

English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

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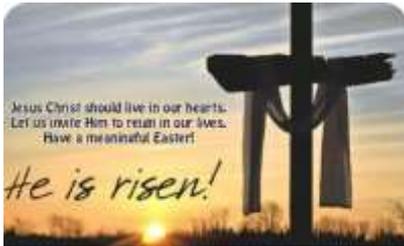
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Have a Blessed Easter!



May all your prayers be answered and may you feel the Lord's presence near you...

Not only for Easter, but always.

Our school community wishes you all a peaceful and joyous Easter.

Easter Presentation – Year 4

Year 4 have been preparing for the coming of Jesus by retelling the Easter story. This is available for parents of Year 4 children only. We hope you enjoy the story.



Parent Consultation meetings

Our Parent Consultation meetings will take place on Tuesday 4th May 3.45 to 7pm and again on Thursday 6th May 3.45 to 7pm. Mrs Copson will send out the link for you to be able to book online through our Teachers2Parents Booking System in due course. The meetings are expected to be online and via Microsoft Teams. Please make sure you are familiar with the eldest child's username and password as these will be required for the meetings to take place.

PE Timetable

Please find below the PE Timetable for classes starting back on 19th April 2021. Children will still be required to come to school in their PE kits next Summer 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 Thursday
Year 5	Monday and Tuesday
Year 6	Monday and Wednesday

Return of our reading competition

We are excited for the return of our reading competition. This was introduced to children in our Virtual assembly on Friday 19th March. Here is an outline of the awards that children can win if they read books:



Reading Competition

- We want to start our reading competition again to encourage reading

Bronze award
Read 20 books and get a bronze certificate and a pencil

Silver Award
Read 40 books and get a silver certificate and an enamel badge KS1 R
A bookmarker KS2

Gold award
Read 60 books and get a Gold certificate and a special ticket for the prize draw

Special ticket will be put in the prize draw and an Amazon Fire 7 tablet 16GB will be given to one person in Reception and KS1 and the other for KS2. Parents must sign the green reading record book as proof that children have read the books. In Year 5 and 6, children have been asked to spend thirty minute sessions reading a book. Happy reading everyone.

9 creative ways to read as a family

1. Nourishing the Meal Time, have your kids read recipes aloud to you while you're cooking dinner. From ingredient lists to cooking directions, this kind of family reading will help build vocabulary, fluency...and dessert!
2. Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? While your family is eating together, discuss what your favourite characters would have for dinner – Harry Potter might like pumpkin juice and chocolate frogs while Geronimo Stilton could crave some cheese! Incorporating characters of favourite stories into your eating routine is a delicious way to promote deep thinking about character traits and motivation.
3. Story Charades - Choose a story your family knows well, like a well-read book or fairy-tale — and act out the beginning, middle, and end of the story. If you have more family than characters, a few could do the acting and the others can be the audience or be the narrator. This activity helps readers re-examine and understand story lines and details.
4. Who Am I? Choose one of your child's favourite book characters, then describe his or her personality traits, problems, and physical descriptions until she guesses the character's identity. This game is a fun way to pass time when you're stuck in traffic or at a bus stop.
5. Book Nooks Create "book nooks" with your child. Book nooks are comfy places to sit and read. They should have good lighting and containers filled with sticky notes, colourful pens, pencils, and a small dictionary. Book nooks will motivate your children not only to read, but to select favourite parts with sticky notes, or look up words they don't know.
6. Marking the Spot Making book marks together is a great, simple family reading activity. Just cut bookmark-sized cardboard from cereal or shoe boxes, then get crafty! Use brightly-coloured markers to write titles, authors, and favourite quotes. Younger readers can draw or cut and paste pictures from old magazines.
7. Reach Out and Read Boost family reading by involving loved-ones who live far away. Using Zoom or another video conferencing program, have your child share a book with relatives. Make sure the book is one that your reader has read a few times already; repetition is a fantastic way to enhance reading skills. Younger readers love to show-off their fluency, and oral reading builds confidence. Grandma will be pretty thrilled as well.
8. Kid Karaoke - Download songs and their lyrics for a family karaoke night. Seeing words and singing them at the same time is a fun way to develop vocabulary...and practice your Elvis impersonations!
9. Family Reading Web pages - Using simple and free online programs, create a family reading Web page. Include sections for each family member's book reviews, favourite book lists, "authors I'd like to lunch with" lists, pictures of famous authors, links to local libraries, kid-safe fan pages, and reading games.

The Year of St Joseph

Pope Francis has proclaimed the year from 8th December 2020 to 8th December 2021 to be the "Year of St. Joseph."

This is to mark the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph in the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart") as Patron of the Universal Church.

This year we are invited to follow St. Joseph's example, pray with him and entrust our work to him as the patron saint of workers.

St Joseph's Feast Days are this Friday, 19th March and 1st May.



Prayer for the Year of St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph to us too,
show yourself a father and guide us on a path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil.

Amen

Procedures for Covid-19 Track and Trace over the holidays

Below are English Martyrs track and trace procedures for the Easter Holiday.

If your child experiences symptoms within 48 hours after the end of term and they subsequently test positive for COVID-19, then you must inform me of this by phoning the school

mobile number: **07928048405**

Please do not leave a phone message on the school landline number

01788543423 as this will not be picked up.

We will then begin our track and trace procedures and contact parents of close contacts. In our discussion over the phone, please provide me with the following information:

- Date symptoms started
- Last date in school
- Test date
- Result date

If your child develops symptoms after the 48 hour period since they were last in school (Midnight on Saturday 3rd April), then we would not need to follow a school track and trace procedure and therefore you do not need to contact me.

