-nunhead-boys-aged-6-and-7-organise-food-collection-for-people-in-need/>

Parents of children diagnosed with autism are able to contact the Autism Support Team throughout the summer. The contact details are on the school website along with an Autism support team newsletter.

Whitehall Clothiers are currently open by appointment only. They have finalised their booking website, on Simplybook and can be found here <https://whitehallclothiers.simplybook.it/> .They will aim to serve three customers at a time. Hand sanitiser will be available at the entrance and throughout the store. Plastic screens fitted in key areas, and staff will be wearing masks and have access to gloves etc as required.  From the 24th July customers will be asked to wear masks when entering the shop as per government guidelines.  
On the subject of returns/refunds, these will be possible until the end of September as long as customers keep the tags on the items and they are in a good condition.  We will be steam-cleaning garments.

**Good Bye and Good Luck**

This week we said Goodbye to our year 6 and what a year it has been! It was lovely to see so many gathered in church to celebrate and remember their time at English Martyrs' and to hear their aspirations and hopes for the future. We wish them all good luck for their next part of the​journey in secondary school.  Very best wishes. Keep safe. Year 6 team.

We shared with our year 6 some very thoughtful and motivation farewell messages from the cast of Tina Turner the musical and other artists. Please go to our website to see the video and children’s responses. Thank you to Ms Akpojotor’s daughter Aisha Jawando who plays Tina for organising it.

We also say Good Bye and Good luck to Ms Egan and Ms Mawoyo who have been part of our team for many years; they are retiring this year and wish them a safe and happy retirement.

Ms Piesse will not be returning from maternity in September, she has made the decision to concentrate on spending quality time with her family and we wish her well.

Mr Malone and Mrs V Russell are also leaving us this term and we wish them the very best in their future careers.

Grants for school Uniforms

Clothing grants are for children aged 11 years old, who are moving from primary to secondary schools in Southwark. The grant is £45.00 and is in the form of a voucher which can only be redeemed at Whitehall Clothiers and APT Clothing.

Please see link below for further information

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/information-for-parents/financial-support/clothing-grants>

During these unsettling times, as a parent/carer of a child aged between 5-19 year olds, you may be worried about your child’s health and wellbeing and be unsure about how to get the help you need.

Our school nurses are still here to help - you can text them for confidential advice and support on a wide range of issues.

Parent/carers of child(ren)and young people aged 5-19 living or going to school in Southwark & Lambeth can text: 07520631130

 We can help with all kinds of things like:

• Behaviour

• Continence

• Emotional health

• Self-harm

• Bullying

• Minor accidents and illnesses

Your Parentline messaging service is run by Evelina School Nursing Service and is available Monday to Friday 9am to 5 pm throughout the year. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate bounce-back to confirm we received your text. Texts will not be seen outside of normal working hours. If you need help before you hear back from us, contact you GP, NHS 111 or dial 999 if it is an emergency. Find out more about the service and confidentiality on the Evelina London website: [www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/parentline](http://www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/parentline)



English Martyr’s Catholic Church

The church is now open at set times and masses are held on Sunday’s

9.00am

11.30am

6.00pm

Happy Holidays

Stay safe and well

God Bless you and all your families

We will text parents during the summer to inform them of the availability of food parcel for collection.