



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy few weeks as always at English Martyrs'. All the children are continuing to impress us with their work ethic, thirst for knowledge and their drive to live out the school's mission statement. The Key Stage One children are learning all about inventions, and the Key Stage Two children are finding out about healthy eating and the human body so we expect some budding medical staff and inventors in the future! It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents celebrate mass with the whole school and more recently with the Year 5 in their class mass. Well done to all the children who prepared and delivered the masses.

Year 6 (current year 5 children) Residential to The Briars 3rd – 7th September 2018

We will be holding a short briefing and question and answer session on the 2018 Briars trip for the current Year 5 parents at 8.45am on **Thursday 1st February 2018**. The first letter with full details of the trip will be sent home after the meeting.

Good Work Liturgies

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

Friday 2nd February – Year 1 and Year 2 - Miss Sweeney and Mrs Ellis

Friday 9th February – Year 5 and Year 6 - Miss Pugh, Miss Mannion and Mrs Gooden, and Miss Macdonald

Friday 16th February – Reception and Year 1 - Miss Radford and Mrs Oldershaw, and Mrs Chibbaro

Arrangements for Parents Evening

Parents Evening will take place on Wednesday 28th February 3.30 - 5.00pm and Thursday 1st March 4.30 - 7.00pm. Thank you to everyone who has requested an appointment, these will be coming home during w/c 12th February. If you would like an appointment please return the slip from the newsletter on 10th January as soon as possible to either the class teacher or via email to enquiries@englishmartyrs.derbyshire.sch.uk, indicating your preference of date and time. We will do our best to allocate the time you indicate but cannot guarantee it.

After school clubs; Please note the **finish** dates for this term are:

Monday – Photography Club, Mindfulness Colouring – 12th February 2018 – 4pm

Tuesday – Colouring Club, Sketch Club, Debate Club – 13th February 2018 – 4pm

Wednesday – Netball – 14th February 2018 – 4pm

Thursday – Choir, Hama Beads Club, Multi-Skills – 15th February 2018 – 4pm

Please note the **start** dates for the next clubs:

Monday – Jigsaw, Bracelet Making, - 26th February 2018

Tuesday - Party Games, Performance Poetry, Colouring and Creation Club, Cookery – 27th February 2018

Wednesday – Handball (Y4,5,6) – 28th February 2018

Thursday – Handball (Y1,2,3), Outdoor Games, Choir – 1st March 2018



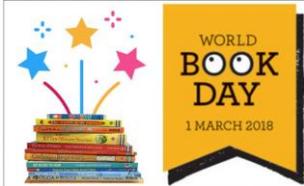
500 word competition

Please find attached a poster about this year's 500 word competition from the school's literacy guardians. All children in KS2 are welcome to enter the competition by writing an original 500 word story. The **closing date is February 22nd**. Children will have the opportunity to create a story in school but are also welcome to submit a story written at home. They can type these up with me on Wednesday 14th, Thursday 15th or Friday 16th February at lunch time.

There are some great prizes for the winners, including a pile of books as tall as Chris Evans and their story being read on BBC Radio 2. It is a fantastic way to get the children writing and to inspire their imagination.

I look forward to reading the entries. Happy Writing! Miss Radford

World Book Day 1st March 2018



We would like to invite the children (and staff!!) to come dressed up as their favourite Little Miss or Mr Men character or to create one of their own to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 1st March 2018.

Drop-ins

After the half term break Maths drop-ins will be held for Years R, 1 and 2 on 12th and 13th February from 8.50am – 9.30am and for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 on 14th and 15th February 8.50 – 9.30am.

Inset day Monday 12th March 2018

The academy will be closed on Monday 12th March 2018 for INSET. Schoolfriends club will be open on the premises from 7.30am until 5.45pm. Parents should speak to the club directly or ring the booking line on 0844 2727158 to book a place.

Year 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**. Please do not make holiday plans, dental appointments etc. during any of these dates.

School day

Could you please ensure that your child comes equipped for the school day and that they have everything they need e.g. musical instruments, PE kit, swimming kit, packed lunch.

Please refrain from phoning the school during the day regarding collection arrangements for your child. If there are any changes the class teacher should be notified through the home/school diary only in absolute emergencies i.e. a car breakdown should be telephoned to the office.

