

English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

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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.

Parent Consultation Meetings

Parent Consultation meetings will take place on Tuesday 22nd March at 3.45 to 7pm and again on Thursday 24th March. These meetings will be held virtually and you should receive your video link one day in advance.

Staff news

Mrs O'Connor will be returning after maternity leave after Easter. She will be working with Mrs O'Malley in Year 3 on Fridays only. Mrs O'Connor has changed her name and will now be referred to as Ms Brown. She will start working in the Year 3 class on Friday 29th April.

We are delighted to announce we have a new permanent teacher starting our school after Easter. Mrs Curtis is an experienced teacher who currently works in a local school. She will be taking her post in our Year 2 class working Wednesday, Thursday and Friday after the Easter holidays. She will job share with Mrs Golby who will continue to work on Monday through to Wednesday. Mrs Curtis will start her new post on Wednesday 27th April 2022.

Staff Vacancies

Required ASAP:

Midday Supervisor for 6.25 hours a week Term Time Only (TTO) between 1200 and 1315 Monday to Friday.

Cleaner – 10 hours per week which equates to 2 hours per day. 1530 to 1730 or 1600 to 1800.



Week beginning **4th April** – there will be an Easter egg hunt for each class during the week
 Thank you for your parental for support and to the PTFA for organising our previous events. They have raised:

- Film night £145.
- Pyjama Day £161

Ukraine Crisis - We must thank the PTFA for organising the cake and uniform sale, which raised £216 in total. The money raised will go to the Red Cross who are raising funds for the Ukraine Crisis.

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.

Adjusted Library Timetable

The Library timetable has been amended for Year 3 and Reception which is highlighted below. Sorry for the inconvenience this may cause. Please see below:

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	Reception	Reception	Reception	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 - Year 3 Groups 1, 2 and 3			

Cross Country

In recognition of the Cross Country team's resilience and commitment, Mrs O'Malley has presented them with a certificate and a medal. We are very proud of them.

Mrs O'Malley will not be working on Fridays, so her Cross Country meetings with the children will need to change to Monday Lunch times. This will start from Monday 25th April.

First Holy Communion

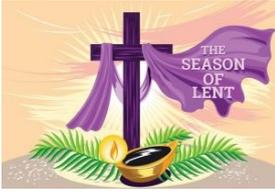
Year 3 made their Reconciliation on Wednesday 9th March in preparation for their First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers as they make their special journey of faith.

Multiplication Workshop for Parents – Years 2, 3 and 4

On Thursday 7th April at 6.30pm, Mrs O'Malley and Miss Long would like to present parents with information about Multiplications. The information covered in the meeting will be:

- How we deliver multiplications in school and the related vocabulary
- Expectations for Year 2, 3 and 4 in Power Maths
- How you can support your child at home with multiplications
- Government DFE Year 4 [Multiplication Tables Check](#), which is statutory for Primary schools 2021/2022 academic year.
- Introduce a new online website called "Times Tables Rock Stars"

Season of Lent and Easter Preparations



Key Stage 2 will be attending church on Thursday 31st March 2022 for Stations of the Cross which will be led by Year 6. Parents are more than welcome to join us for this service.

For our Lenten Almsgiving, the School Council have met with their classes and have decided to fundraise. See the table below:

Almsgiving - charities for classes

<p>Year 6 Year 4 Year 2</p>	<p>Week beginning 28th March 2022</p> <p>Please bring in items for the Foodbank:</p> <p>URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS</p> <p>HOT CHOCOLATE</p> <hr/> <p>FRUIT JUICE (LONG LIFE)</p> <hr/> <p>OATS</p> <hr/> <p>SAVOURY CRACKERS - EG. CREAM CRACKERS</p> <hr/> <p>QUALITY CARRIER BAGS (BAGS FOR LIFE)</p> <p>WE'RE RUNNING LOW ON</p> <p>RICE (500G PKTS AND POUCHES OF PLAIN AND FLAVOURED RICE)</p> <hr/> <p>MILK (UHT)</p> <hr/> <p>JAM / MARMALADE</p> <p>We will collect these items in school during the week.</p>	
<p>Year 5 Year 3</p>	<p>Friday 1st April 2022</p> <p>Year 3 and 5 will bring cakes in on this day for a cake sale which they will run after school:</p> <p>Small cakes 20p Large cakes 50p This money will go to Hope4</p>	

On the last day of term (8th April) Year 4 (accompanied by Year 3) will be holding their Easter Presentation in the church.

Online Safety

In this newsletter I have included "10 Tips to keep your children safe online". Please take time to read the information as we are very aware that children can be vulnerable when online.

ONLINE CONTENT

10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.

- **1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS**

Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.
- **2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT**

Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.
- **3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS**

Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.
- **4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS**

Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.
- **5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP**

Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.
- **6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE**

Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.
- **7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING**

Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.
- **8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK**

Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.
- **9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE**

If a child sees distressing material online; listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.
- **10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT**

If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.



National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday



Diary Dates

March

- 14th Mid-Year Reports sent home
- 17th Mass Y5/Y2 mass
- 22nd & 24th 3.40pm to 7pm Parent Consultations (virtual event)
- 24th Mass Y4/Y1
- 28th Week beginning 28th March, Year 6, 4, 2 send in items for the Foodbank
- 31st No Mass – Father Gerry unavailable
- 31st Stations of the Cross for KS2 led by Year 6

April

- 1st Year 3 and 5 holding a cake sale for Hope4 charity after school
- 7th Whole School Mass Led by Year 5 (alternatively Y5/Y2 mass)
- 7th Multiplication workshop for Parents – Year 2, 3 and 4
- 8th 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

- 11th Year 3 First Holy Communion Service 11am at English Martyrs Church
- 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: _____

