

English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

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Welcome back



We are so pleased that the children have returned to school this week. They were very excited to see their friends and teachers and be part of the school community again. They have settled back well considering the circumstances. Well done to all parents and carers who have supported work at home to make sure children are ready for their return to school.

Mrs Paterson

We are looking forward to welcoming back Mrs Paterson to our school community of English Martyrs after the Easter holidays for the start of the summer term. She will be taking over Mrs O'Connor in Year 2 whilst she is on maternity leave. She will be teaching the Year 2 class working alongside Mrs Rouledge. Mrs Paterson will continue her role as Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator.

Start and End times

There are large numbers of parents on the school drive in the morning and in the evening. We have tried to alleviate this problem at the end of the day by asking Reception and Year 1 parents to stand in the back playground so that there is more room on the drive. It is vitally important that **only one parent** drops off and picks up their child/ren. This will alleviate the amount of adults and also supports government guidelines of social distancing.

Here are the start and end times to the day again with amendments highlighted:

Year Group	Start times	Finish Times
Year 6 and Year 5	8.45am Year 6 enter via the back playground gates Year 5 enter via the main gate	3.20pm Year 6 exit through the games playground Year 5 exit via the main gate
Year 4 and Year 3	8.50am – Year 4 enter though the main gate and line up outside the double doors Year 3 enter through the main gate and line up outside the main office doors	3.25pm Year 4 exit through the games playground Year 3 exit via the main gate
Year 2	8.55am - come through the main gate and through the playground to the double doors	3.30pm – exit via the main gate

Year 1 and Reception	8.55am - come through the back playground gates to line up with their teachers.	3.30pm – parents to enter the back playground and stand in the allocated areas. Please exit with their child through the gates and pick up any older children on the school drive who will be stood with a teacher.
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By following the timings set out above, we can reduce the risk and spread of Covid-19. These guidelines have been set out by the government.

It has become increasingly difficult to manage children at the end of the day which causes distress for children. Teachers find it very difficult to see parents.

Parent Consultation meetings

Parent Consultation meetings will take place after the Easter holidays. We would like children to spend time settling back into school and routines. We know that some children would have completed a lot of work and for others this might be different. With this in mind, teachers would like to gain more insight and evidence of where your children's academic abilities have progressed or may have fallen behind. Therefore, we will postpone Parent Consultations to the summer term and we will keep you informed of when these will take place.

Support for Families

Family Information Service (FIS): Information and advice for families and carers will be available via the Helpline **01926 742274** and fis@warwickshire.gov.uk from 09:00 to 17:00 Monday to Friday.