School Uniform

We consider it important that children attending English Martyrs' come to school in an appropriate form of dress, which will not only be functional but will help them to adopt a responsible attitude to the school and the task of learning. The school uniform should be encouraged. Please note our school colour is Royal Blue and not Navy blue.

Uniform is available from Tesco's Uniform Embroidery Service (www.tesco.com/ues), Morleys, 118 Bramcote Avenue, Chilwell, NG9 4DR, telephone 0115 9258046 and the school wear shop in Long Eaton also stocks our uniform, Just-Schoolwear, 73 Derby Road, Long Eaton, NG10 1LU, telephone 0115 9652869 (www.just-schoolwear.co.uk) The school office sells both varieties of tie (elastic and full school tie) costing £4.

Sensible and appropriate footwear should be worn at all times. Fashion shoes, raised heels, open sandals and boots above ankle height are all examples of inappropriate footwear, which are not permitted.



The wearing of jewellery by young children in school cannot be allowed, as it constitutes a safety hazard. If it is absolutely necessary for a child to wear ear jewellery, this is limited to a single stud per ear which **must be removed** if the child is taking part in swimming or PE lessons.

Long hair **must** be tied back for health and safety reasons. Hair must not be excessively short or long. Fashion hairstyles are discouraged for both boys and girls. Fashion hair accessories e.g. large bows are discouraged

BASIC UNIFORM	
Boys (Winter)	Girls (Winter)
White/grey shirt Royal blue and gold tie Grey flannel trousers Grey socks Brown/black shoes <u>Royal blue</u> pullover or sweatshirt	White blouse Royal blue and gold tie Grey skirt White socks Brown/black shoes <u>Royal blue</u> pullover, sweatshirt or cardigan Grey Trousers (in the winter months)
No polo shirts to be worn	

PE Uniform

White polo shirt with school logo or plain white T-shirt, plain royal blue shorts or skirts, black plimsolls. Older pupils may require tracksuits and football boots or trainers for outdoor games. An optional hoodie is also available and can be ordered directly from the academy. A bag to keep their PE uniform in which can be hung on a coat peg will also be required.

School Council plea!

Would there be any parents or relatives who run mobile discos, who would be willing to donate their services for free or at a discount price? Please let the school office or Mrs Ellis know. Thank you. Mrs Ellis



Friends of English Martyrs' Spring Term



The Friends of English Martyrs' needs you!

As a parent of English Martyrs' you are automatically a member of the Friends of English Martyrs' Association and your support, thoughts and suggestions regarding activities are warmly welcomed and very much needed.

The aims of FEM are to provide opportunities for parents to meet socially, and to arrange activities which will encourage co-operation between school and home for the benefit of the children. The FEM have provided the school with numerous resources and pieces of equipment as well as money to help towards the cost of school trips.

All parents are entitled to attend Committee Meetings, which are arranged two or three times a term to organise the various functions which take place.

The first meeting of 2018 will be on the **1st February, 3.30pm in the school**. Childcare will be available and we anticipate the meeting to last just half an hour.

We would like as many parents/grandparents/relatives to attend as possible. The more the merrier!

Term Dates 201819

Term	Start Date	End Date (inclusive)	Inset
Autumn First Term	3 Sep 2018 (Mon)	26 Oct 2018 (Fri)	26 th Oct 2018
Half Term Holiday	29 Oct 2018 (Mon)	2 Nov 2018 (Fri)	
Autumn Second Term	5 Nov 2018 (Mon)	21 Dec 2018 (Fri)	30 th Nov 2018 21 st Dec 2018
Christmas Holiday	24 Dec 2018 (Mon)	4 Jan 2019 (Fri)	
Spring First Term	7 Jan 2019 (Mon)	15 Feb 2019 (Fri)	
Half term Holiday	18 Feb 2019 (Mon)	22 Feb 2019 (Fri)	
Spring Second Term	25 Feb 2019 (Mon)	12 Apr 2019 (Fri)	12 th April 2019
Easter Holiday	15 Apr 2019 (Mon)	26 Apr 2019 (Fri)	
Summer First Term	29 Apr 2019 (Mon)	24 May 2019 (Fri)	6 th May 2019 (Bank Holiday)
Summer Half Term Holiday	27 May 2019 (Mon)	31 May 2019 (Fri)	
Summer Second Term	3 Jun 2019 (Mon)	22 Jul 2019 (Mon)	22 nd July 2019



Open Door – Wednesday 14th March – 8:20-9:30am

Come and join us for breakfast and 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 First Aid Training Equipment.

