

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th September 2024

Dear parents and carers

Welcome back. I hope everyone enjoyed the long Summer break and are ready for the year ahead. A special welcome goes to all the **new children** who started in Nursery and Reception and others in other year groups across the school. We also welcome Ms DaSilva and Mr Dixon, two new teachers who have joined us this September. We're very excited to come together for the beginning of this new school year and we look forward to a new year of learning challenges and progress for all our pupils.

Since our pupils started school on Wednesday, they have all been wonderful and made a very good effort to settle in their **new classes** and catching up with friends and their new teachers. They have all been learning and reflecting on our **Mission Statement** and their **class saints** as well as our **core values**.

We will be publishing our **weekly Newsletter** every Friday. This is usually sent to you via email or text message. Please make sure you read it every week to make sure you are aware of what is going on in school for our children.

Please note there will be '**MEET THE TEACHER**' meetings next week on Wednesday and Thursday. This will be an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher and talk about the curriculum and other activities we have planned for this academic year.

Thank you and have a good weekend.

HOMETIME

Please note that for the time being only Year 6 pupils are allowed to go home by themselves at the end of the school day. **All other children have to be picked up by an adult** (16 years or older) in order to ensure that all children return home safely.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

Monday 9th September

Breakfast club and After School club begin from today.

See page 2 of this newsletter for more details.

Tuesday 10th September - 9.30 am

Whole school Mass at English Martyrs Parish Church (Years 1 to 6)

Parents Invited

Wednesday 11th at 3.30 pm

Meet the Teacher meetings

Nursery and Reception

Years 1 and 2

Thursday 12th at 3.30 pm

Meet the Teacher meetings

Years 3 and 4

Years 5 and 6

Monday 16th September

After School Activity clubs begin from today.

WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER



BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Our Breakfast Club and After school club will be starting next week.

BREAKFAST CLUB: Every day from 7.40 am to 8.40 am.

Cost each day - £2 (£10 weekly)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB: Every day from 3.15 pm to 5.30 pm.

Cost each day - £8 (£40 weekly)

Fees must be paid weekly or termly in advance by **PARENTPAY** (*Link on School Website*). If you need ParentPay log in details, please contact the school office.



Other after school activity clubs (until 4.15 pm) will be starting the following week. See letter and registration forms.

MEET THE TEACHER MEETINGS

Our 'Meet the teacher meetings will be held on line next week over two days as shown below:



Wednesday 11th Sept at 3.30 pm
Nursery and Reception
Years 1 and 2

Thursday 12th Sept at 3.30 pm
Years 3 and 4
Years 5 and 6

Meetings will take place in person in your child's classroom on the dates and at the time shown above.

This will be a good opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and understand what your child will be learning about this term and throughout this school year.

START AND FINISH TIMES

School gates will open at **8.30 am** every day and all children are expected to be in class by **8.45 am** ready for the start of the school day. The table below shows home times for each year group as well as pick up places:

YEAR GROUP	HOME TIME	PICK UP GATE
Year 6	3.15 pm	Car Park Exit - B1
Class 3C + Year 5	3.15 pm	Gate by Church - B2
Year 4	3.15 pm	Main Gate - B2
Rec, Yrs 1, 2 + 3M	3.15 pm	Main Gate - B1
Nursery	11.30 am 3.30 pm	Nursery Gate

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Children in **Year 4 or above** can apply for the **First Holy Communion programme** at English Martyrs Parish. Those who apply will need to attend **Catechism sessions on Saturdays** and also attend **Sunday Mass** regularly in Church with the Parish Community. Registration Forms are available from the church or the school office.



PE DAYS

Children can still come in their **PE kit** on the day they have their PE lessons on the days shown below.

CLASS	PE DAY
Reception and Year 4 classes	TUESDAYS
Nursery, Year 5 and Year 3 Classes	WEDNESDAYS
Reception class	THURSDAYS
Nursery, Year 1, 2 and Year 6 classes	FRIDAYS

NEWSLETTER ONLINE

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



Mr Field's fundraiser for The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD)

Mr Field will be running the Great North Run in September 2024 to raise money for CAFOD. Please use the link below if you would like to donate towards this great cause.

www.justgiving.com/page/mrfieldrunsforcafod



As a teacher and Religious Education Subject Leader at a primary school in Southwark and as an MC at St George's Catholic Cathedral in Southwark, I have the privilege of witnessing the power of education and community every day. This year, I am participating in the Great North Run 2024 to support The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD). CAFOD's impactful work resonates deeply with me, as they tirelessly strive to uplift our most vulnerable brothers and sisters worldwide. Your generous donations will directly contribute to initiatives like Maria's story. Maria, a single mother from northeastern Brazil, transformed a disused dumping ground into a thriving vegetable garden with her community, showcasing resilience and determination. In regions like Piau, where Maria resides, access to sustainable energy remains a challenge for rural communities. CAFOD's efforts aim to address these disparities and create lasting change.

I am reaching out to you with an advocacy for support in achieving our fundraising goal of £500 for this meaningful cause. Your contribution will make a tangible difference in the lives of individuals like Maria and her community. Together, let's be catalysts for positive change.

Join me in this journey by donating generously and spreading the word about our cause.