

English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

"where everyone is special"

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New Climbing Frame- a real treat!

The new climbing frame has been installed and is now being used actively across the school. Foundation and KS1 have access to it during the morning and afternoon breaks, with Key stage 2 playing on it during morning break and lunch times from 12:45pm. There is a daily rota and children are not permitted on the apparatus if there is not a designated adult present. The climbing frame has been a big hit with the children who have been full of gratitude and are extremely appreciative – which has been lovely to see! There is a strict non-negotiable policy that if a child behaves in an unsafe manner when on the apparatus either to themselves or to others, then they are immediately removed from the equipment and have to earn back the right to be on it in the future. With all activities there is potential risk and it has been explained to the children that there are strict rules in place to minimise those risks and to keep them safe. A risk assessment has been created for the apparatus and the school council, working with Mr Bromage, have devised a set of school rules for using the equipment and this is shared with the children. It has been lovely to watch the children's excitement when on the equipment as well as keeping themselves physically fit throughout the day. If a parent has any concerns about their child using the equipment, please speak to me personally and I will happily listen to your concerns.



'English Martyrs Rockin' News' – First edition out soon!

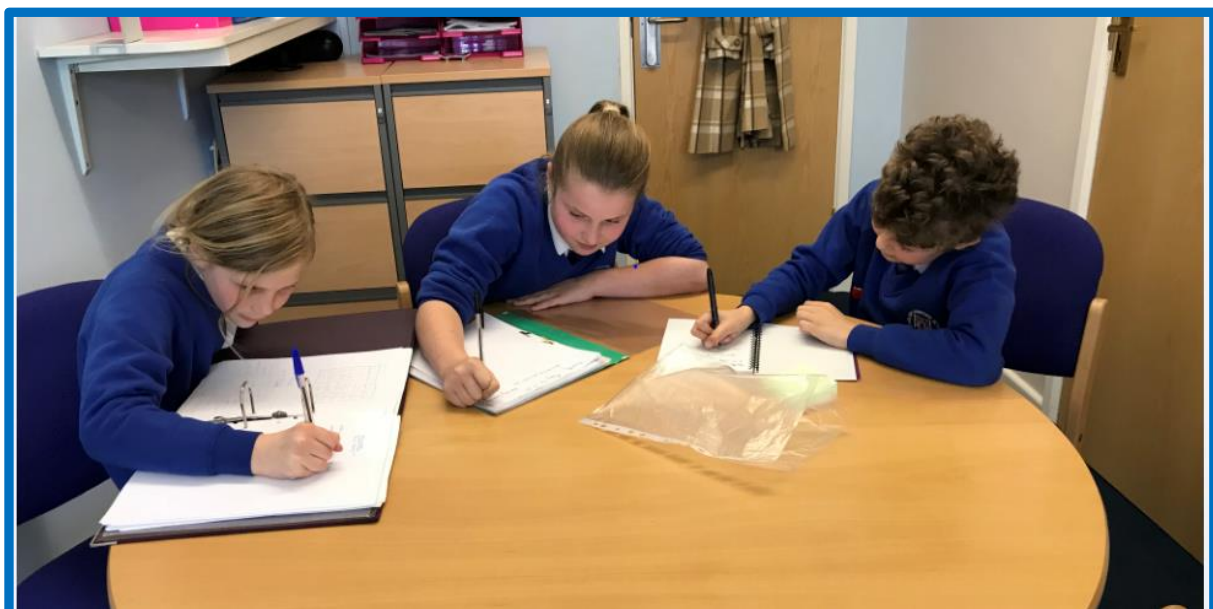
The '**English Martyrs Rockin' News**' is a fantastic example of strong student leadership initiated by the children themselves. This is how it began

Claudia in Year 5 had a dream that English Martyrs should have its own pupil led newspaper. She approached Miss Pichon, who thought it was a fabulous idea and Claudia wrote to Mrs Deery outlining why a pupil newspaper was needed in the school and her thoughts as to how it could be achieved. Both Mrs Deery and Miss Pichon met with Claudia for her to present her thoughts. We were so impressed with this initial idea and the thought processes behind such a venture, that she was asked to find two like-minded individuals who could help her to progress this idea further. This developed into the, '**editorial squad**' with Niamh and Jack (also from year 5) taking a strategic role in its creation. These children have met during their own time in school and we have been impressed by not only their dedication and vision but how well organised and strategic they have been in their thinking and actions (born leaders for the future!).

