

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th December 2023

Dear parents and carers

Our weeks are currently getting busier all the time. This week began with our **collective worship** on the theme of **Advent** which started last Sunday. We will be journeying through this special **season of the Church** Calendar on our way to celebrating Christmas and the birth of Jesus.

On Wednesday our **school governors** visited English Martyrs in the afternoon. They visited classes in both our buildings and spoke to children and staff. Mr Gillespie, Chair of the Governing Body also met with the school council. They then also had meetings with Curriculum lead teachers at the end of the day.

Today Class 5E presented an amazing **Friday class assembly** in which they told us about their learning on **Ancient Greece** and so many other things including reflections on **Advent** and the **Immaculate** conception which we are celebrating today. Their assembly also included some fabulous singing and also rap dancing.

Next week is another very important week because we have our **parent-teacher meetings** planned for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Appointment letters are being sent home today.

Thank you and have a good weekend.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th December
TERMLY LEARNING CONFERENCES

Meetings between Parents and class teachers.

Thursday 14th December
Christmas Jumper day and CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Friday 15th December - 9.05 am
Class Assembly - 1L
Parents of children in Class 1L invited to attend in Building 1

Friday 15th December
Carol Service in church 2.00 pm.

This Sunday is the SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



As we light the second 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





TERMLY LEARNING CONFERENCES

Our Termly Learning Conferences will take place from

**Tuesday 12th to
Thursday 14th December.**

Please see class teachers when you collect your child this coming week to book an appointment.

Each parent will have 10 minutes to speak to the class teacher so punctuality is of utmost importance.

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](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/school%20admissions) before the closing date

Closing date: 15th January 2024.

FOOD BANK

From time to time we come across families who we know are in need of some support. We are now going to try to help by setting up our own **EMS Food Bank** to help those in need.

Any parents who would like to contribute any food items can do that by bringing them to school and place them in the box in the Undercroft. Ideally we would like to do this on **Mondays, either in the morning or at hometime.**

Any food items you would like to donate will have to be **non perishable** items such as tins of food, packets of Rice or Pasta etc.

Thank you.



Today we celebrate the feast of the **Immaculate Conception of Mary.** This feast reminds us that Mary was such a special person who was conceived and born without any sin. We pray to her to help us stay in God's love at all times.

CERTIFICATES THIS WEEK

Every Thursday, class teachers and Teaching assistants award certificates to children in their class who excelled or tried hard during the week.

The following are the names of children who received **Good News Certificates** this week.



Year 1:

Philip, Clara, Whole class (1K),
Ashley, Devante

Year 2:

Amy U, Daaron,
Taiwo, Dylan

Year 3:

Tsion, Nadan, Solyana,
Jairy, Gibril

Year 4:

Isaac I, Whole class (4J),
Juliette, Victor

Year 5:

Christine, Divine, Steve, Stefano,
Nairoli, Whole class (5T)

Year 6:

Sky-Rae, Precious,
Daniella, Victoria, Anisha



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 3M, 4J, 5E, 6T	Tuesday 19 th December	2.15 pm

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE



Children in Year 6 and Year 3 are invited to join the Cathedral choir for the Christmas Carol Service celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson on **Wednesday 13th December.**

A number of schools will be joining together for a number of carols along with the Cathedral Choirs. Children will need to arrive at 7pm for a quick rehearsal and then the service is at 7.30pm, with everyone wearing **school uniform.**

FOOD DONATIONS to SOUTHWARK FOODBANK

Monday 11th to Friday 15th December



As we approach Christmas we want to be more generous and to think of others who are less fortunate.

Next week children are encouraged to bring some food to be donated to **Parish Food Bank.**

They organise food parcels for homeless people as well as emergency packages for local families who may not have enough food and other necessities.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

As part of our fundraising for people in need this Christmas we're asking everyone to **contribute £1** on

Thursday **14th December** which is our **Christmas Jumper day.**

This year our fundraising money will go to a charity **CAFOD** which supports poor families in many parts of the world.

Christmas
JUMPER DAY

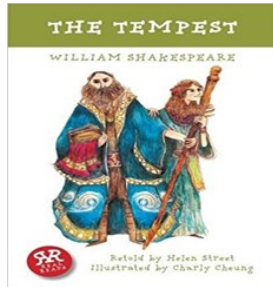


FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

THIS WEEK

CLASS 5T

Year 5 are reading the 'Tempest' by **William Shakespeare**. They are exploring the characters, the language and plot of the play. They will use Shakespeare format to write their own play.



In RE, they are learning about the **Covenant** God had with his prophets and the Israelites in the Bible. They have explored the story of the **Exodus** and made link with the lives of refugees in a foreign country.

The class is practising the **nativity play** and are looking forward to presenting the show to their parents.



CLASS 6M

In **science** we have extra provision. Visitors from **Climate Education**, have been teaching us the importance of 'Why the earth is getting warmer'.



Ask us about the Green house effect and Fossil Fuels.

We have been practising using an atlas this week, to label the cities in the United Kingdom. This was for our history topic 'The Battle of Britain'.



We were locating the cities that were bombed by the Germans and the reasons that they targeted different cities.

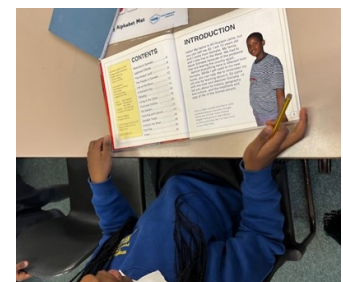


Here, we were role playing a character and a reporter for our book 'The Last Bear'. We did this to prepare for our newspaper reports, that we will start shortly.

CLASS 1L



In 1L this week, we have been reading a book called 'Astro Girl' by Ken Wilson-Max. From the book, we have been learning about astronauts in space. We have also been exploring the features of non-fiction books and identify the non-fiction books we have in our reading corner.



In maths, we have exploring **money** and ordering money from the largest to the smallest value.



In RE, we have been learning about **Advent** and what an advent promise is. We wrote our own Advent promises.

P.E. - Boys and girls football team

English Martyrs' boys and girls football team had a match against Bird In The Bush Primary School. The girls lost 3-1 but Mia scored a terrific goal and the boys did win 6-1 which was fantastic.

