

English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

"where everyone is special"

Newsletter 7: 18th January 2018

Guitar Concert

A big thankyou to all the children who performed in the guitar concert. It was great fun and was enjoyed by all.

Saturday
6.30 pm
First Sunday
December
Fourth
Advent

23rd December
Vigil Mass
of Advent
Sunday 24th
11am Mass
Sunday of



Guitar Concert 12.01.18



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School Yoga

Research suggests that school-based yoga cultivates competencies in mind-body awareness, self-regulation, and physical fitness. And classroom teachers benefit as well. Taken together, these competencies may lead to improvements in students' behaviour, mental state, health, and performance. This term the key stage 2 classes will all be experiencing a series of Yoga sessions with an experienced and qualified Yoga expert.





Facebook-take care in what you post!

We have recently been made aware of various concerning comments being made about the school and pupils on social media initiated by our parents with friends responding, including, in one example, a suggestion of violence against a young child and parent. Not only are the posts made concerning, but this invites others to make comments which can be inappropriate. Such comments damage the entire school community because they take time to deal with and damage morale, which invariably has an impact on the education being provided to your children. They also cause a significant amount of distress to all. We would ask all parents to think carefully about the consequences of comments that are made online and to act responsibly, Please be aware that we almost always find out about such comments, and we will take action where necessary.

I am aware that this behaviour involves a minority of parents and would like to thank the majority of our parents who support the school and handle any situations in an appropriate manner for the benefit of all.

School office/Reception Area

At English Martyrs we endeavour to be a welcoming school and Mrs Bale is always on hand to help parents with any enquiries (even with a broken leg). Parents visit the office to not only pay any bills, but for a variety of other reasons, many of a private/personal nature. In addition parents ring the school and need to speak privately. Recently it has become impossible for parents at the start or end of the school day to talk to the office in a confidential manner, as there are a number of parents and children who are coming into the office to stay warm instead of being outside on the playground. From Friday 19th January no parents/children will be able to stay in the reception area at the start or end of the school day seeking shelter. Please do not be insulted if you are asked to go out onto the playground along with all the other parents. The office needs to remain a place where parents can come and talk to Mrs Bale and seek help. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Term Dates for Academic Year 2018-2019

Autumn Term 2018	
Monday 3 rd September	Teacher Training Day-School closed to pupils
Tuesday 4 th September	Start of Term - School Open
Monday 29 th - Friday 2 nd November	Half Term
Friday 21 st December	End of Term-School closes for Christmas
Spring Term 2019	
Monday 7 th January	Teacher Training Day-School closed to pupils
Tuesday 8 th January	Start of Term - School Open
Monday 18 th - Friday 22 nd February	Half Term
Thursday 11 th April	End of Term-School closes for Easter
Friday 12 th April	Teacher Training Day-School closed to pupils
Summer Term 2019	
Monday 29 th April	Start of Term - School Open
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Month of May	KS1 Test period
Monday 13 th May to Thursday 16 th May	KS2 SATS Tests for Year 6
Friday 24 th May	Teacher Training Day-School closed to pupils
Monday 27 th May - Friday 31 st May	Half Term
Week of 10 th June Y1 & some Y2 children	Phonics Screening Check
Friday 19 th July	End of Term
Monday 22 nd July	Teacher Training Day-School closed to pupils

Diary Dates 2018

January

- 5th & 6th Teacher Training Days
- 11th Whole School Mass on the Epiphany
- 15th 2nd Payment for Y5 Beaumanor Hall Residential Trip £50
- 18th No Mass
- 25th Mass - Y4 (Y3)

February

- 1st Mass - Foundation Stage/Y1/Y2
- 6th Safer Internet Day
- 8th Mass - Y6 (Y5)
- 11th Whole School Sunday Mass 11:00 am led by Y5**
- 14th Whole School Mass (Ash Wednesday) – led by Y3 (Y4)**
- 15TH PTFA Sports Night at the Bell Inn 7pm-10pm (Adults 18 years and older)

HALF TERM 19TH -23RD FEBRUARY

- 27TH Y3/Y4 Sporthall Athletics competition (30 children permitted in total)
- 27th Y5 Peer Mediation Training
- 28th Lenten Dressing Up Day 1 £1 (School Council will announce the theme shortly)**

March

- 1st Mass - Y6 (Y5)
- 2nd Y5 Bikeability Level 1 (15 children only)
- 6th Parent Consultation Appointments 3:45-7:00pm**
- 8th Parent Consultation Appointments 3:45-7:00pm**
- 8th Mass - Foundation Stage/Y1/Y2
- 8th Confessions for Y3 to Y6 after mass
- 14th Lenten Dressing Up Day 2 £1 (School Council will announce the theme shortly)**
- 14TH Swimming Gala Y5/Y6
- 15th Mass - Y4 (Y3)

16 th	PTFA Film Night Y3/Y4
18th	Whole School Sunday Mass 11:00 am led by Y4
21 st	Swimming Gala Y3/Y4
22 nd	Mass - Foundation Stage/Y1/Y2
26th	HOLY WEEK
26 th	3 rd Payment for Year 5 Residential to Beaumanor Hall £50
27 th	Stations of the Cross 1:30pm in Church
29 th	Whole School Mass – led by Year 5
29th	Easter Service 1:45pm & End of Year Presentations in Church (Parents warmly invited)
30th	GOOD FRIDAY- SCHOOL CLOSED FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS
<u>April</u>	
16 th	Teacher Training Day
17 th	Pupils return to school