So far the, 'editorial squad' have presented on two separate occasions in assembly, including creating their own powerpoints. Firstly, they led an assembly to launch the idea of the newspaper and its purpose. One of the first things to be decided was the name of the newspaper and they led a competition across the school. A whole school vote took place and '*English Martyrs Rockin' News*' was created. Secondly, they also had a competition to decide on the journalists for the first edition, who had to present articles as part of the process. Once these journalists were elected the committee distributed to them a broad range of articles to be written and deadlines were given. The, 'editorial squad' even made certificates for the successful journalists.

The newspaper will be published in a few weeks' time and the, 'editorial squad' have decided that a **50p** charge should be made for the newspaper. The charge is so that they can buy as many subscriptions to the, '**First News**' (A national children's newspaper) for children to enjoy in their classrooms aswell as becoming more informed about the world around them from a child's perspective.

I can not demonstrate enough how impressed we have been with the young people involved in this project and would urge you to support them once the Newspaper is published.



Year 6 SATS breakfast club



A big thankyou to all the parents who gave up their time to provide a breakfast club for year 6 during the SATS. It provided a calm start to the school day and I know the children and staff appreciated it.

Scholastic Book Fair – Monday 18th to Thursday 21st June

There will be a book fair on Monday 18th to Thursday 21st June at the end of the school day 3:30pm (in the hall). Children will get the opportunity to look at the books during the school day and books can also be ordered. Please try to make the time to come into the hall to see the quality books being sold. The school will also receive money to buy books for the school based on the total value of books sold.

P.E. uniform – From September 2018

The school this year introduced a new outdoor PE uniform. This included a hoodie/sweatshirt for outdoor PE with tracksuit bottoms. The hoodie is embroidered with the school logo but the tracksuit bottoms are not. The PE top had been changed from a white polo shirt to a blue polo shirt (with a school logo). This new outdoor kit will also be worn when the children enter competitions. From September 2018 the new PE uniform is compulsory and children will not be permitted to wear the old white PE top. The only outdoor PE kit to be worn is the school kit; variations on this will not be permitted. All kit can be purchased through the schoolwear provider.

Uniform-a polite reminder

There have been a number of parents who have expressed their frustration that some parents are not following the uniform policy which is causing upset in their homes because they are adhering to the uniform policy. For example, it is clear that pupils should not be wearing fancy bows and hair decorations, a small band will suffice to tie up long hair. Some Children are coming into school with bows and hair decorations which are not permitted which upsets those children whose parents are supporting the school in following the policy. Another example is the summer uniform for girls. During the Summer Term only to the Autumn Half term, girls are permitted to wear a Check blue and white gingham dress (not to be worn with tights) with white socks. Gingham skirts are not part of the school uniform or dresses with a white top and a gingham skirt design. Also some girls are wearing a one piece which is a gingham top with gingham shorts. The uniform policy (which is on the school website) makes it clear how children are permitted to dress at English Martyrs, I would ask all parents to read this and adhere to this policy for the benefit of all of the children in the school.

Twitter  **@EMCPrimary**

[Twitter](#) is an online news and social networking site where people communicate in short messages called tweets. [Tweeting is sending short messages to anyone who follows you](#) on Twitter, with the hope that your messages are useful and interesting to someone in your audience. Another description of Twitter and tweeting might be [microblogging](#).

We are launching our own school Twitter page where we will be celebrating successes at school and an additional tool to be able to communicate with parents, the parish and other twitter followers.

If you use Twitter please follow us at **@EMCPrimary** if you don't currently use Twitter why not create a Twitter account and follow us!



Exposition at English Martyrs Church on 21st June 2018

Father Gerry will be leading the school in Exposition this Thursday in the Church from **2:45pm**, Everyone is welcome to attend.

First Holy Communion - Saturday 9th June



Once again the First Holy Communion was a special and beautiful day. The children were dressed smartly for the occasion and were extremely reverent before and throughout the service. A big thankyou to all those who assisted the school in making this occasion special for the children and their families, this includes those who created the flower displays in the Church; made the cake; served teas and coffees afterwards and all the staff who guide the children in their preparation.

