

English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

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Pantomime – Jack and the Beanstalk

The Belgrade theatre have produced a panto – Jack and the Beanstalk. We are awaiting confirmation when the panto can be shown which will be in December. The cost for the panto per child is £2.00. More information will be sent out when we have confirmed dates.



School Sports Partnership

Multi Sport Holiday Club

The Schools Sports Partnership are delighted to announce that they will be running our COVID-secure, Multisport Holiday Club during the Christmas break, adhering to Government guidance for children aged between 5 and 12. The Holiday Club will run from 9am to 4pm (£14) with an early drop-off option (£3) from 8am each day. They will be running on the following 4 days:

Monday 21st December

Tuesday 22nd December

Wednesday 23rd December

Monday 4th January

Numbers are STRICTLY limited and places must be booked and paid for in advance.

The CLOSING DEADLINE for bookings is Wednesday 16/12/20 at 5pm. No bookings will be accepted after this deadline.

To request a booking form and payment details, please email sports.centre@harriscofeacademy.co.uk

Bikeability in the Christmas Break

Schools Sports Partnership are also running Bikeability training in the Christmas holiday - details are in the flier attached.

Please note that numbers are STRICTLY limited and places must be booked and paid for in advance

The closing deadline for bookings is Tuesday 15th December - no bookings will be accepted after this deadline.

To request a booking form and payment details, please email ssp@harriscofeacademy.co.uk

HARRIS C of E ACADEMY SSP Presents:
Bikeability – Christmas Holiday Courses 2020

LEVEL 1 TRAINING FOR PUPILS IN SCHOOL YEARS 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6:
 This training teaches basic cycle control skills in a safe environment away from traffic and will be run at Harris C of E Academy's Sports Centre in Rugby. Children must be able to cycle independently (no stabilisers) before coming on the course. Training takes place outside and children should be dressed appropriately in warm, weather proof clothing with gloves recommended.

Course: Monday 21st December 2020 from 9.30am to 11.45am
 Cost: £14 per person payable in advance.

LEVEL 2 TRAINING FOR PUPILS IN SCHOOL YEARS 5, 6 & 7:
 This training prepares students for cycling on the public highway for short journeys such as from home to school and will be run from Harris C of E Academy's Sports Centre in Rugby. It is strongly recommended that children complete the Level 1 course before attempting Level 2. Training takes place outside and children should be dressed appropriately in warm, weather proof clothing with gloves recommended.

Course Dates (over 2 days. Both days must be attended):
 Tuesday 22nd December 2020 & Wednesday 23rd December 2020 from 9.15am to 12.30pm
 Cost: £22 per person payable in advance.

Early booking is essential as places are strictly limited and will be filled on a first come first served basis.
 ** Closing deadline for bookings is Tuesday 15th December 2020. None will be accepted after this date. **
 Courses will only run if minimum numbers are reached. Children will need to have their own bicycle and helmet.
 Please note that refunds are not available unless the course is cancelled by Harris Sports Centre.
 Due to Covid restrictions, wrap around care in the Sports Centre holiday club is not currently available.
 For more information, or to book a place, please call Debbie on 01788 812549 extension 104 or email: ssp@harriscofeacademy.co.uk

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**Harris CofE Academy Sports Centre
 Multi Sport Holiday Clubs**

Summer Holidays | Autumn Half Term | Christmas Holidays | Spring Half Term | Easter Holidays | Summer Half Term

Holiday Club 9am - 4pm
 every weekday (excluding bank holidays)
 Early drop off from 8am
 Late pickup until 6pm
 Discount available for early & late together
 Open to ages 5 - 12 years

*Please also ask about our Bikeability courses, also running in every school holiday:
 Cycling Proficiency for the modern age!*

To book your place or for more info:
 Email: sportscentre@harriscofeacademy.co.uk
 Phone: 01788 818925
 or call in to Harris Sports Centre, Mellish Road, Rugby. CV22 6BB



Phonics information for Foundation and Key Stage 1

The teachers in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have made 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. Please look out for this email.



Rugby Rokeby Lions Club – Santa's sleigh

To support our local charities, we have organised for Santa and his sleigh to visit our school. To raise money for the Rokeby Lions Club, we ask that on the day of Santa's visit, children bring in a £1 donation or silver coins for this charity. Watch this space for the date.

English Martyrs New parent video

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, we have made a virtual tour for prospective parents. We have also put an advertisement in Allsorts magazine.



We have set up a Facebook page (English Martyrs Catholic Primary School, Rugby). We will put our virtual tour of our school on the new Facebook page. Watch this space.



PTFA fundraising Covid-19 awareness



Please can I remind parents to remain vigilant during these turbulent times. Your child should not come to school if they are feeling unwell or experiencing any coronavirus symptoms (if in doubt, book a test. If possible, isolate for 10 days from the start of your symptoms)

Please ensure that you child does not mix with any other bubbles when arriving or leaving school. School makes a great effort to separate year groups.

Please social distance whilst on the school drive and please wear a facemask where possible. Your cooperation with this matter is greatly appreciated.

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.

Schools 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>

Diary Dates

November

28th Delivery of Christmas tree orders

December

Pantomime date to be announced

Santa and his sleigh to be announced

16th Reception and Year 1 bubble, Year 2 Christmas party

17th KS2 Christmas party

20th End of term presentations

January

4th Teacher Training Day

5th 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: _____