

# English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

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## Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February

As with many schools, we are working hard to educate our pupils about the benefits and also dangers of using social media. Work will continue this term in our Computing and PSHE lessons around the subject of using social media sensibly, particularly on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**, which is a national Safer Internet Day. We would very much welcome your support and diligence in this area and ensure that you too are reinforcing how best to use websites and apps such as Instagram and Snapchat etc. at home. If you want further information around how to help your child, please visit the fantastic sites below for further info:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/social-media/> and <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>.

There seem to be a growing number of children who are playing games which are too old for them (many rated 18) and not appropriate. Each game is rated and stipulates the content and material within the game. A growing number of children have reported playing or watching adults play games which are inappropriate for their age and they have described the levels of violence and sexual content they have witnessed: Call of Duty, Grand Theft Auto, Dogs of War and other similar games are all inappropriate for children and they should not have access to them. The age classification does not relate to any form of skill level but is related to the content of the material which is often violent and/or sexual. These games can have a negative impact on a child's own behaviour, becoming more aggressive physically or verbally. Some children can become withdrawn and anti-social engaging less with those around them and in their learning.

The game 'fortnite' has a **12** certification and it is not suitable for children within the primary school setting. Some children within the school have become obsessive about playing the game and teachers are seeing an impact within the classroom on the quality of work produced, attitudes and behaviours to others and concentration levels.

We ask parents to only allow children to play games that have been created for their age group.

## Arrangements for Severe Weather

In severe weather conditions English Martyrs will endeavour to remain open. However this is not always possible. Safety of children and staff are paramount and the decision to close a school has to be made.



Parents are asked to check the school website. I am able to post on the home page on the school website within minutes, compared to great delays (usually a few hours) with radio stations or the Warwickshire school closure site. If there is no message on the website then the school is open. A message will also be sent out via Twitter as to whether the school is closed at @EMCPrimary. Parents will not receive email or messages about the school closures as it is unlikely that office staff will be in school to send these messages.

During icy weather, arrangements for entry into the building will remain different from the usual procedures. The playgrounds will remain locked, to prohibit access onto

them. All children will be brought into school via the **School Office** entrance. Children will be asked to remove Wellingtons etc before entering school. After 8:45am teachers will be in their classrooms and children will then make their own way to their classrooms. For the Foundation and Year 1 children they will remain in the school hall and their teachers will escort them as a class over to the block at 8:55am. This is to ensure the safety of the children and to have a settled start to the school day.

Due to the high volume of children entering the site, parents will not be permitted into the building. We continue to ask for your cooperation in this matter as the special measures which are put in place are for the safety of everyone. At the end of the day, if the icy weather is still difficult, parents will collect their children from the school office. Classes will be brought out to their parents one at a time. We ask for patience and understanding during this time. I appreciate that this will delay children going home at the usual time but the safety of the children is the ultimate concern and we ask for parents cooperation and understanding in this matter.



## Considerate Parking

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No unauthorised parking/driving up the school drive to drop off or pick up children, is allowed on the school drive. Please do not park on the yellow lines on the corners of the road as this is illegal and is dangerous for other drivers and pedestrians. There are still a number of parents/grandparents who are ignoring this rule and are parking on the school drive. The same rule applies to all parents and carers, expect those who have a valid parking permit issued by the school which should be displayed in their windscreens. A big thankyou to all those who support the safety of the children at the school, it is frustrating for these parents who follow the school rules to watch others blatantly break the rules and consequently put children at risk.

## After school activities

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Please ensure that all children are collected from after school activities on time. If children are collected late from these activities on a regular basis, then it is with regret that the provider will not permit for the child to attend the activities any more. Basketball on a Monday morning begins at 8:00am, children should arrive ready to do the activity and on time.