Sports Day – Wednesday 27th June

Foundation, Year 1 & Year 2 – On the School Games Playground at 9:30am

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - On the School Field at 1:30pm

Please make sure all children have a sun hat with them on the day and sun cream applied before school. The PTFA will be purchasing water for each child to have during the events. We would politely ask parents to not come over to their child during sports day as this can be upsetting for the children. If there is an urgent matter during sports day then parents can speak to either one of the teaching assistants or teachers present. If sports day is cancelled due to the weather then parents will be informed via text or email. Also a message will be placed on the homepage of the school website on Wednesday morning.

School Fete – Saturday 30th June 12 – 3 pm

If you are able to help by either setting up the fete or on the day itself, please speak to either Mrs Thompson or Mrs Pheasant as more volunteers would be gratefully received.



Non-Uniform Day - Thursday 28th June

The children are invited to come into school on Thursday in non-uniform. There is no cost for the day however families are asked to donate a bottle towards the bottle stall for Saturday's fete. If bottles are made of glass or contain alcohol adults will need to hand them to Mrs Bale in the school office.

Ss Peter & Paul – Holy Day of Obligation

There will be no mass on **Thursday 28th June** as the whole school will be attending mass on **Friday 29th June at 9:15am** as it is a Holy Day of Obligation. You are all very welcome to attend.

Classes for September 2018-2019

Reception

Mr Bromage (Foundation & Key Stage 1 Lead)

Year 1

Mrs Stawt (Monday & Tuesday)

Mrs Miles (Wednesday to Friday)

Year 2

Mrs O'Connor (Monday to Wednesday)

Mrs Rouledge (Thursday & Friday)

Year 3

Miss Petras (Deputy Head Teacher)

Year 4

Mrs Jones (Monday to Wednesday)

Mrs Long (Thursday & Friday)

Year 5

Mrs Skuse

Year 6

Miss Pichon (also the SENCO)



ALL SCHOOL FAMILIES WELCOME

7th – 8th July 2018
Only £5 per pitch

*English Martyrs
School Camp*

Pitch 11am
Saturday
Strike noon
Sunday

Picnic, family games and fun!

NO fires, BBQ'S, smoking, bikes or dogs.
Parents responsible for their own children.
Only open to families of English Martyrs School.

Diary Dates 2018

June

- 18th School Book Fair (from the 18th to the 21st June)
- 21st Mass: Y4 (Y3) – 9:15am
- 21st Adoration/Benediction led by Father Gerry 2:45pm in Church (all welcome)
- 22nd PTFA Film Night for Reception, Y1 & Y2
- 23rd *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. Parents have already been asked to sign up for allocated slots (Deadline to return paperwork is Tuesday 19th June 2018).***
- 25th Sex Education Programme for Years 5 and 6. If parents wish to speak to the class teacher about this please contact the school.
- 26th Year 2 Trip to the zoo.
- 27th Sports Day (FS and KS1 9:30 am, Y3 to Y6 1:30 pm)
- 28th No Mass
- 28th Non-uniform Day (bottle for the fete)
- 29th Whole School Mass - Holy Day of Obligation SS Peter and Paul led by Year 5– 9:15am
- 30th School/Parish Summer fete 12pm-3pm.

July

- 2nd – 4th Y5 Residential to Beaumanor Hall
- 5th Mass: FS/KS1– 9:15 am
- 7th School Camp: Saturday 7th to Sunday 9th (Information has already been sent to parents via email).
- 10th Eastern Area Secondary School Induction Day (Y6 out all day).
- 10th Afternoon whole school transition afternoon-visiting their new teachers/classrooms for September 2018.
- 10th New Reception intake 2018 visiting the school 2pm-3pm.
- 12th Mass: Y3 (Y4) – 9:15am
- 13th PTFA Barn Dance
- 15th FS/Y1 & Y2 leading the parish Sunday mass at English Martyrs 11am
- 16th Y6 Production 2pm & 6:30pm.
- 17th Y6 Retreat to Mater Ecclesia Convent

19 th	Whole School Mass Led by Year 6– 9:15am
19 th	Year 6 Leavers' Ball at the Hillmorton Manor (invitations have already been distributed to the children)
20 th	Last day of term
20 th	1:30pm End of term Presentations & Assembly

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 to complete the parent view questionnaire.

Signed: _____ Name: _____ Date: _____