



Dear Parents and carers

Welcome back, I hope you have had a happy and Holy Easter break. Once again the spring term seemed to fly by with so much happening in the Academy. Well done to the year 3 and 4 children on their wonderful production of 'Roll back the Stone'. I received many lovely comments praising the beautiful singing, talented acting and reflective delivery of an important part of our history. A huge thank you to the children and families for the generosity shown during our Lenten fund raising. Over the course of Lent the school raised £1134.23 which will be shared equally between CAFOD and 'Building Hope in Bunkpurugu'. Summer term diary looks to be packed full of activities including trips, SATs, Sporting events, careers fair, curriculum drop ins and much, much more. Please keep checking the school diary, website and ParentHub which will keep you up to date on upcoming events.

National Curriculum Drop-ins

National Curriculum drop-in mornings are designed for parents to see how different subjects are delivered across Keystage 1 and Keystage 2. The sessions will run from 9.00am to 9.45am on four days, we encourage you to visit as many sessions as possible. This is a great opportunity to see your child's current learning but also consider looking ahead into their next year group. Please note the timetable below:

Dates	Subject	Classroom	Phase of learning
23 rd /24 th April 2018	RE	7	Upper KS2
23 rd /24 th April 2018	Science	6	Upper KS2
23 rd /24 th April 2018	History	5	Upper KS2
23 rd /24 th April 2018	Art	8	Lower KS2
23 rd /24 th April 2018	Art/Computing	9	Lower KS2
23 rd /24 th April 2018	Computing	10	Lower KS2
25 th /26 th April 2018	History	1	KS1/EYFS
25 th /26 th April 2018	RE	2	EYFS
25 th /26 th April 2018	Geography	3	KS1
25 th /26 th April 2018	Science	4	KS1

NB: Ks1 – Years 1 and 2, Lower Ks2 – Years 3 and 4, Upper Ks2 – Years 5 and 6

Year 2 and 6 SATs and Year 1 phonics screening

This year's SATs tests will take place during week commencing 14th May 2018 and Year 1 phonics screening w/c 11th June 2018. Year 2 SATs will take place throughout May. Please do not make holiday plans, dental appointments etc during any of these dates.

St Joseph's Update

As you will be aware from the previous newsletter, I have been offering support to St Joseph's during a leadership transition. The Trust have considered this support and following the appointment of a Head of School, they have requested that I remain supporting the school and the new leadership team for the next year. As before, I intend to be working at St Joseph's for a couple of days a week with the majority of my time being at English Martyrs'. Please know Miss Mannion and Miss Radford are always available to hear any urgent matters, alternatively please make an appointment to see me via the school office.

Bank Holiday Monday – 7th May 2018

The Academy will be closed on Monday 7th May 2018.

Feast of English Martyrs' Mass

Everyone is welcome to join us to celebrate Mass at 1.45pm on Friday 4th May. We will be able to offer parking on the playground, this will open at 1.30pm. Please consider our neighbours when arriving and leaving the school grounds.

Ascension of Jesus – Holy day of Obligation

On Thursday 10th May, Key Stage 2 children will be walking to church to celebrate mass in St Francis at 10am. There will be a sticker in the children’s diary with further details closer to the time. Key Stage 1 children will join together back at school.

Good Work Liturgies

Well done to all those children who have been commended in the Good Work Liturgies, dates for the Summer Term are listed below.

