

# English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

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## The End of the Academic Year 2020 - 2021

We are at the end of what seems like a very long and challenging year. So much has happened but we have finally made it to the final day. Thank you for working with school to ensure we deliver the best education for your children and we thank you for all your hard work and dedication throughout the year.

### Farewell

Best wishes to the Year 6 class 2020 – 2021. It's been a very difficult and challenging year for all of you too but you have shown that you can face anything when you put your mind to it. All the best for their future from your friends and family community at English Martyrs.

### Retirement



We would like to wish Mrs Sands and Mrs Rollason a wonderful and long retirement. Mrs Sands has worked in our school for 10 years and has given a great amount of love and dedication to the children. We will not forget her happy smile and laughter. We wish Mrs Rollason the best for her retirement too. She has worked in the school throughout the pandemic and it has not been



the easiest end to a long career in teaching. We wish them both the best. xxx

### Goodbye and all the best Mrs Robinson

We also say goodbye to Mrs Robinson who has been a Teaching Assistant in English Martyrs for 11 years and has taught in many classes around the school. She carries out her last duties with our Year 6 class. She has always been adaptable and a dependable member of staff. I know how much the parents appreciate the love and care that Mrs Robinson has shown to their children over the years. Thank you, Mrs Robinson, and we wish you the best for the future. xxx



## Sports Day Videos

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Sports day videos have been made but we are having difficulty uploading them. Please bear with us, and these will be sent out as soon as possible.



## Contact tracing over the holidays

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### Tracing contacts until Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021



We have been informed that schools will continue to contact trace up to and including Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July. I will use the school mobile to accept phone calls to monitor cases up to this point. This will ensure that children and families at risk are notified and appropriately isolated and recommended to test. This request is in line with the position in local authorities across the West Midlands.

Please contact me on this mobile number if your child has symptoms up to and including Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July: **07928048405**

## Sacraments

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Our special masses for Confirmation took place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> July for Year 6. The children and parents were delighted that the event could take place.



## Reading competition winners

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Today we drew the winners of the reading competition. They were:

**Roisin Kenna** KS1 & Reception

**Alister Soji** KS2

Please continue to read at home with your children over the holidays as reading stamina is very important and will deteriorate during the 6 weeks holiday if children are unable to read.

## Payments for Dinner Money / Music Tuition / Swimming / Trips

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Please remember we are a cash free school and everything has to be paid via **SIMs Pay**. If you have not already registered for SIMs pay, can we please ask that you do so. To register for **SIMs Pay**, please use the username, which is the email address of the first contact registered with the school, and the password is the activation code which will be sent out at the end of August / beginning of September.

### Dinner Money

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Dinner Money will be £2.50 per day. Mrs Copson has already sent out the menus this week and we are expecting to go back to hot dinners from September. However, await government guidance nearer the start of the term and will let you know of any changes.

### Music Tuition

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Parents who applied for children to attend County Music tuition lessons have been awarded their place. Bills for the lessons will sent out at the beginning of September. Music lessons will commence week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> September.

### White Rose Maths Free Summer Booklets

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White Rose Maths is proud to team up with leading supermarket, Morrisons, to give primary pupils a series of exciting and **FREE** workbooks to use at home. These colourful and engaging workbooks are perfect for revisiting and practising work that children have covered earlier in the year, or to prepare them for the new school year ahead.

Parents and carers can collect the books from 26 July onwards at any of Morrisons' network of stores nationwide. All they need to do is to call in at the 'Children's Little Library' in their local Morrisons store during their regular shop, and collect their free copies!

Families are welcome to take one free copy per pupil from Y1 to Y6. The workbooks contain a link to the answers, too.

Please use the link to find out more information: <https://whiterosemaths.com/morrison/>



## Local Welfare Scheme

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The Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme helps our most vulnerable residents at times of unavoidable crisis when they have no other means of help. If you feel that you require help during the summer holidays, please use the link below:  
<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme>

## Support for Families

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**Family Information Service (FIS):** Information and advice for families and carers will be available via the Helpline **01926 742274** and [fis@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto: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

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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>

## Online Safety Information

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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. In this newsletter, we have attached "**Let's Tackle Online Hate**". We are aware that this is a very current issue in the news especially after comments were made during Euro 2020 football.



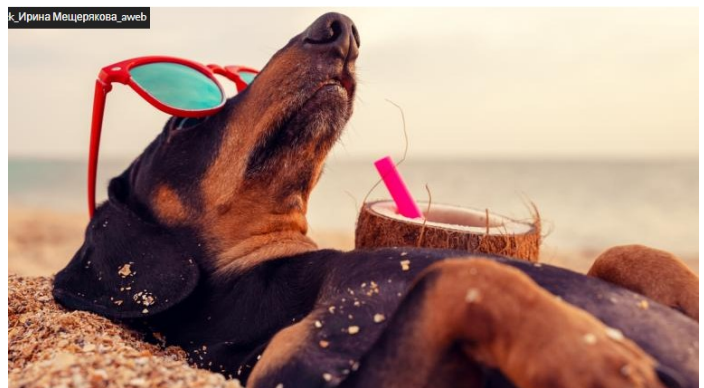
# Diary Dates

Here are some diary dates for September. I will keep you informed closer to the start of term if there are any changes to the start of term.

## September

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Teacher Training Day
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Teacher Training Day
6 <sup>th</sup>	School term begins
6 <sup>th</sup>	Reception children attend school 9.00 to 11.30 Group 1 1pm to 3.30pm Group 2 can be accompanied with parents to settle children in
7 <sup>th</sup>	Reception children – half the class attending morning or afternoon
8 <sup>th</sup>	Reception children attend full-time
13 <sup>th</sup>	County Music tuition lessons begin the week beginning 13 <sup>th</sup> September
16 <sup>th</sup>	School photographs

**All staff at English Martyrs Catholic Primary school wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable summer break. Take care and see you in September.**



## 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](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk) to complete the parent view questionnaire.

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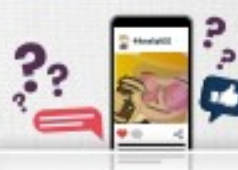
# Let's Tackle Online Hate Together



Make sure you know how to report content on any sites or apps that you use. Don't be afraid to report any hateful posts that you see.



Don't respond to the people posting hate: sometimes an ongoing conflict is exactly what they want. Instead, report, block and unfollow them.



Set a positive example through your own online behaviour. Before you post or share anything, ask yourself if you would say it to someone offline.



Show support for online campaigns against hate and 'like' posts that you see promoting positive messages. You could leave an encouraging comment, too!



If you see upsetting messages online, talk to your friends and family about them. Maybe take a break from the app or site you saw them on.



Remember that you have the power to shape your online world. Engage with posts or accounts that inspire kindness and connection, and block or unfollow the ones that don't.

[www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com)

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