

English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

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Welcome to the New 22 Reception Pupils of 2020



Goodbye Mrs Pithie

Mrs Pithie has run an Irish Dancing club at English Martyrs since 2004. She has worked with many children throughout her years at our school and in her words, "they come in with their feet straight and they leave with them pointing in different directions".



We are wanting to encourage new members from after half term. Declan McHale will be teaching the Irish Dancing classes from 3.30pm to 5pm starting on Thursday 5th November to Thursday 17th December. The seven lessons will cost £28.00. Please contact Declan McHale on 07875153400 or email: mchaleirishdance@hotmail.com



The McHale Academy of Irish Dancing

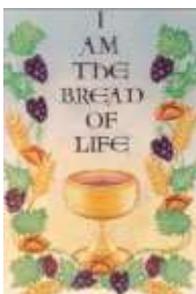
The McHale Academy of Irish Dancing established in 2006 in Coventry by 4x World Champion, Declan McHale. Declan was fortunate to perform with the touring production of Riverdance for 4 years and has performed at Arenas and Festivals all over the world, including the UK's most famous Music Festival, Glastonbury. The McHale Academy builds confidence and above all, promotes good health and fitness through Irish Dance within a professional and friendly environment. In it's 6 year existence, the McHale Academy has successfully managed to produce fantastic dancers who have competed and won major awards throughout the UK, Ireland and North America. As well as the after school class at English Martyrs, Declan teaches everyday throughout the Midlands of England.

Changes to the school leaving times

Thank you so much for your support and help with our staggered start times which was changed to help children come into school quickly and cause parents less delays. It is now time to change the timings for the **end of the day** to ensure the children receive enough curriculum time. Please see below the **new end times** and exit points for children. To ensure bubbles do not mix, the children will leave from different exits. For this to work, please ensure that the children leave the school drive immediately and do not congregate and mix. We have worked very hard in school to ensure bubbles stay away from one another. It is also vital that parents continue to social distance on the school drive and wear masks. Siblings will remain in school until the youngest sibling leaves.

Time	Year group	Exit point
3.20	Year 5 Year 6	Main gate Games playground
3.25	Year 3 Year 4	Main gate Games playground
3.30	Year 2 Year 1 and Reception	Main gate Games playground

Year 3 - First Holy Communion



Y3 Parent Meeting – Via Loom video Autumn 2

Mass of Enrolment – There will no whole school enrolment mass but during a Year 3 class mass, we will do something special.

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Wednesday 3rd March 2021

Y3 Parent Meeting – Summer Term 1 Loom video or meeting 2nd parent meeting.

First Holy Communion – Saturday 12th June 2pm.

Year 4 – First Holy Communion

Year 4 First Holy Communion preparations will continue after half term to complete their Religious Education unit of work building on the work that they started in Year 3. We are hoping that the children can make their First Holy Communion in early December. More details on the practicalities will follow. For those who will receive a Special Blessing, this will take place in school.

Year 6 - Confirmation



1st Parent Meeting – via Loom video Autumn 2

Enrolment mass – There will be no whole school enrolment mass but during a Year 6 class mass, we will do something special.

Confirmation – Wednesday 10th February 2021

School Mass

School Mass celebrations for the forth coming months will be on the following dates:

Thursday 22 nd October – Year 3
Thursday 5 th November - Year 2
Thursday 12 th November – Year 1 and Reception
Thursday 19 th November – Year 6
Thursday 26 th November – Year 5
Thursday 3 rd December – Year 4
Thursday 10 th December – Year 3

Please remember that parents and English Martyrs School Community will not be permitted to attend our school mass celebrations.

Phonics information for Foundation and Key Stage 1

The teachers in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will make a Loom video to make parents aware of the phonics programme that is taking place this year and any changes that the Government have made to the testing procedures.



English Martyrs Open School Events

We would like to welcome parents who are seeking places for the Reception class intake in September 2021. Due to Covid-19, we are unable to show parents and children around the school in the same way as before. As an alternative, I will make a Loom video to go onto the school website and I am happy for prospective parents to call school to arrange a one to one look around the school. However, this will be a viewing from outside and there will be glimpses of the classes from external windows. We are trying to be flexible to accommodate people and reduce any risk.



We are also in the process of setting up a Facebook page. Watch this space.

PTFA fundraising

We raised £186.39 for Pyjama day held on Friday 16th October. We are very grateful for all your contributions towards this event. The money raised will help to build funds for the PTFA. They have put their money to good use and last year their donations were put towards the purchase of new reading scheme books. Thank you for your help and support.

Look out for more events next term

Pupil Premium



Schools are given a pupil premium for:

- Children who have qualified for free school meals at any point in the past six years. The school receives £1320 for each of these children.
- Children who are or have been looked after under local authority care for more than one day. These children are awarded a premium of £2300.
- Children from service families who receive a child pension from the Ministry of Defence. They are awarded £300.

In March 2018 the Government announced that free school meals would only be available to children in KS2 whose families have a net income of £7400 or under, effective from 1 April 2018. If your child was previously entitled to free school meals but is no longer, they will still receive pupil premium based on the 'Ever 6' qualification (a pupil who has ever had free school meals in the past six years).

Prior to April 2018, children qualified for free school meals – and accordingly pupil premium – if you received any of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

These benefits have now been rolled into a single benefit, called **Universal Credit**. From April 2018, free school meals and pupil premium will only be allocated to pupils with a family income under £7400 (net) per year.

School's spend this pupil premium based on what they feel are the needs of the children and schools can vary widely on how this is spent.

Since September 2014, all children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 have qualified for free school meals, regardless of their family income, but only the children who would qualify for free meals under the above income-based criteria will receive the pupil premium. **If your child would qualify for free school meals, even if they are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 it is important that you register and claim free school meal via the Warwickshire website. The school does not automatically receive this money** and it is the only means schools have to receive the additional funding.

Link for applying for Free School Meals: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>

Staff Emails

Please check the guidelines that were issued last year (on the website and via email) regarding the protocols of emailing the staff at the school. Please remember under no circumstances should parents email the office or any staff member if they are informing the school about changes for their children being picked up at the end of the school day. It can be a couple of days before staff receive and respond to emails. The office should always be phoned if there are any changes to the adults who are picking up the children or any other important information.

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Year 6 Teacher: Mrs Rollason

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Diary Dates

HALF TERM 26TH OCTOBER TO FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER

November

5 th	Mass Year 2
12 th	Mass Reception and Year 1
19 th	Mass Year 6
25 th	English Martyrs Open School event
26 th	Mass Year 5

December

3 rd	Mass Year 4
10 th	Mass Year 3
12 th	Mass Y5/Y2
16 th	Reception and Year 1 bubble, Year 2 Christmas party
17 th	KS2 Christmas party
20 th	End of term presentations

January

4 th	Teacher Training Day
5 th	Children back to school

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 to complete the parent view questionnaire.

Signed: _____ Name: _____ Date: _____