Year 6 Chaplaincy Team

The Year 6 Chaplaincy Team are now in full swing and have started their Faith in Action award. The children will be building up their hours of service through their actions within and outside of school. The Chaplaincy Team would like to thank everyone for their kind donations towards the 'Reverse Advent Calendar'. The donations will be sent to a food bank and local charity - as chosen by the children. We are so grateful for our school community and the generosity of our families. **Miss Mannion**

Do you like working with children? Do you want to join our team? *If you answered yes to any of those questions, we're waiting to hear from you!*

We are a national childcare organisation offering breakfast, afterschool and holiday clubs to primary school aged children.

Benefits working for us can include:

- Subsidised Childcare for Staff Children
- Excellent Training Opportunities
- Good Promotion Prospects

Interested? Download our application form at www.schoolfriendclub.com or email your CV to jobs@schoolfriendclub.com

Yours sincerely

Kate Mann
Headteacher

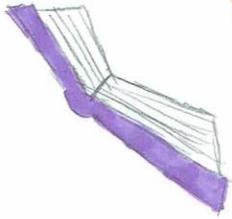
**English Martyrs' Academy
Dates 2017/2018**

February 2018		March 2018	
1 st	Briars (Sept 2018) Yr 5 parents meeting – 8.45am FEM meeting - 3.30pm	1 st	World Book Day Parents Evening – 4.30 - 7pm
2 nd	Mrs Ellis and Miss Sweeney Good work Liturgy 2.40pm	2 nd	Miss Coxhead, Miss Dickson and Mrs Pettifer Good work Liturgy 2.40pm
6 th	Mrs Ellis Class Liturgy 9.00am	6 th	Miss Coxhead Class Mass – 9am
9 th	Miss Mannion/Mrs Gooden, Miss Pugh and Miss Macdonald Good work Liturgy 2.40pm	7 th	World Maths Day
12 th	KS1 Maths drop-in 8.50 – 9.30am	9 th	Mrs Ellis and Miss Sweeney Good work Liturgy 2.40pm
13 th	KS1 Maths drop-in 8.50 – 9.30am	12 th	Inset day (School Closed)
14 th	KS2 Maths drop-in 8.50 – 9.30am Ash Wednesday Liturgy 2pm	w/c 13 th	British Science Week Year 4/5 Bikeability
15 th	KS2 Maths drop-in 8.50-9.30am	14 th	School Open Door 8.20-9.30am
16 th	Miss Radford/Mrs Oldershaw and Mrs Chibbaro Good work Liturgy 2.40pm School Closes for Half Term 3.10pm	15 th	Reconciliation pm (pupils only)
26 th	School re-opens	16 th	Miss Mannion/Mrs Gooden, Miss Pugh and Miss Macdonald Good work Liturgy 2.40pm
28 th	Parents Evening – 3.30 - 5pm	20 th	Miss Pugh class Mass 9.00am
		23 rd	Miss Radford/Mrs Oldershaw and Mrs Chibbaro Good work Liturgy 2.40pm
		w/c 26 th	Stations of the Cross (pupils only)
		27 th	Y3/4 Easter Production 9.15am
		28 th	Y3/4 Easter Production 6.00pm
		29 th	Stations of the Cross (families welcome) 2.15pm School closes for Easter break 3.10pm
April 2018			
16 th	School re-opens		
23 rd	KS2 Curriculum drop-in 9.00-9.45am		
24 th	KS2 Curriculum drop-in 9.00-9.45am Mrs Chibbaro Class Liturgy 9.00am		
25 th	KS1 Curriculum drop-in 9.00-9.45am		
26 th	KS1 Curriculum drop-in 9.00-9.45am		
27 th	Miss Coxhead, Miss Dickson and Mrs Pettifer Good Work Liturgy 2.40pm		

500 World

Competition

Great prizes up for winning!



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You can type your story up at lunchtime on the 14th, 15th, 16th February or you can do it at home.



WARNING!
It finishes on the 22nd February.

WRITE YOUR STORIES!



1 entry per person

Quote from Matilda by Roald Dahl

At breakfast, Matilda said to him, "You must try to get those bits off your forehead, Daddy."

By the Literacy guardians:

Holly, Seenai, Tess, Oliver, Emma