

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st October 2021

Dear parents and carers

It has already been a whole month since the beginning of the new school year. Today is the first day of October and children have started to reflect and learn on two different themes - BLACK HISTORY and the Prayer of the Holy Rosary.

It was a joy today to follow Year 2's class assembly. A group of Year 6 pupils today represented our school at the Mass of Dedication at Southwark Cathedral and they led the Bidding Prayers for the congregation.

I would like to remind and encourage everyone to continue to do their best to follow Covid guidelines and take precautions to avoid the spread of the virus as we know there are still many cases around us in Southwark. We ask parents to help us by avoiding congregating in groups at the school gates.

Have a good weekend.

BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

BREAKFAST CLUB: Every day from 7.40 to 8.40 am.
Cost each day - £2 (£10 weekly)

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The following are some of the important dates to remember:



Tuesday 5th October - 9.00 am
Parents' Workshop:
Using MS Teams

Wednesday 6th October
- 9.00 am
Parents' Workshop:
Phonics (EYFS and KS1)

Friday 8th October
4J's Class Assembly
Parents of children in 4J invited to join us in person in Building 2

Sunday 10th October
World Mental Health Day

Week beginning 25th October
HALF TERM WEEK

WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER





PARISH NEWS FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Catechism sessions for FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will soon begin at ENGLISH MARTYRS PARISH. These are for children in **Year 3 or above**. Parents who would like their child to take part, please complete the form sent home and return this as soon as possible. The sessions will run on **Saturdays** in the Parish Church. A programme with dates of all sessions is available in the church. On completion of the programme, children will make their **FIRST COMMUNION in June**.

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** has 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

Please see the table below for our PE Days. Please make sure children come in their full PE Kit on the days shown.

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

OCTOBER MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Today we start the month of October. In the Catholic church, this month has traditionally been linked with Our Lady and the Rosary prayer. We will be talking to children about this special prayer during this month. Why not try to find out more about this special prayer at home and take the opportunity to pray together too?



Every week our Mid-day meals supervisors award stars to pupils who show our school values during lunchtime breaks. The following are the names of our Star children for this week.

Nursery:

Hanna and Isabella

Reception:

Harli and Lizsy

Year 1:

Jameela, Kyla and Micael

Year 2:

Trinity and Karmanne

Year 3:

Steve, Fatima, Michelle, Francis and Natanim

Year 4:

Julie and Aiden

Year 5:

Kelly

Year 6:

Dara and Margot



FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

THIS WEEK

Reception 2

Reception 2 children have been learning about positional language. The children were able to place the soft toy in different positions and say where it is. They were able to use words like in, on, next to, behind, in front of, between and over. The children were learning key skills in counting by placing each purple person in the car and saying the number name. This week we have been learning about the story "Where The Wild Things Are". A small group of children sat in a circle and named objects or things that start with the letter sound "S". The children were able to say words like "sandwich, snake, sand and story".



CLASS 1L

In 1L this week, as part of our Geography topic, we went for a walk around the local area. We looked at all the different buildings and land use in the area. In English we have been writing a retelling of the Story 'Yeti and Bird' By Nadia Shireen.

We have had a lot of fun learning about how the world was created in RE.

We have been adding and subtracting in Maths especially learning about our number bonds to 10.



CLASS 3C



For our humanities topic Pirates we have begun to locate different seas using a globe and then creating our world maps. This is so that we can track the voyages of some specific pirates and work on our geographical knowledge of the world. In maths this week, our focus has been geometry. We have been looking at the properties of 2D shapes – including looking for angles greater than and less than a right angle and investigating the lines of symmetry in regular polygons.



In computing we have begun coding. Some of us found it easier than others – so we help each other.

In science we have been investigating light. We have found out that:- Darkness is the absence of light. We need light to see and that light travels in straight lines.