

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th November 2021

Dear parents and carers

We started this week focusing on last Sunday's celebration of Christ the King and the end of the Church's year.

This week all our children have been very busy working on their formal assessments. This was an opportunity to show the progress they have made since the beginning of the term in September. Later on, in the first week of December all parents will be having the opportunity to speak to class teachers at our Termly Learning Conferences which this time will once more be taking place via MS Teams.

On Tuesday, all Key Stage 2 children had the first Yoga Session. Two more will follow on the next two Tuesdays. We have now also started practising and preparing for our Nativity plays. We look forward to be able to welcome parents to these special events before the Christmas break.

Have a good weekend.

ENGLISH MARTYRS' PARISH CHURCH

Our school is part of the ENGLISH MARTYRS' PARISH community. The parish church is right next door to the school.

There are Masses regularly every weekend at the following times:

Saturday evenings at 6:00 pm

Sundays at 9.00 am

Sundays at 11:30 am

Sunday evening at 6:00 pm



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The following are some of the important dates to remember:



Week Beginning

Monday 13th December

Nativity Plays

See separate letter for details

**Tuesday 7th to Thursday 9th
December**

**Termly Learning Conferences
Teachers - Parents**

Friday 10th December

Own Clothes

Christmas Jumper day

Tuesday 15th December

Christmas Lunch

Friday 17th December

Last Day of term

WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER



RECEPTION CLASS 2022

If your child was born between **1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018**, they are due to start primary school in **September 2022**.

To apply for admission to English Martyrs you need to complete a supplementary form which you can download from the school website as well as the Local Authority admissions form.

See the Southwark admissions portal at:

[School admissions - Southwark Council](#)

Closing date: 15th January 2022.

Please contact the school office if you who would like to make an appointment to visit our Reception class.

**This Sunday is the
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



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:

Yourhighness, Davina

Reception:

Zaman, Grace, Chinedu

Year 1:

Jameela, Roman, Scarlett

Year 2:

Zeena, Saron, Hemen

Year 3:

Atinuke, Jomata, David, Bersabel

Year 4:

Rachel, David

Year 5:

Olachi and Ogechi

Year 6:

Israel, Enoch, Michelle and Deborah



LAPTOPS LENDING SCHEME

As children are now carrying out more work online, we have **laptops** available to offer on loan to families who need them to use for home learning and to work on the homework tasks set for them by teachers. Laptops are loaned on a **termly basis** and an agreement has to be signed by parents. A £10 contribution per term applies. If you would like to benefit from this scheme please contact the school office.



YOGA SESSIONS

All children in **KS2 (Years 3,4, 5 and 6)** will be having Yoga sessions every Tuesday for 2 more weeks on the following dates:

Tuesday 30th November

Tuesday 7th December

In order to take part in these sessions children will need to come to school in their **PE Kit**.



TERMLY LEARNING CONFERENCES

Virtual Termly Learning Conferences will take place from

Tuesday 7th to Thursday 9th December.

Appointment letters and Termly reports will be sent to all parents on Monday 6th December.

You will need your child's **MS Teams** Login to attend the virtual meeting with the class teacher.



Microsoft Teams

FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

THIS WEEK

EVOLVE

Playground Animation

Playground Animation is where kids have a variety of activities/games to do in the playground during playtime and lunchtime with Miss Elizabeth. Evidence shows that children and young people who are



more active have more confidence, higher self-esteem, less anxiety and stress and better social skills – attributes that can help them deal with the challenges they face in daily



life. Positive attitudes towards physical activity have also been associated with children being happier

In Miss Elizabeth’s mentoring session with the year one of the main focus has been on zones of regulation. Zones of Regulation is an approach used to support the

development of self-regulation in children. All the different ways children feel and the states of alertness they experience are catego-

ZONES OF REGULATION

REST AREA BLUE ZONE <small>Low State of Arousal</small>	GO GREEN ZONE <small>Alert State of Arousal</small>	SLOW YELLOW ZONE <small>Heightened State of Arousal</small>	STOP RED ZONE <small>Overly Heightened State of Arousal</small>
Bored Tired Sad Disappointed Sick Depressed Shy	Happy Positive Thankful Proud Calm Content Ready to Learn	Irritated Shy Annoyed Worried Overwhelmed Confused Nervous	Upset Angry Aggressive Mad Elated Terrified Out of control

MUSIC

Children in all year groups have been working hard to learn the melodies and lyrics to a range of songs, starting this half of the term with carols from a range of different countries around the world including those from the Caribbean, Germany and Spain.

Over the last couple of weeks, they have been working on songs for their Christmas Nativity shows. In these pictures there are children from year 3 and 5. Children in year five have also been working with their class teacher to learn Elu Agogo Keresimesi, a song from Nigeria.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

“We love coming to After School Club. We have been coming here since it opened, both of us have made lots of new friends we have lots of fun activities and games. Today we made fruit kebabs. They are super yummy!” - Yr 6 and Year 4 pupil

