

English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

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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 school website within minutes, compared to great delays with radio stations etc. If there is no message on the website then the school is open.

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 into 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 allowed into the building to escort their child.

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.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER



As a school we pride ourselves with a high level of attendance and punctuality. On a recent visit from the attendance officer, various children were highlighted who are often late into school or whose absence from school is beginning to be a concern. There are a number of families who are repeatedly late into school. Once the bell has gone children are escorted into school. All children should be on the school site at 8:55am to walk into their classrooms. A number of families will be invited into school to discuss how they can improve their child's attendance record and improve punctuality to school. Children who are late, begin their day in a disruptive fashion and it also is disruptive for the rest of the school.

Diary Dates

January

- 11th Beaumanor Hall Payment for year 5 due (£50)
- 13th PTFA Meeting 7:30pm
- 14th Mass Y6 (Y5)
- 15th External LA Attendance Officer inspecting attendance of pupils at school
- 18th Cross Country neighbourhood trials for years 5 and 6 (selected pupils will attend)
- 19th Height and Weight checks (YR & Y6)
- 19th 'Starry Night' Investigations in Reception 4:30-5:15pm (All pupils and parents invited to come back to school in the Reception class)
- 20th Reception children - eye tests
- 21st Mass Y4 (Y3)
- 27th Year 6 pupils watching the Joseph production at Ashlawn. They will need to bring a drink with them.
- 28th Mass Y1, Y2 and Foundation
- 29th PTFA Film Night Years 3 & 4

February

- 2nd Peer Mediation Training – Year 5
- 4th Mass Y5 (Y6)
- 7th Sunday Parish Mass led by Year 5 11am
- 9th Pancake Race 50p (Money raised for Lenten funds/charities)
- 10th Ash Wednesday Mass 9:15am – Whole school led by Y3
- 11th No Mass on Thursday due to Ash Wednesday the previous day
- 12th PTFA Cake Sale

Half Term : 15th – 19th

- 22nd **(Monday) Teacher Training Day (school closed)**
- 23rd Beaumanor Hall Final Payment for year 5 due (£50)
- 24th 6:30pm Parent Meeting for the Y5 Residential Trip to Beaumanor Hall. All children who are attending the Residential Trip must have an adult representative at the meeting. Meeting is for adults only.
- 25th Lenten Dressing up day to raise money for charity: Theme - Onesie/Pyjamas day. £1 contribution.
- 25th Mass: Key Stage 1 (Y1, Y2 and Foundation Stage)

March

- 3rd Mass Y6 (Y5)
- 9th Year 2 Infant Agility School Games competition
- 9th Parent Consultations 3:45-7:00pm
- 10th Parent Consultations 3:45-7:00pm
- 10th Lenten dressing up day: Crazy Hair Day £1 contribution
- 10th Mass Y4 (Y3)
- 11th PTFA Quiz Night
- 13th Sunday Parish Mass Year 4 (11am)
- 17th Whole School Mass – led by Key Stage 1
- 18th 9:30am Easter Liturgy & presentations
- 18th Last day of term

Easter Holidays : 21st March- 1st April

April

- 4th Pupils return to school
- 4th Youth for Christ assembly
- 6th-8th Year 5 Residential trip to Beaumanor Hall (Leicestershire)
- 12th First Holy Communion Parent meeting (no children please)
- 15th PTFA Film Night – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
- 24th Sunday Parish Mass led by Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 class 11am

May

- 2nd Bank Holiday
- 9th – 12th Year 6 External Testing Week (All Year 6 children must be in school)
- 16th Youth for Christ Assembly
- 17th First Holy Communion Parent Meeting 6:30pm
- 19th May Day Procession and Mass
- 25th Group Photographs
- 27th Teacher Training Day (school closed)

Half Term : 30th May- 3rd June

June

- 11th First Holy Communion 2pm
- 12th First Holy Communion children return to mass to be presented to the parish 11am
- 13th National Phonics screening week for Year 1 children and selected Year 2 children

July

- 2nd Summer Fete 12pm-3pm
- 11th Youth for Christ assembly
- 12th Eastern Area: Year 6 Induction day for Secondary school
- 12th Moving up afternoon for children to visit new classes and teachers
- 12th Induction afternoon for new Reception Intake September 2016
- 13th Y1 and some Y2 Phonics Screening Week/Test
- 15th Summer PTFA Barn Dance/Summer Disco
- 22nd 1:30pm End of term assembly/presentations
- 22nd Last Day of Term