

# English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

*"where everyone is special"*

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## New Governor Parent Elected

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A big welcome and thankyou to Mr McMahon who has been appointed as the new parent governors at English Martyrs. His term of office is for four years and the school is grateful for him taking on this commitment for the benefit for the children and the school at large.

Mr McMahon has written a brief pen portrait of himself:

*"I'm delighted to have been selected to support English Martyrs School as a parent governor. Growing up I spent some time abroad in European countries due to military postings, this I believe gave me a grounded and appreciative view of different cultures and peoples.*

*In my working life, I've been involved in the gas industry for over 20 years, in the manufacturing and selling of appliances and working with industry bodies and Government, to ensure standards and legislation deliver safe and efficient products and systems.*

*I have two children at the school, who are both growing up to be confident and happy, in no small part down to the school. I am also involved in a project for charities with difficulties in heating their premises, plus personal fundraising activities for Cure Leukaemia based around my love for cycling.*

*I hope that my experiences will prove valuable, when drawn upon to support the school and that I can help to ensure that the school continues to be a safe and progressive environment for the children."*

## Mrs Stawt returning from maternity leave

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We are pleased to announce that Mrs Stawt will be returning from maternity leave and will be back at English Martyrs from the 4<sup>th</sup> June. She will be teaching the year 1 pupils on a Monday and Tuesday. Mrs Miles will continue to teach on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Stawt and Mrs Miles will be working together to ensure a smooth transition for the children beforehand.

## School Photographer

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The photographer will be taking group photographs on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June** in a contemporary style. Please note if as a parent you have indicated that you **do not** give permission for your child's photograph to be taken by other parents (as in the recent consent form which was given to parents during parents' evenings) then your child will not be in any of the photographs and will be withdrawn before photographs are taken. Parents will not be contacted about this beforehand.

## Adult Supervision at the end of the day

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Recently we have had a number of parents request that staff walk their child at the end of the school day either down the drive or to the school gates. Staff are not permitted to escort children to their parents and children from year 3 and below must be picked up by a parent from the playground. Staff are there for all

of the children in the school and need to remain on the playground to assist any children whose parents are delayed. If you are unable to collect your child, because you have brought a dog with you, please do not bring the dog to school. If there are any changes other than the normal arrangements as to who will be picking up at the end of the day please inform the school office in advance.

## A polite reminder

Parents are reminded that they are not permitted into **The Ark Building** (Reception and Year 1 area) or **The main school** building before or after school without invitation from the teachers. Entry to the main building is always via the school office without exception. Can parents please refrain from trying to catch teachers by knocking on their classroom windows, or on the central doors into the main school, as this distracts staff away from preparing for children for the day. The office will always pass on messages for you and if necessary teachers will make contact later on in the day. At the school we pride ourselves on promoting an open door policy for parents and we do endeavour to see parents as soon as we can, however there are times when this is not feasible. Please note the office is open from 8:40am and staff will not be contacted before this time. Parents are to ensure that any correspondence is to be sent via the office email address [admin3564@welearn365.com](mailto:admin3564@welearn365.com).



### Ice Pops

**Ice Pops on Sale every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 50p all monies raised for School Fund from Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May.**

### School Improvement Suggestion



As a school we are always striving to improve, a good school listens to suggestions and opinions which can often lead to school improvement and positive change. If you have any suggestions you wish to share with the school, please fill the slip in below and hand it in to the school office. Parents can also visit [www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk) to complete the parent view questionnaire.

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Diary Dates 2018

### May

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year 2 SATS meeting for parents 9:10am
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mass: ~FS/KS1– 9:15am
- 4<sup>th</sup> GT PE day (8 Year 5 children)
- 7<sup>th</sup> **Bank Holiday**
- 10<sup>th</sup> Whole School Mass - Holy Day of Obligation (Ascension) - led by Year 5 – 9:15am
- 14<sup>th</sup> Year 6 SATS Week (all children to be in school)
- 15<sup>th</sup> Y5 Parent Beaumanor Parent Meeting 6:30pm (school hall)
- 17<sup>th</sup> No Mass
- 18<sup>th</sup> PTFA Quiz 7:30pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> Y6 Healthy Eating session led by the school nursing service
- 24<sup>th</sup> Mass Y3 (Y4) – 9:15am – **May procession 9:00am (children are asked to bring in a couple of flowers to contribute to a class bouquet which will be placed before Our Lady in Church). Parents and parishioners are very welcome to join the school in procession at 9:00am on the school field.**

### **28<sup>th</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> June Half Term**

### June

- 7<sup>th</sup> Mass: FS/KS1– 9:15am
- 9<sup>th</sup> Year 3 First Holy Communion 2pm (in Church)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Evening Parent Meeting for the New Intake for Reception 2018 - 7pm.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Class Photographs (in small groups in a contemporary style) for children with the appropriate permissions.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Y5 attending Princethorpe Sports Event
- 14<sup>th</sup> Mass: Y6(Y5) – 9:15am
- 15<sup>th</sup> School Book Fair (from the 1<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> June)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Mass: Y4(Y3) – 9:15am
- 21<sup>st</sup> Adoration/Benediction led by Father Gerry
- 22<sup>nd</sup> PTFA Film Night for Reception, Y1 & Y2
- 23<sup>rd</sup> **Saturday – Professional Photographer in the school who is available for any photographs that parents or those in the wider community, may wish to have taken eg family photographs, extended family photographs. More information will be given nearer the time. Appointment slots will be made.**

25 <sup>th</sup>	Sex Education Programme for Years 5 and 6. If parents wish to speak to the class teacher about this please contact the school.
27 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day (FS and KS1 am, Y3 to Y6 pm)
28 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass
29 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Mass - Holy Day of Obligation SS Peter and Paul led by Year 5– 9:15am
30 <sup>th</sup>	School/Parish Summer fete 12pm-3pm.

## **July**

2 <sup>nd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Residential to Beaumanor Hall
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mass: FS/KS1– 9:15am
10 <sup>th</sup>	Eastern Area Secondary School Induction Day (Y6 out all day).
10 <sup>th</sup>	Afternoon whole school transition afternoon-visiting their new teachers/classrooms for September 2018.
10 <sup>th</sup>	New Reception intake 2018 visiting the school 2pm-3pm.
12 <sup>th</sup>	Mass: Y3 (Y4) – 9:15am
13 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Barn Dance
15 <sup>th</sup>	FS/Y1 & Y2 leading the parish Sunday mass at English Martyrs 11am
16 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Production 2pm & 6:30pm.
17 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Retreat to Mater Ecclesia Convent
19 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Mass Led by Year 6– 9:15am
20 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term
20 <sup>th</sup>	1:30pm End of term Presentations & Assembly