

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th January 2024

Dear parents and carers

We have now started our **Spring Term** and it's been wonderful to see all the children back in school refreshed after the Christmas break and ready for a new term of learning and activities. Our week started on Tuesday when we gathered to reflect on the feasts of the **Epiphany** and the **Baptism of Jesus** which we celebrated last weekend. It's been a very cold week but our children did their best to carry on with their work on their new topics in all areas of the curriculum.

Today we feel a big thank you should go to all the families who contributed food items towards our **Christmas foodbank appeal**. It was wonderful to see the generosity of our school community. Please see Page 4 of this newsletter to find out more about the **CAFOD gifts** purchased using the money collected at our Christmas Jumper Day in December. Please make sure you continue to read this **school newsletter every Friday** to make sure you're aware of what's going on in school every week. It is published on the school website every Friday and sent by email and text to all parents.

After school Activity Clubs will be starting again next week. Letters to parents of children who have been offered places went home earlier this week.

We wish everyone in our school community a blessed and prosperous new year 2024.

Thank you and have a good weekend.

CORE VALUE - SPRING 1

Our Spring 1 core value is **WISDOM**. This is about being able to use knowledge, experience and advice to make the **right choices** in different situations. Are you always making the right choices?



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

Tuesday 16th January
Parents' meeting at 3.00 pm
Year 6
RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Friday 19th January
Class 5T Assembly - 9.05 am
Parents of Children in 5T are invited to attend - Building 2

Monday 15th January
Closing date for Reception class
2024 applications

Week beginning 5th February
Children's Mental Health week

NEWSLETTER ONLINE

For an extended version of our school newsletter please visit our **website** or use the link emailed to parents.



WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES CLUBS

Our after school Activity Clubs from **Monday 15th January**. These will be led by school staff after school for 1 hour **from 3.15pm to 4.15 pm**. Earlier this week we sent letters to parents of children who have been offered places. Some children had to be added to the waiting list as we had more applications than there are places.

The contribution for taking place in these Activity clubs is **£10** for the **whole term**. Parents please use **PARENT PAY** for this and make sure children are always collected on time.

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.

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP



MEETING FOR PARENTS

Parents and guardians of Year 6 pupils who are going on the Residential trip in February are reminded that there is an important infor-

mation meeting they need to attend on

TUESDAY 16th JANUARY

at 3.00 pm.

BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Parents who are interested in applying for a place in either of these clubs can collect a registration form from the school office or download one from our school website. (see link - [Breakfast & After School Club \(englishmartyrsrsrcprimary.co.uk\)](http://Breakfast & After School Club (englishmartyrsrsrcprimary.co.uk)))

Breakfast club is from 7.40 am while our After school club runs from home time until 5.30 pm each day.

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



Nursery:

Mardiyah, Acacia

Reception:

Stella, Elian

Year 1:

Herma, Hannah, Maya

Year 2:

Daaron, Edwin, Sarah

Year 3:

Fikayo, Deborah

Year 4:

Tatiana, Gideon

Year 5:

Raphael, Atinuke

Year 6:

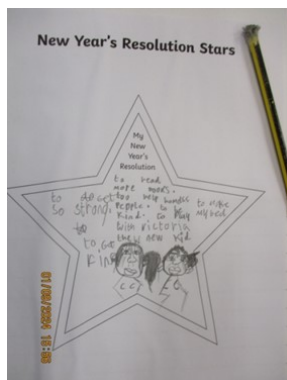
Anisha, Jasmine, Ian



FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

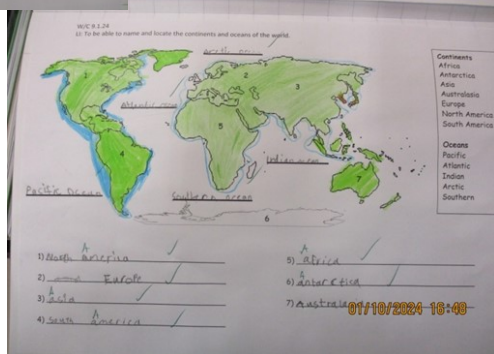
THIS WEEK

CLASS 2E



In 2E this week we have been thinking about the New Year and writing **New Year resolutions**. In maths we have been **partitioning numbers** into tens and ones and **comparing and ordering numbers**.

We have had a lot of fun learning about the **continents and oceans** of the world in Geogra-



phy. We have also been learning about **'Going Green'** and how we can help the planet in different ways. In RE Lessons we have learnt about Jesus as a boy.

CLASS 4G

Class 4G have been learning about the **ancient Egyptians** for History and Geography. We have lo-



on a map and its location in Africa. We have also learnt that Egyptians had kings and queens who ruled Egypt. The royal family was very important and when they

died they were put in a special tomb, which is within a pyramid. These tombs were decorated with precious gems and gold. The class is very excited about finding out more about the ancient Egyptians and their way of life.

RECEPTION CLASS

In Reception Class this week we have been thinking about the **New Year** and talking about what we did over the holidayS. In maths we have been **weighing** different items and making **predictions** about which item will be heavier or lighter.



We have had a lot of fun reading our new book in literacy called **'Where the wild things are'** by Maurice Sendak.

We had an intruder from the story who made a very big mess in our classroom. We all became detectives to find out who it was. The children found a sack on the floor with the name Sam. They searched for Sam and did not find him; we are still trying to find him but the children are hopeful they will.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY FUNDRAISING



On **THURSDAY 14th DECEMBER** all children and staff were encouraged to wear their special Christmas jumpers and come to school in own clothes and help raise funds for **CAFOD**, a Catholic

charity that supports families in poor countries in so many ways.

Together we **raised a total of £412.12**

Below are images and some information about the items we raised money for.



Teach someone to read × 2

Postal / A Special Gift



Water for a family × 2

eCard / A Special Gift



School starter pack × 10

eCard / A Special Gift



The goat that gives × 2

Postal / A Special Gift



Chirpy chickens × 2

Postal / A Special Gift