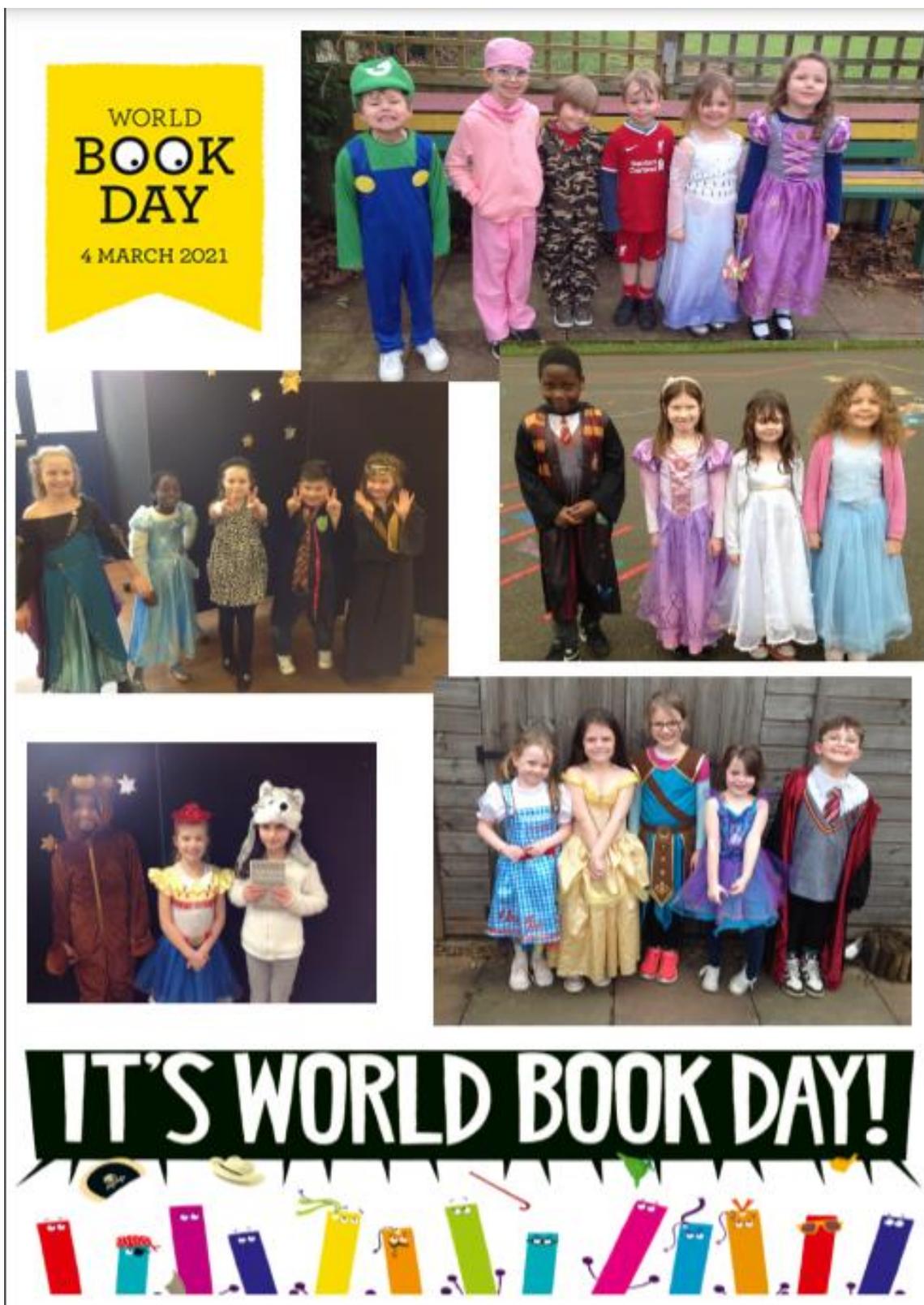
Family Information Service (FIS)

We provide information, advice and one-to-one support for families with children and young people aged 0 to 25 across Warwickshire on issues including:

- family relationships
- finance
- housing
- parenting support
- special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- childcare
- health and wellbeing

World Book Day – Thursday 4th March 2021

Here are some pictures from our World Book Day event. The children loved dressing up and having a non-school uniform day. They created inspiring work based on recommendations from the World Book Day website.



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>

Online Safety Information

English Martyrs Catholic Primary School is committed to promoting the safe and responsible use of the internet and as such we feel it is our responsibility to share advice and tips for parents about different online platforms or social media sites that some children may be using. Look out for further tips shared on our website, Twitter and Facebook page. We know lots of children are using WhatsApp, but what do you know about WhatsApp?

Internet Matters

Internet Matters App helps parents to talk about online safety issues with their children and ensure they make smart choices to stay safe online. This is a Tablet only App and must be downloaded onto your tablet. It is not compatible with smart phones.

<https://youtu.be/7mhLMp-nubU>



[Internet Matters: Free online safety app for parents and children](https://youtu.be/7mhLMp-nubU)

Use our app to start a conversation with your child about online safety in an interactive way. Download our free tablet only app here: Android: <https://play...>

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Diary Dates

March

8th All Children return to school

April

1st Last day of term

2nd Good Friday Bank Holiday

Monday 19th April Summer Term Begins

More dates will follow when the government have researched the data.

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: _____