

English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

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Key Stage 2 School Mass – to begin another school year!

Thursday 16th September 11am, led by staff. The church is still under restrictions for mass and pews are closed off. This means there will be restricted space in the church. Please avoid attending this mass whilst we all adjust to the new regulations so that our school community remains safe.

Government guidelines to be Covid safe

We continue to ask that parents wear masks on the playground as there are large numbers of parents gathering.

We have been monitoring the numbers in the playground before and after school and they have slowly diminished during the week. However, please be mindful of this and only one parent / guardian should bring their child to school to alleviate the amount of people on the playground.

Please ensure your children are not left in the playground until the 8.55 bell sounds. Children are not permitted on the play equipment during this time and we ask that children do not run around the playground due to many adults and little children accompany their morning school run. We also ask that children do not bring their bikes or scooters onto the playground. This must be kept in the bike racks provided at your own risk.

Thank you for your understanding.

School Photographs – change of date

Due to clashes with mass on Thursday 16th September, there has been a change to **whole school individual photographs**. This will now take place on **Tuesday 5th October 2021**. On this day children are required to come dressed in their school uniform and if it is their designated PE day, bring their PE kits with them to change into. This will affect classes in Year 2, 3, 4 and 5.

We are in the process of refreshing our website and on **16th September 2021** we have enlisted a photographer to take photographs of our school and the activities that take place in and out of classrooms. On this day children should come in their normal school day uniform. If it is their PE day, then they come dressed accordingly to do PE.

Extra Bank Holiday

There has been a change to the holiday dates. Please make note that on Friday 22nd July 2022, school will be closed. The children's last day of school will be Thursday 21st July 2022 which they will attend.

Change to previously published dates 2021/22

An additional bank holiday has been awarded for Friday 3 June 2022 in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Warwickshire schools will already be on their summer half-term holiday on this day, the additional one day holiday will therefore be taken on Friday 22 July 2022.

Payments

Please ensure all payments within school go through **SIMS 360 PAY** system as the school is cashless.

All extra-curricular activities i.e. Football, Martial Arts, Irish Dancing, Basketball, Yoga fees are paid directly to the coaches and not to the school. Therefore you need to put money into an envelope with your child's name and the activity that they doing. This should be handed to the school office or put into the payments box in the reception area.

Dinner Money Costs:

- £2.50 a day
- £12.50 for a 5 day week

Weekly dinner money must be paid for in advance. This is paid via **SIMS 360 PAY**.

If you haven't already registered, please do so. If you require a new activation code, please contact the school office.

New members of staff

We are pleased to welcome our new members of staff to our school who started in September:

Mr D. Christie – Year 6 job share class teacher

Mrs L. Golby – Year 2 job share class teacher

Miss L. Keegan – EYFS Teaching Assistant

Mrs M. Murphy – EYFS Teaching Assistant

Safeguarding Statement

'Under the Education Act 2002 (Section 175 for maintained schools/Section 157 for academies/free/independent schools), schools must make arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. Parents/carers should know that the law (Children Act 1989) requires all school staff to pass on information which gives rise to a concern about a child's welfare, including risk from neglect, physical, emotional or sexual abuse. Staff will seek, in general, to discuss any concerns with the parent/carer and discuss the need to make a referral to Children's Social Care if that is considered necessary. **This will only be done where such discussion will not place the child at increased risk of**

significant harm or cause undue delay. The school will seek advice from Children's Social Care when they have reasonable cause to suspect a child may be suffering or likely to suffer significant harm. Occasionally, concerns are passed on which are later found to be unfounded. Parents/carers will appreciate that the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead carries out their responsibilities in accordance with the law and acts in the best interests of all children.

The designated safeguarding leads for English Martyrs School are Miss Petras and Mr Bromage

Covid-19 positive cases

Please ensure that you follow the guidance for Covid-19 using the link [Covid-19 - Guidance for households](#)

Please read the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) which can be found on our website or by clicking the link.

If your child tests positive, please inform school as soon as possible by calling the school office on 01788 543423. Outside of school hours please notify the school by emailing admin3564@welearn365.com We will notify parents of the positive case. It is recommended that you get a PCR test for your child and continue to use Lateral Flow Device Test twice weekly.

Children do not have to self-isolate if they are waiting for a test. However, if your child starts to show symptoms they must stay at home.

The school will make a log of all children and staff in the setting who have tested positive for COVID-19 including dates for onset of symptoms (if relevant) and test dates, as well as any links and exposures inside or outside of the setting. NHS Test and Trace should have been in contact with the positive case to ascertain some of the known close contacts and recommended any contacts to get a PCR test.

It is suggested, as a minimum, school ask all close contacts that the child may have had in their infectious period (2 clear days prior to day of symptoms onset/test (if no symptoms) through to 10 days afterwards) to get a PCR test.

Parent Curriculum Meetings

With continued enforced restrictions for parents attending the school building, we have created videos for parents to introduce the class teacher and share information about your child's new year group.