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



Here is information for CWRISE which has useful information accessible to professionals, children, and parents on their website. <https://cwrise.com/>

There is also advice and information on this website when supporting with covid19

challenges. <https://cwrise.com/advice-and-important-information-during-covid-19>

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.

School's 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>

Parental Consent for Videos

Any videos that the school sends out are for personal use only. These cannot be shared on any social media or networking sites. If it is distributed unofficially, then unfortunately, school will not send out further videos. This would be a shame for all for parents as currently this is their only opportunity to see their children in school and the videos would have to stop.

Internet Matters

Internet Matters App helps parents to talk about online safety issues with their children and ensure they make smart choices to stay safe online. This is a Tablet only App and must be downloaded onto your tablet. It is not compatible with smart phones.

<https://youtu.be/7mhLMp-nubU>



[Internet Matters: Free online safety app for parents and children](https://youtu.be/7mhLMp-nubU)

Use our app to start a conversation with your child about online safety in an interactive way. Download our free tablet only app here: Android: <https://play...>

youtu.be

Online Safety Information

English Martyrs Catholic Primary School is committed to promoting the safe and responsible use of the internet and as such we feel it is our responsibility to share advice and tips for parents about different online platforms or social media sites that some children may be using. Look out for further tips shared on our website, Twitter and Facebook page. We know lots of children are using **Roblox**, but what do you know about **Roblox**?



According to the Roblox website, 'Roblox is the world's largest interactive social platform for play'. For those of you not so familiar with the game, it is a multi-player online gaming platform which allows children to play and create a variety of games in a 3D world. Roblox is free to play and available on all modern smartphones, tablets, desktops, Xbox One, Oculus Rift, and HTC Vive.



AGE RESTRICTION
13+

What parents need to know about

ROBLOX

ROBLOX STUDIO

The Roblox Studio allows users to create their own games and 'worlds' for others to play on the platform. As the games are user generated, it gives users the freedom to potentially include things you do not want your child to be exposed to, for example, weapons, violence and even pornographic content. There are no age restrictions on the games created in the Roblox Studio and Roblox can only rely on people reporting negative/violent content in order to remove the games from the platform.

CHATTING & FRIEND REQUESTS

Whilst the games in Roblox are aimed at 8 to 18-year-olds, there are currently no age restrictions for signing up. This means both adults and young people can play and communicate with each other and send friend requests through the platform. Once a friend request is accepted, this means that they can communicate with each other outside of gameplay.



ROBUX ONLINE PAYMENTS

When a user creates a game, they earn something called 'Robux', which works as a currency within the platform, allowing the purchase of upgrades and memberships. If the created game is of good quality and attracts multiple players and in-game adverts, children have the potential to earn a lot of 'Robux'. Once a user has earned a certain amount of Robux, they can convert this to real cash and withdraw it to a PayPal account. To withdraw money, users need to be over 13, have a PayPal account and have paid for the Roblox premium subscription.



National Online Safety

Top Tips for Parents



UNLIST SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

Make sure your child's social media accounts are not listed in the settings/account info. If they are, advise them to make them private or remove them in their account. This will ensure nobody can find and contact them on their social media platforms outside of Roblox.



CHECK SHARED INFORMATION

In the account settings, check that your child is not giving away any personal information in their bio/profile. For example, their full name, phone number or snapchat name. If you see that they have, explain why this is potentially dangerous and remove immediately.

2-STEP VERIFICATION

Roblox has a great 2-step verification security feature which we recommend you enable to add an extra layer of security to your child's account.



HAVE A CHAT ABOUT 'GRIEFING'

Griefing is when someone purposely upsets another player in a game. This can be done by setting traps, damaging or stealing something from another player, intentionally killing them and just generally doing something in the game to spoil gameplay for them. Essentially, 'Griefing' is a form of cyberbullying and can be extremely frustrating and upsetting for players.

IS YOUR CHILD UNDER 13?

Unfortunately, there are hundreds of YouTube videos showing children how to change their age settings on Roblox, so firstly, you should talk to your child to set up some rules/an agreement. There are additional safety features for children under 13, for example having their posts and chats filtered for inappropriate content and behaviour, so it is worth checking that your child has set up their account with the correct age. You can find this in their account settings.

DISABLE IN-GAME CHAT

Roblox is great for children to play together and chat to each other. However, if you wanted to completely turn off in-game chat for your child (meaning they could not contact anyone including their friends) you can do so by following these steps: When logged in, go to the Account Settings page by clicking on the gear icon at the top right corner of the page, then click Settings. Next, click on the Privacy tab and under 'Who can chat with me in game?' select 'No one' and this will disable in-game chat!

RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Roblox is a free to play game, but there are still options to make additional in-game purchases. If you do not want your child to make payments, ensure your card is not associated with their account. If you are happy for your child to make payments in the game, but want to limit spending, we suggest using a games console gift card. These can be purchased in specific amounts, which will allow you to limit how much your child spends and removes the need for a credit/debit card to be used with their account.

Diary Dates

April

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

Monday 19th April Summer Term Begins

More dates will follow when the government have researched the data.

April

26th Year 6 Online Health Needs Questionnaire

May

4th Parent Consultations
6th Parent Consultations
28th Teacher Training Day – No school

31st May to 4th June Half-Term

June

7th Children return back to school after half-term

July

21st End of School year

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: _____