## Parent Evening Consultations

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The appointment bookings for parent evening consultations will this term be sent out electronically. Parents will be sent an email/text asking a parent to log on to the provider and to book their own appointment slots online. It is anticipated that this will make it easier for parents to book in appointments. Only one appointment time will be allocated per pupil. Email and texts notifying parents to book appointment times will be sent out the week of **25<sup>th</sup> February**. Parents who do not live together in the same household as their child, will need to communicate together to choose an appointment time so that both parents can attend. Pupil Data collections forms will be distributed to parents before parent evening and we ask parents to check their details, especially phone numbers/emails. Safeguarding regulations have stipulated that there must be two adults identified for each child on the data collection form with contact details.

## New: Mid-Year Progress Reports

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The school is introducing a mid-year progress report. This is a report in which teachers use grades or ticks to indicate the attainment and progress of a pupil at that time. These reports will be distributed to parents via their children in a sealed envelope. It is anticipated that parents will have these reports during the week of the **25<sup>th</sup> February** and parents will be able to look at these before they have the meeting with their child's class teacher.



## 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 or in the white letterbox in reception. 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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## Dates

### January

**30<sup>th</sup>**                    **9:15am - Year 6 will be leading a school assembly – PARENTS ARE VERY WELCOME.**  
**31<sup>st</sup>**                    Mass Y4 & Y1

### February

**3<sup>rd</sup>**                    Sunday Parish Mass 11:00am led by Y5  
**7<sup>th</sup>**                    **Parent E-Safety Meeting/Presentation 6:30pm (in school hall – all parents/carers invited)**  
**7<sup>th</sup>**                    **9:15am - Year 5 will be leading a school assembly – PARENTS ARE VERY WELCOME.**  
**7<sup>th</sup>**                    Mass Y3, Y6 & YR  
**9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>**            Deanery Visitation to the parish of English Martyrs by Bishop Kenney  
**14<sup>th</sup>**                    Mass Y5 & Y2

### HALF TERM 18<sup>TH</sup> TO 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY

**28<sup>th</sup>**                    Peer Mediation Training  
**28<sup>th</sup>**                    Mass Y4 & Y1

### March

6 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass led by Y3
7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day (Children come to school dressed as their favourite book Character for £1 which will be given to one of the Lenten charities)
10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 leading the Sunday Parish Mass
12 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Evening 3:45pm – 7pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Evening 3:45pm – 7pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Mass Y5 & Y2
21 <sup>st</sup>	Mass Y4 & Y1
21 <sup>st</sup>	Parish Meeting 7:30pm (in church hall)
27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9:15am - Year 4 will be leading a school assembly – PARENTS ARE VERY WELCOME.</b>
28 <sup>th</sup>	Mass Y6, Y3 & YR
30 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Gala (Saturday) for Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils

## April

2 <sup>nd</sup>	School choir taking part in the Rugby Area Primary Choir Festival at St. Andrew's Church
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mass Y5 & Y2
8 <sup>th</sup>	Stations of the Cross (Y3 to Y6) in Church 1: 45pm – <b>PARENTS ARE VERY WELCOME.</b>
11 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term
11 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Service in Church and end of term presentations 1:45pm – <b>PARENTS ARE VERY WELCOME.</b>
12 <sup>th</sup>	Teacher Training
29 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils return to school

## May

1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 5 - day retreat with the other Catholic schools in Leamington, Rugby and Kenilworth.
6 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday
13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATS week
24 <sup>th</sup>	Teacher Training Day
25 <sup>th</sup>	Miss Sands Sky Dive

## June

8 <sup>th</sup>	First Holy Communion 2pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 (Some Y2 children) Phonics Test Week
25 <sup>th</sup>	School Sports Day (FS/KS1 classes 9:30am, KS2 1:30pm)
27 <sup>th</sup>	Warwickshire School Induction date for Year 6 (Pupils attend their Secondary Schools)
29 <sup>th</sup>	School/Parish Summer Fete
to 5 <sup>th</sup>	Beaumanor Hall Y5 Residential Trip