

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th March 2021

Dear parents and carers

This week has been yet another busy week at English Martyrs'. Children worked on Maths, Reading and Writing assessments in the first three days of the week. This was an opportunity for all children to show the progress they have made this term, ahead of our Termly Learning Conferences with parents next week.

We also took time to celebrate two special days this week: the feast of St Patrick on Wednesday and the feast of St Joseph which is today. We looked at why these are special people and what we can learn from them and the lives they led.

As some of the lockdown restrictions are now being eased, we have also started some of our school clubs. A good number of children took part in the 'Wake and Shake' group in the morning as well as the 'Super Heroes' clubs after school.

We look forward to another exciting week next week. Parents will be having their virtual meetings with class teachers and we will also be starting saying our farewells to Mrs Appah. Have a good weekend.

Mr Camilleri - Headteacher

TERMLY LEARNING CONFERENCES

Our Termly Learning Conferences this term will be on **MS Teams**. These are important meetings between class teachers and parents to discuss children's learning and progress this term.

All parents should have by now received a slip with more information and time of their appointment with teachers. We have also emailed a step by step guide sheet on how to access MS Teams and join the meeting. Please contact the school office if you have any other queries.



Microsoft Teams

SAINT JOSEPH



Today, Friday **19th March** is the feast of **St Joseph**.

Joseph was a very special person, the husband of Mary, the mother of Jesus. This year we are invited to think about St Joseph in a special way. Pope Francis dedicated this year to be the Year of St Joseph. There are many things we can learn from this saint.

He worked hard as a carpenter to earn a living to support his family, including Jesus. He went through very difficult times such as when the whole family had to flee for Egypt to make sure Jesus was safe. We ask him to pray for us so that like him we always work hard and overcome challenges when things get hard.

WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER



START AND END OF THE DAY

Now that everyone is back in school we would like to remind parents about the importance of following guidelines and procedures when dropping off children in the morning or collecting at the school gate at the end of each day. As you will know there are clear **markings** on walls by each gate we are using. Parents are asked to **form a queue** while at the same time keeping **social distance and wear a mask**. At hometime, once your child is called and is with you please do not congregate by the gates or nearby. It is important the everyone remembers to keep social distancing and disperse as soon as children are collected.

ACT NOW!



WEAR A MASK



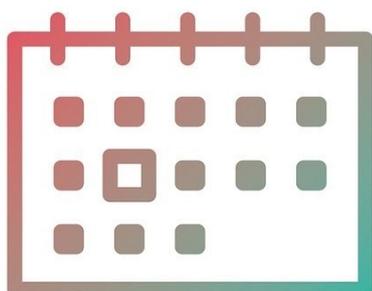
STAY 6 FEET APART



AVOID CROWDS



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

**Monday 22nd to
Wednesday 24th March:**
Termly Learning Conferences.
More details in separate letter.

Friday 26th March:
Own Clothes Day. Mrs Appah's
Farewell Parties.

Wednesday 31st March:
End of Spring Term

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

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

FAREWELL

Next week we will start saying our farewells to Mrs Appah who will soon be retiring after so many years of service as a Headteacher at English Martyrs'. There are a number of things planned to give the opportunity for all children to say a big THANK YOU to Mrs Appah. As part of our celebrations, we will be having an **OWN CLOTHES DAY** on **Friday 26th March**.

THOUGHT FOR LENT

**Lent comes providentially
to awaken us, to shake us
from our lethargy.**
Pope Francis



LAPTOPS LENDING SCHEME

During the recent lockdown and partial closure of school, a number of pupils have already benefitted from devices such as laptops or tablets we provided for them to be able to access Remote learning.

We now have some more **laptops** we are able to offer on loan to families who still need them to use for home learning and to work on the homework tasks set for them by teachers. Laptops will be loaned on a **termly basis** and an agreement has to be signed by parents. If you would like to benefit from this scheme please contact the school office.

