

# ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th September 2021

*Dear parents and carers*

It has now been a full week since the start of our new term and the new school year. We are very happy with the way children have started the term and how they engaged in learning. We look forward to another year of learning and exciting activities for our children.

As many Covid related restrictions have now been eased we will not be having our school organised into Bubbles any longer. We will still however continue to have some measures in place in order to avoid unnecessary contact and take all necessary precautions as suggested by the NHS and the Department of Education. We thank you all for your help and cooperation in this matter. Have a good weekend.

*Mr Camilleri* - Headteacher

### START AND FINISH TIMES

School gates will open at **8.40 am** every day and all children are expected to be in class by **8.55 am** ready for the start of the school day.

The table below shows home times for each year group as well as pick up places:

YEAR GROUP	HOME TIME	PICK UP GATE
6M and 6T	3.15 pm	Car Park Exit - B1
4M, 4J and 5T	3.15 pm	Gates by Church - B2
3C and 3M	3.15 pm	Main Gate - B2
1L ,1K and 2E	3.00 pm	Main Gate - B1
Rec 1 and Rec 2	3.00 pm	Nursery Gate
Nursery	11.30 am or 3.30 pm	Nursery Gate

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm**  
**Meet the Teacher meeting**  
**Nursery and Reception (MS Teams)**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> at 4.30 pm**  
**Meet the Teacher meeting**  
**Years 1 and 2 (MS Teams)**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> at 4.00 pm**  
**Meet the Teacher meeting**  
**Years 3 and 4 (MS Teams)**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> at 4.30 pm**  
**Meet the Teacher meeting**  
**Years 5 and 6 (MS Teams)**

**Friday 17th September**  
**6T's Class Assembly**  
**6T's Parents Invited**

**Sunday 19th September:**  
**Welcome Mass in church**  
**11:30 am.**

All families and children invited.

**WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER**



## BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Our Breakfast Club and After school club have also now started.

**BREAKFAST CLUB:** Every day from 7.40 am to 8.40 am.

**Cost each day - £2 (£10 weekly)**

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB:** Every day from 3.15 pm to 5.30 pm.

**Cost each day - £8 (£40 weekly)**

Fees must be paid weekly or termly in advance by **PARENTPAY** (*Link on School Website*). If you need ParentPay log in details, please contact the school office.



Other after school clubs will be starting soon

## LAPTOPS LENDING SCHEME

Children need to have access to and be able to use a device to work on the weekly homework tasks set for them by class teachers and for other online research work. Our **LAPTOP LENDING SCHEME** is now starting again. An agreement has to be signed by parents. If you would like to benefit from this scheme please contact the school office for more details.



## PE DAYS

Children can still come in their **PE kit** on the day they have their PE lessons on the days shown below.

CLASS	PE DAY
<b>5T, 2E and Reception 1</b>	MONDAYS
<b>4M, 4J, 1K and 1L</b>	THURSDAYS
<b>3C, 3M, 6T, 6M and Reception 2</b>	FRIDAYS



## YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

This year has been chosen as **the Year of St Joseph**. As we start this new school year we ask this special saint to help us and guide us with his father's heart in our learning journey this year.

## MEET THE TEACHER MEETINGS

Our 'Meet the teacher meetings' will be held on line next week over two days as shown below:



**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm**  
**Nursery and Reception**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> at 4.30 pm –**  
**Years 1 and 2**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> at 4.00 pm**  
**Years 3 and 4**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> at 4.30 pm**  
**Years 5 and 6**

You will need your child's **MS Teams login details** to log on for these meetings. Each meeting will last for about 20 minutes. Please try to log on a couple of minutes before your time so we can all start on time.

This will be a good opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and understand what your child will be learning about this term and throughout this school year.

## NEWSLETTER ONLINE

For an extended version of our school newsletter please visit our website or use the link emailed to parents.



# FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

# THIS WEEK

## Reception 1

Reception 1 children have been settling in well and getting used to daily routines and their new learning environment. They have had circle time talks about how to be safe at school, play nicely together, take turns and show kindness to others. The children have enjoyed participating in a range of activities like singing, painting, construction, games and physical activities in the playground.

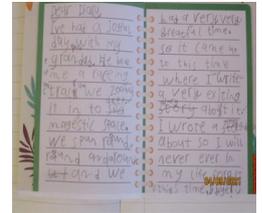


They also drew pictures of themselves on their first day at school. They learnt that their class is named after 'Saint Patrick', the patron Saint of Ireland and they heard information about him and were shown pictures.



## CLASS 2E

2E have had a busy first week back and have been working hard. In English, we have been reading the poem **If all the world were by Joseph Coelho** and Allison Colpoys. We wrote a diary entry in role as the main character and also wrote her a letter of advice.



In Science, we started our unit on **Living things and their habitat** – we went to the playground and searched for



what living and non things we could find. We were very good at observing and some of us even managed to spot small blue flowers growing

on the rosemary bush. In Religious Education, we learnt all about our class saint, Saint Elizabeth of Portugal and reflected on how we can follow her example. We also looked at the school mission statement and thought about how we can welcome people who come to our school.

## CLASS 4G

4G have settled into their new year group. They are particularly happy to welcome Rachel and Malachai into their classroom. The class started this term by reminding themselves of the school ethos and the mission statement. In RE, they researched and learned about their class saint – St George Preca and in writing this week, the children are exploring and investigating the theme of the story. They have investigated objects of interest and are exploring who it belongs to in their writing. Our pictures show the children working in group to investigate some debris that have washed up from the sea.



In science, they have started the unit on 'Sound' and in history, they are learning about the invasion of Britain by the Romans. In French, they will be following the story of Biff on Rigolo and learning the verb – 'avoir'.

