

English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

"where everyone is special"

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Year 2 Famous People

Last term year 2 were researching famous people. As part of this project they wrote to different members of the Royal Family. They have been inundated with responses from the private secretaries of the member of the Royal Family. However two of the children wrote to the Duchess of Cornwall and received a personal response. We were all very impressed.



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 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.

Dinner Money

All dinner money must be paid on a **Monday** morning for the week ahead. Dinner money can not be paid in arrears but it can be paid in advance for the half term. Dinner money for one week is £10.50. Cheques are to be made payable to Warwickshire County Council. Please ensure if paying by cash the correct amount is paid, as we are not able to organise change for so many families in school. All money must be paid in a sealed envelope with the child's name and the reasons for payment written on the front of the envelope please. If parents continue to pay dinner money later than a Monday they will not be able to have a hot meal for their child and will need to give their child a packed lunch.



Catholic School Profile

This half term the values and virtues for the school are generous and grateful.



Pupils in a school in the Archdiocese of Birmingham are growing to be ...	Schools in the Archdiocese of Birmingham help their pupils grow...
<p>Grateful for their own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and generous with their gifts, now and in the future.</p>	<p>By encouraging them to know and be grateful for all their gifts, developing them to the full so that they can be generous in the service of others.</p>

Section 48 Inspection

The school has been notified of its Section 48 Inspection by the Archdiocese of Birmingham. This is in line with the current inspection schedule for voluntary aided schools and it is five years since our previous inspection. The inspection is over two days and the lead inspector is Mrs Maureen O'Leary. This will take place on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th January 2017.

Diary Dates

January

9 th	Intra school Biathlon competition (4 children from Year 4 to Year 6)
11 th	Y1 and Y5 Firefighter demonstration
12 th	Whole school mass 9:15am
12 th	PTFA meeting (7:15pm at the Red Lion)
16 th	Youth for Christ assembly
17 th	6pm Y5 Parent Meeting for Beaumanor Residential (it is important that every child has one parent attending)
19 th	9:15am Mass led by Y4 (Y3)
24 th & 25 th	Section 48 Inspection
26 th	Foundation and Key stage 1 Mass
31 st	2pm Foundation class: Family Picnic event

February

1 st	Year 6 out at Ashlawn watching High School Musical (1pm)
2 nd	Mass led by Y6 (Y5)
3 rd	5 year old dental survey
5 th	11am Sunday Parish Mass led by Year 5
7 th	Year 5 - Training as Peer Mediators
7 th	Safer Internet day
9 th	Mass led by Y4 (Y3)
9 th	Y2 Trip - Local Landmark Trip in town
15 th -17 th	Year 5 Residential Trip to Beaumanor Hall
15 th	Y3 & Y4 Swimming Gala
16 th	PTFA Cake Sale
16 th	Mass led by Foundation/Key Stage 1

20th - 24th Half term

March

1 st	Ash Wednesday: 9:15am Whole School Parish Mass led by Y5 (Y6)
1 st	Swimming Gala: Year 5 and 6
2 nd	No school mass
3 rd	PTFA Race Night 7:30pm
7 th	Year 1 trip to Pizza Express
8 th	Lenten Dressing up day 1 (£1)
9 th	Mass led by Y4 (Y3)
13 th , 14 th & 15 th	Bikeability Level 2
14 th	Parent consultation evening 3:45-7:00pm
16 th	Parent consultation evening 3:45-7:00pm
16 th	Mass led by Foundation/Key Stage 1
20 th	Youth for Christ assembly
22 nd	Lenten Dressing up day 2 (£1)
23 rd	Mass led by Year 6 (Y5)
23 rd	2pm Stations of the Cross for Key Stage 2
30 th	Mass led by Y4 (Y3)
30 th	Key Stage 2 confessions after mass
31 st	PTFA Film Night for Reception, year 1 and year 2

April

2 nd	11am Parish Sunday mass led by Year 4
5 th	Lenten dressing up day 3 (£1)
6 th	Whole School Mass - led by staff
7 th	9:30am Easter service and end of term awards
7 th	Last day of term
24 th	Return to school for pupils
26 th	6:30pm Parent First Holy Communion meeting
27 th	Whole School Mass (led by teachers)

May

1 st	Bank Holiday
4 th	Mass led by Y6 (Y5)
5 th	PTFA Quiz Night 7:30pm
8 th to 12 th	Year 6 SATS week
11 th	No School mass
18 th	Mass Y4 (Y3)
21 st	11am Sunday Parish Mass led by Foundation and key stage 1
25 th	Mass led by Foundation and Key Stage 1
26 th	Teacher training day - school closed to pupils/parents
29 th - 2 nd June	Half Term

June

6 th	Pentecost
6 th	Y5 - Young First Aiders training (all day)
8 th	Mass led by Year 5 (6)
10 th	2pm First Holy Communion
15 th	Mass led by Y3 (Y4)
19 th	Youth for Christ assembly
22 nd	Mass led by foundation and Key stage 1
29 th	Whole School Mass - Holy Day of Obligation: St Peter and Paul- led by Y6 (Y5)

July

1 st	12pm Summer Fete
6 th	Mass led by Y4 (Y3)
11 th	Eastern area Year 6 Induction day
11 th	Transition afternoon to meet new teachers for September 2017
13 th	Mass led by Foundation/Key stage 1
14 th	PTFA Barn Dance
20 th	Mass - led by Year 6
21 st	Last day of term