Meet the teacher: Parent Meetings

We are unable to hold "Meet the Teacher" meetings which usually take place at the start of the year. Instead, we have created videos for parents. During the video, teachers will share with parents what their expectations are from the children in that year group and what the children will be covering in class. They will also explain how children are assessed in school. Please email the teachers if you have any questions.

Trinity Catholic School

There is an Open Evening, next Wednesday 22nd September from 6pm at Trinity Catholic School. Please click on the link above to find further details. Trinity can offer extensive sporting, academic and Design and Technology facilities. All this added to a broad and balanced curriculum which continues to offer the Arts, Design and Technology and an opportunity to remain with them in Sixth Form. The vision of a Catholic education from 3-19 is one which is encouraged in our Catholic community.



The poster is blue with a white and yellow logo at the top left that says 'TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL'. In the center, the words 'Open Evening' are written in a large, white, cursive font. Below this, the date '22 SEPTEMBER 2021' and time '6-8 PM' are written in white. At the bottom, the address 'GUYS CLIFFE AVENUE, ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA, CV32 6NB' and website 'WWW.TRINITY-SCHOOL.ORG.UK' are listed. On the right, there is a circular inset photo of three students in school uniforms looking at a tablet. A yellow cursive quote 'We look forward to meeting with you' is written on the right side. On the left, there are three circular callouts: a purple one at the top, an orange one in the middle, and a dark blue one at the bottom, each containing text about the event.

Talk to our Specialist Leaders about their strong partnership links with some of the best performing schools in the country.

Listen to our newly appointed Headteacher share her ambitions and goals for the future of our school

Ask our students about their learning journey from Year 7 through to Sixth Form and how they have formed friendships for life.

We look forward to meeting with you

GUYS CLIFFE AVENUE, ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA, CV32 6NB
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Changes during the school day – post covid

At the start of the new academic year the school has introduced some changes.

- Assemblies – these now take place in the hall but are split into KS1 and KS2
- Break times – children continue to have break times which are separate for KS1 and KS2 but children no longer stay in bubbles and are free to mix.
- Lunch times – EYFS and KS1 have their lunch at 12pm to 1pm
KS2 12.15pm to 1.15pm
- Parents drop off and pick up from the playground – start of the day 8.55am and end of the day 3.30pm

Harvest Festival Appeal 2021

Throughout the last year, Rugby Foodbank has been able to provide food to over 3,200 adults and 1,800 children, and they have given out over 83 tonnes of food this year alone. The demands on the foodbank are growing; last financial year they helped even more people than the previous year, and this is where we need your help.

They **do not** need pasta, pasta sauce, baked beans or soups, as we have excess stock of these items.

Monday 20th September – 4th October each class will make a Harvest box which will be distributed to The Rugby Foodbank. <https://rugby.foodbank.org.uk/>

URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS

CUSTARD SACHETS

WASHING POWDER

SHAVING FOAM

QUALITY CARRIER BAGS (SUPERMARKET BAGS)

WE'RE RUNNING LOW ON

SPONGE PUDDINGS

TOOTHBRUSHES

SUGAR

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.

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. In this newsletter, we have attached "**YouTube and YouTube Kids**". These are attached to the email separately. We are aware that parents find it difficult to put control mechanisms in place for these sites.

Diary Dates

September

2 nd	Teacher Training Day
3 rd	Teacher Training Day
15 th	Curriculum Meeting videos to be sent out
16 th	KS2 School Mass – Led by Teachers
16 th	Photographer in school taking photos for the website
23 rd	Harvest Mass: led by Year 6 / Year 3
28th	Y4 First Holy Communion Parent Meeting 6:30pm (No children please) at English Martyrs Church
30 th	Mass Y5/Y2

October

5th	Y6 Parent Confirmation Meeting 6:30pm (No children please) at English Martyrs Church
10th	Year 4 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION enrolment mass at English Martyrs church 11am
15 th	Mass: Y6/Y3
11 th	Year 6 trip
14 th	Y4/Y1
19 th	Parent Consultation Appointments 3:45-7pm – remote meetings Teachers to Parents
20th	Year 4 Reconciliation service at 6.30pm English Martyrs church
21 st	Parent Consultation Appointments 3:45-7pm – remote meetings Teachers to Parents
21 st	Mass Y2/Y5
22 nd	Teacher Training Day – School Closed to Pupils

HALF TERM 25th OCTOBER TO FRIDAY 29th October

November

1 st	School reopens
4 th	Mass Y1/Y4
7th	Year 6 CONFIRMATION enrolment mass at English Martyrs church 11am
11 th	Mass Y3/Y6
18 th	Mass Y5/Y2
20th	Year 4 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION group 1
25 th	Mass Y4/Y1
27th	Year 4 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION group 2

December

2nd Mass Y6/Y3/Reception
9th Mass Y5/Y2
16th Mass Y4 / whole school mass
17th 9:30am Carol Service/End of term presentations

January 2022

4th School begins for the Spring term all children in school

June

29th to 1st Beaumanor Hall Residential for Year 5

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: _____

