

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th December 2023

Dear parents and carers

This last week has been a special one in many ways. On Monday we carried on with our reflections on the season of **Advent** which were led by our Worship leaders. Over three days then, **parents** had the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher at our **Termly Learning Conferences**. I am sure this was a good opportunity for all to find out more about the progress children have made this term and their targets for the Spring Term.

On Thursday we had our **Christmas Jumper Day** and we raised money for **CAFOD**, a charity that works with many people in poor countries across the world by providing them with resources to enable them to improve their lives in so many ways. On the same day all children and staff also enjoyed our Christmas lunch. Our week came to and end today with **Class 1L's** assembly and the **Carol Service** in the parish church this afternoon.

Next week is our last week of term and we look forward to the last three days of term full of activities such as the various **Nativity plays**. Please see details on page 2 of this newsletter for more details. We are also be collecting food items for our **Parish food bank** to support families and homeless people this Christmas and beyond.

We all now look forward for a well deserved Christmas break. Children will be returning to school on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

Thank you and have a good weekend.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

**Monday 18th December and
Tuesday 19th December
Nativity Plays**

See page 2 of this newsletter for further details

**Wednesday 20th December
Last Day of term
Children finish at the normal times**

**Thursday 21st December
First Day of the
Christmas Holidays**

**Monday 8th January 2024
Training Day for Teachers only**

**Tuesday 9th January 2024
Children return to school**



This Sunday is the THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

As we light the third candle on our Advent wreath we think of how best to prepare for the coming of Jesus into our hearts.

WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER



NATIVITY PLAYS and other services			
 Please arrive a few minutes before start time	GROUPS - CLASSES	DATE	TIME
	Advent Mass in church	Tuesday 12 th December	9.30 am
	Christmas Carol Service in church	Friday 15 th December	2.00 pm
	Reception and Nursery	Monday 18 th December	9.30 am
	Reception and Nursery	Monday 18 th December	1.15 pm
	KS2 Grp A: Classes 3M, 4G, 5T, 6T	Monday 18 th December	11.00 am
	KS2 Grp A: Classes 3M, 4G, 5T, 6T	Monday 18 th December	2.15 pm
	Year 1 and Year 2 performance	Tuesday 19 th December	9.30 am
	Year 1 and Year 2 performance	Tuesday 19 th December	1.15 pm
	KS2 Grp B: Classes 3C, 4J, 5E, 6M	Tuesday 19 th December	11.00 am
	KS2 Grp B: Classes 3C, 4J, 5E, 6M	Tuesday 19 th December	2.15 pm

RECEPTION CLASS 2024

If your child was born between **1 September 2019 - 31 August 2020** they are due to start primary school in **September 2024**.

To apply for admission to English Martyrs you need to complete a supplementary form which you can download from the school website as well as the Local Authority admissions form.

You must submit your CAF (common application form) online to Southwark www.southwark.gov.uk/school-admissions before the closing date

Closing date: 15th January 2024.

Every week our Mid-day meals supervisors award stars to pupils who show our school values during lunchtime breaks. The following are the names of our Star children for this week.



Nursery:

Omari, Louis

Reception:

Lorenzo, Kian, Deborah

Year 1:

Sami, Flourish

Year 2:

Esosa, Chanelle

Year 3:

Kaliyah, Kashaun

Year 4:

Akeem, Chesner

Year 5:

Steve, Gloria, David, Lucas

Year 6:

Sean, Ciara

ENGLISH MARTYRS' PARISH CHURCH

Our school is part of the ENGLISH MARTYRS' PARISH community. The parish church is right next door to the school. There are Masses regularly every weekend at the following times:

Saturday evenings at 6:00 pm

Sundays at 9.00 am

Sundays at 11:30 am

Sunday evening at 6:00 pm

For more information call the parish office on 020 7703 4967



This is our last newsletter for this Autumn term.

We would therefore like to take this opportunity to wish you:

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!

