



English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

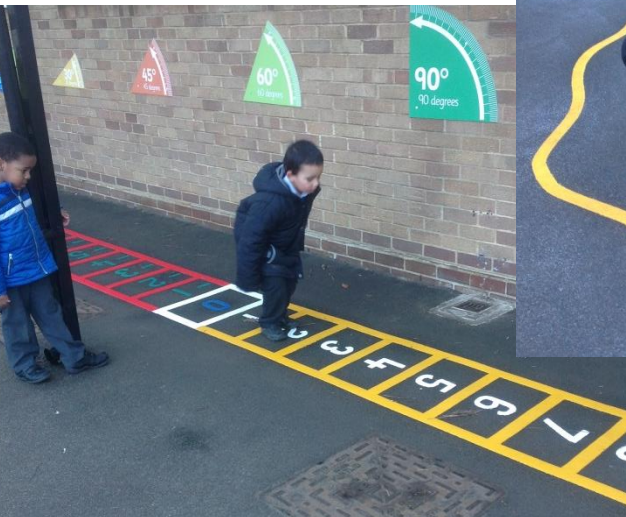
*"where everyone is special"*

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## NEW PLAYGROUND MARKINGS

Reception were the first class outside to enjoy them!



## Cool Milk

Schools are obliged to offer all pupils the opportunity to drink milk at some point in the school day. Children whose parents are in receipt of benefits and have applied for Free School Meals (applications must be made for children in foundation, year 1 and year 2) will be entitled to have milk free. Children under the age of 5 will also be able to have free milk. Forms will be sent home outlining the cost of the milk. Parents deal directly with the providers for the Milk Scheme, this includes payment. This is a good way of children getting the nutritional benefits of milk. The milk will be stored in school in a refrigerator. Milk will be given to the children during morning break.

## COUNTY TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONS!!



Four Year 5 boys competed in the next round of the National Table Tennis Championships at Wednesbury on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January. They narrowly missed out on going through to the next rounds. The boys were talented team players whose sportsmanship and determination were a great role model to others. All those who attended the event were very proud of them (especially their mums!).

## The Cake Sale

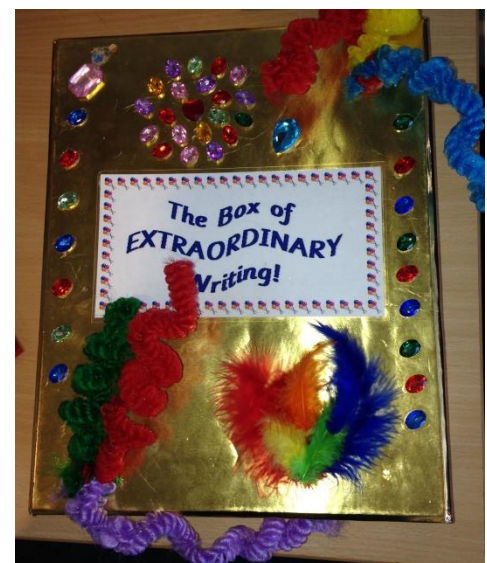
## CAKE SALE

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Cakes will be sold at breaktime and after school.  
Donations appreciated.

## The Box of extraordinary writing

At English Martyrs School we achieve high standards of attainment in writing, however in comparison with Reading and Maths it is a relative area which we are seeking to improve. Each Friday a child is chosen from their class who has done an extraordinary piece of writing. During assembly their writing is placed into the golden box. If your child brings home a certificate for being the 'extraordinary writer' in their class then parents are invited to come into school and look at their child's work in, 'The box of Extraordinary writing', which has been tastefully decorated by one of the pupils. The box is always placed on the table in the Reception Area.



## WEBSITE

Please remember to look on homepage of the website to see if the school is closed during inclement weather. If there is no message then the school is open.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Children are not permitted to wear boots in school or to change before and after they have been outside. Plain black school shoes are to be worn. During PE lessons the uniform policy is dark blue shorts. There are some girls who are wearing shorts covered by a skirt, this is not school policy and would not be safe in certain PE lessons.

We ask all parents to please follow the uniform policy.

## DIARY DATES

### February

- 8<sup>th</sup> Local Police leading an assembly on Road Safety.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Youth for Christ assembly
- 10<sup>th</sup> Y5 peer mediation training
- 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm First Holy Communion Parent Meeting begins (please no children)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Mass: Lower Key stage 2 (Y3, Y4)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Cake Sale

### 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> HALF TERM (Ash Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>)

- 23<sup>rd</sup> Pupils return to school
- 24<sup>th</sup> Lenten dressing up day 1 - Pyjama theme (£1 to go towards Lenten charities)
- 26<sup>th</sup> Mass: Key stage 1 and Foundation
- 26<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 external talk on smoking/alcohol, Year 2 medicines

### March

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Lenten dressing up day 2 - Film/Cartoon Characters (£1 to go towards Lenten charities)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultations 3:45-7:00
- 5<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultations 3:45-7:00
- 5<sup>th</sup> Mass: Upper Key stage 2 (Y6, Y5)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Year 6 'Be bright, travel right' presentation
- 6<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Cake Sale (annual event to raise money for Myanmar organised by the children)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday 11am: School Parish Mass-Y5 to lead
- 10<sup>th</sup> Lenten dressing up day 3 - Sports heroes or heroes (£1 to go towards Lenten charities)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Year 3: Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30pm in Church (All candidates to attend with parents)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Mass: Lower Key stage 2 (Y4, Y3)
- 17<sup>th</sup> Lenten dressing up day -St. Patrick's theme (£1 to go towards Lenten charities)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Mass: KS1 & foundation
- 25<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Attending Frugal Parish Lunch to raise money for CAFOD (£1)
- 26<sup>th</sup> Whole School Mass - led by staff
- 27<sup>th</sup> 9:30 Easter service in school. Key stage 2 children are a choir with Year 3 and 4 leading the readings. After the service the trophy presentations will begin.

27<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

30<sup>th</sup> March-Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April Easter holidays

### April

13<sup>th</sup> School Opens to pupils (Monday)

### May

4<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday

11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> YEAR 6 SATS WEEK (No absences will be authorised during this period)

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday Parish and school mass led by Year 4

18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>: Year 5 Residential to Beaumanor Hall

20<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm FHC Parent meeting (please no children)

22<sup>nd</sup> Friday Teacher Training Day

25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> Half Term

### June

1<sup>st</sup> School opens to pupils

3<sup>rd</sup> School photographer

13<sup>th</sup> Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> First Holy Communion 2pm in school

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Presentation of First Holy Communion candidates to parish (all candidates and family to attend)

15<sup>th</sup> PHONICS SCREENING WEEK FOR YEAR 1 PUPILS AND SELECTED YEAR 2 PUPILS

22<sup>nd</sup> Youth for Christ assembly

25<sup>th</sup> First Aid Training for Year 5 pupils by St. John's Ambulance

### July

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Parish/school mass 11am led by Foundation and Key stage 1 children

7<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Induction day for Secondary school

17<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

17<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm in church final assembly and presentations