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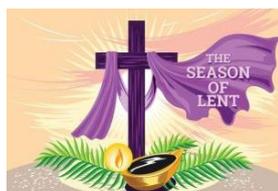
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Season of Lent and Easter Preparations



During the season of Lent we would like children to consider Almsgiving. We have asked our School Council to consider a charity to support and an activity they would like to hold this Lenten season to raise funds and awareness for these much-needed groups. We will let you know their decision. On the last day of term (8th April) Year 4 (accompanied by Year 3) will be holding their Easter Presentation in the church.

Easter Gardens



The transformation of the deep sadness of Good Friday into the joy of Easter Day is often symbolised by the creation of an Easter garden. This Lent we will ask children to create their own miniature Easter Garden which will be displayed in the school hall. Please can the Easter Gardens be sent in on the last week of term. Prizes will be on offer. Please click on the [link](#) for ideas.

Mid-Year Reports

In advance of the Parent Consultations which will take place on Tuesday 22nd March and Thursday 24th March, you will receive a Mid-Year Report for your child. At the parent consultation, there will be opportunity for you to talk to your child's teacher about the information included in this report.

Church Services



Parents are now invited to attend church services held at English Martyrs Church every Thursday at 11am. Please see the diary below to see the forthcoming mass services that your child will attend.

Staff news



Mr Bingham has joined our school this half-term as our new caretaker. We wish Mrs Debbie Thompson all the best for the future and thank her for her dedication to the school over the last 16 years of service. Mrs Sonia Caldecott, our long serving midday supervisor has left after 9 years of dedication to our school. We wish her the best.





Forthcoming PTFA events

9th March – Pyjama Day £1 donation

11th March - Cake Sale and “Be Loved” Uniform Sale (50p per cake, no change given)

Week beginning **4th April** – there will be an Easter egg hunt for each class during the week

Family Information Service



Mrs Copson sends out a newsletter from the [Family Information Service](#). It is packed full of helpful information for families. This week Newsletter. Please take time to read the latest newsletter.

Homework Parent Survey

Thank you to all parents who completed the Parent Survey on Homework. We have looked at your opinions and will be revising the way we share homework with you after the Easter holidays.

PE Timetable

Please see below the PE timetable for the second half of the Spring Term.

PE Timetable for the Hall - Spring Term 2021/2022

Second half term

MON			Year 1		Year 3	Year 4
TUES	Year 6		Year 2			Year 5
WED	Year 5	B	Reception	L	Year 3	
THUR		R	Mass	U		
FRI	Year 6	E		N	Year 2	Year 4
		A		C		
		K	Year 1	H		

Spring Term - Year 4 swimming
Summer Term - Year 6 swimming

Library Timetable

The Library timetable has been amended slightly. From next week Year 2 will change their books on a Monday and Year 3 will change their books on a Tuesday.

Library Timetable

	1:15 - 1:35	1:40 - 2:00	2:05 - 2:25	2:25 - 2:45
Monday	Year 2 - Group 1	Year 2 - Group 2	Year 2 - Group 3	Year 6 - Group 1
Tuesday	Year 3 - Group 1	Year 3 - Group 2	Year 3 - Group 3	Year 6 - Group 2
Wednesday	Year 4 - Group 1	Year 4 - Group 2	Year 4 - Group 3	Year 6 - Group 3
Thursday	Catch up time	Year 5 - Group 1	Year 5 - Group 2	Year 5 - Group 3
Friday	Year 1 - Group 1	Year 1 - Group 2	Year 1 - Group 3	Year 1 - Group 4
Friday	11-12 - Reception groups			

Our Librarian has let us know that some of the books are coming back damaged from water. These books are brand new and if they come back damaged, we will have to charge the cost of replacing the book.

World Book Day – 3rd March 2022

The children had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day. It was lovely to see them dressed as their favourite book characters. The evening bedtime stories was a great success and children thoroughly enjoyed listening to the books and having hot chocolate with marshmallows. Thank you to staff for making this a super event.



Cross Country Events

Mrs O'Malley has worked extremely hard to organise running events for her lunchtime club with the children in Key Stage 2. They took part in three events: Binley Woods, Hartfield and Revel. Elizabeth, Yenisha, Neveah, Jude, Ebenezer, Alex, Jamie, Hector, Edward and Sope. They were dedicated and resilient. Thank you to them all. Some members of the Cross Country Team are pictured.



First Holy Communion

We are delighted that our Year 3 enrolled for their First Holy Communion at English Martyrs Church on 13th February and are now preparing for their Reconciliation on Wednesday 9th March. Please keep them in your prayers as they make their special journey of faith.

Online Safety

It is great to see that parents and carers have signed up to our National Online Safety website. This website gives parents more information about how to keep children safe online and will improve your knowledge of the risks. Please find below the URL you need to visit to register your account. You will need to complete your details and select "I am a: Parent/Carer" from the dropdown:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/english-martyrs-catholic-primary-school-5>

Once you have registered, you will be able to access the "Online Safety for Parents and Carers" course and National Online Safety's Resources (which includes 50+ online platform guides on the latest social media channels and games).

This aims to help empower parents with the knowledge to protect their children from the dangers of the internet.

Our suggestions would be : ALL parents complete - Annual Certificate in Cyber Security for Parents and Carers EYFS and Key Stage One parents complete – **Annual Certificate in Online Safety for Parents and Carers of children aged 3-7** Key Stage Two parents complete- **Annual Certificate in Online Safety for Parents and Carers of children aged 7-11**

We hope you will agree that this is a really important issue that we need to work together to develop and would appreciate your comments and feedback about the resource once you have signed up.

If you have any questions, or trouble accessing the course please contact support@nationalonlinesafety.com or come and speak to a member of staff who will do their best to support you.

In this newsletter I have included "**What Parents and carers need to know about Inappropriate Content**". Please take time to read the information as we are very aware that children can be vulnerable when online.

Diary Dates

March

3 rd	World Book Day come dressed as a book character
3 rd	No Mass – Father Gerry unavailable
4 th	Film Night Year 3 and 4
9 th	Non-Uniform PYJAMA DAY
9 th	Year 3 Reconciliation Service at 6.30pm English Martyrs Church
10 th	Mass Y6/Y3 and Reception
11 th	Cake Sale and “Be Loved” Uniform Sale (50p per cake, no change)
14 th	Mid-Year Reports sent home
17 th	Mass Y5/Y2 mass
22 nd & 24 th	3.40pm to 7pm Parent Consultations (virtual event)
24 th	Mass Y4/Y1
31 st	No Mass – Father Gerry unavailable

April

7 th	Whole School Mass Led by Year 5 (alternatively Y5/Y2 mass)
8 th	Morning Easter Presentation led by Year 4 and supported by Year 3 followed by End of Term Presentations

***Easter Break 11th April to 22nd April
Children return to school on 25th April***

June

11 th	Year 3 First Holy Communion Service 11am at English Martyrs Church
29 th to 1 st	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: _____