- Friday 27th April – Year 3 and Year 4 – Miss Coxhead, Miss Dickson and Mrs Pettifer
- Friday 11th May – Year 5 and Year 6 – Miss Pugh, Miss Mannion and Miss Macdonald
- Friday 18th May – Year 1 and Year 2 – Miss Sweeney and Mrs Ellis
- Friday 25th May – Reception and Year 1 – Miss Radford, Mrs Oldershaw and Mrs Chibbaro

After School Clubs

During the Summer Term the following clubs will be running;

Day	Date	Clubs
Mon	23/4/18 – 21/5/18	Gardening
Tuesday	24/4/18 – 22/5/18	Draycott’s Gym, Derbyshire Cricket Board (Yr 5/6), Cricket (Y3/4)
Wednesday	25/4/18 – 23/5/18	Athletics (Yr 4,5,6), Bricks4Kidz,
Thursday	19/4/18 – 24/5/18	Spaghetti Maths
Thursday	26/4/18 – 24/5/18	Athletics (Yr 1,2,3), Toy Time, Hama Beads, Choir



Summer Weather



English Martyrs’ is an accredited Sun Safe School. You may remember this was a national project developed by the charity Skin to encourage the necessary culture change regarding attitudes towards sun safety required to combat the soaring rates of skin cancer in the UK. As we did last year, we ask you to send your child to school with a named sun hat which will be kept in school until the end of the summer term. English Martyrs’ hats are available from Morley’s in Chilwell. Each day, please provide your child with a labelled bottle of water (sports bottles are best and we ask that only water is in the bottles) and apply sun cream before school every day. Staff are not able to assist children in the application of sun cream, if you

choose to send sun cream into school, please ensure it is in a labelled bottle, that your child is able to apply it independently and that they understand they must not share it with their class friends. The school does have a supply of sun cream which your child may use however the sticker that is in your child’s school diary will need to be signed first.

Future Events over the Summer Term



Open Door 23rd May 2018

The next Open Door Event will be a Big Breakfast for Bunkpurugu. Please come and join us for breakfast and a chat with friends. Children are welcome to stay with you until 8:50am but feel free to have a cuppa in peace until 9:30am. All donations from this Open Door will be put towards our Building Hope in Bunkpurugu charity.

Big Pedal 2018

Get set... we’re taking part in Sustrans Big Pedal 2018, the UK’s largest inter-school cycling and scooting challenge that inspires pupils, staff and parents to choose two wheels for their journey to school. The challenge runs from 23rd April to 4th May. On each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents cycling or scooting to school. We’ll be competing against other schools right across the UK, and if we clock up the most bike and scooter journeys we’ll win!

For more information about the event go to www.bigpedal.org.uk



School Trips

We have plenty of school trips this term for the children to enjoy and embed their learning. Please ensure that all reply slips are returned as soon as possible.

- Thursday 10th May – Y5 are going to the Galleries of Justice in Nottingham
- Friday 18th May – Y6 will celebrate the ending of their SAT’s flying down slopes in Swadlincote
- Thursday 24th May – Reception and Mrs Chibbaro’s class will be going to Warwick Castle
- Wednesday 13th June –Year 3 and 4 will be going wild in Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Yours sincerely,
Kate Mann
Headteacher

English Martyrs' Academy Dates 2017/2018

April 2018		May 2018	
16 th	School re-opens	4 th	Whole school Mass 1.45pm
23 rd	KS2 Curriculum drop-in 9.00-9.45am	7 th	Bank Holiday Monday (school closed)
24 th	Mrs Chibbaro Class Liturgy 9.00am	8 th	School re-opens
	KS2 Curriculum drop-in 9.00-9.45am	11 th	Y5/6 Good work Liturgy 2.40pm
25 th	KS1 Curriculum drop-in 9.00-9.45am	w/c 14 th	SATs week
26 th	KS1 Curriculum drop-in 9.00-9.45am	18 th	Mrs Ellis & Miss Sweeney Good work Liturgy 2.40pm
27 th	Y3/4 Good work Liturgy 2.40pm	w/c 21 st	KS1 Summer Watch Week
		22 nd	Mrs Pettifer class Mass 9.00am
		23 rd	School Open Door 8.20-9.30am
		25 th	Miss Radford/Mrs Oldershaw & Mrs Chibbaro Good work Liturgy 2.40pm Finish for Half Term 3.10pm