

English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

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A new hope



We are so pleased that schools will reopen on Monday 8th March. Our seeds of hope for the Spring and Summer have really helped bring some new spirit into our lives. Here is a picture from one family who have planted their seeds and are very much looking forward to their "happy" flowers arriving. I'm glad you have embraced the symbol of the sunflower with the spirit that was intended.

Return to school Monday 8th March 2021

School is preparing for a full reopening. Government guidance has been set out which is very similar to the return to school in September. Please look out for information which will set out how we will return. School attendance will be mandatory from Monday 8th March 2021. The school Risk Assessment will be updated to reflect any changes.

Breakfast club reopens

Tiny Toes breakfast club, open from 7.30, £5.00 per session which includes a healthy breakfast. No need to book and registration forms available from tinytoespreschool@hotmail.co.uk.

After-school club reopens

Marty's Club Limited will reopen on Monday 8th March 3.30pm to 6pm Monday to Thursday and 5.15pm on a Friday. If you are interested in a place, please contact Joy Baker on 07900958414.

Mrs O'Connor – maternity leave

Mrs O'Connor's last week in school will be week beginning 8th March 2021. Our school community would like to wish her the best for the birth of her baby. Mrs Stawt, who is a familiar member of our school, will be taking over the class and teaching Monday and Tuesday until Easter.



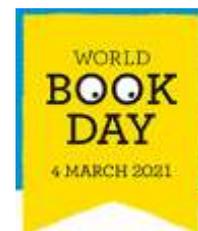
PE Timetable

Please find below the PE Timetable for classes starting back on 8th March 2021. Children will still be required to come to school in their PE kits next Spring Term. This will begin on the first week back. Please ensure that children have the correct school uniform for PE. This is on our website and in the school [Uniform Policy](#).

Reception and Year 1	Please bring in the school uniform PE clothes to be left in school. The children will require PE shorts, the school PE Tee Shirt and pumps. However, if you wish to buy the school jogging bottoms and hoodie, these will be used in the Summer term.
Year 2	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 3	Tuesday and Friday
Year 4	Tuesday and Friday
Year 5	Monday and Tuesday
Year 6	Monday and Wednesday

World Book Day – Thursday 4th March 2021

World Book Day is taking place on Monday 4th March. We would like to mark this occasion by holding a non-uniform day. A monetary donation is **not** required. Children can wear their own casual clothing or, if they already have dress up clothing e.g. princess outfit, they can wear this. Please do not purchasing new clothing. Teachers will have World Book Day themed lessons on this day. The £1 vouchers have already been sent home for those children attending school. Children who are working remotely will receive their voucher when they return to school on 8th March 2021.



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

Sacramental Preparation



Father Gerry and I have already discussed the Sacramental preparation for this year. We were well underway with the classes in the Autumn term. We will pick this up on our return to school and further discussions will take place after Easter when the government have more data.

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.

Schools 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>

Diary Dates

March

4th World Book Day – Dress up or non-uniform
8th All Children return to school

April

1st Last day of term
2nd Good Friday Bank Holiday

Monday 19th April Summer Term Begins
More date will follow when the government have more 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: _____