



Dear Parents and carers,

The summer term is already flying by and much has already taken place in school. We have certainly struck lucky in our R/Ks1 topic which is based on London. The children are loving hearing about the latest Royal family event, marathon stories and much, much more. Ks2 has been finding out about what life was like as a Roman, recently, they have been learning about Pompeii and the devastation that the volcanic eruption caused. Over the coming weeks, the children will be thinking and praying for those people in Hawaii who are currently dealing with the impact and aftermath of a volcanic eruption. Finally, in UKs2 the children are finding out about past uses of crime and punishment and seeing how it has changed. I happened to walk into a very interesting debate about what rules the children think should be removed and what new ones they would reinstate – it was quite an eye-opener!

There is much happening over the coming weeks and months including school trips, sports days, Wow days etc. Please continue to check the school diary and website which will keep you up to date on upcoming events – the summer term is always jam packed, this year, **even more so!!**

Staffing update

I am delighted to let you know that Mrs Jones has been appointed as Deputy Headteacher of English Martyrs'. I am sure you will join me in congratulating her on this appointment. Mrs Jones, as you may know, has previously been an active and effective member of the Senior Leadership Team and is currently working as the Year 5 class teacher.

Royal Wedding Day

As the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan approaches the children and staff of English Martyrs' will be joining the celebrations of the nation with a special Royal Wedding Party day on the 18th May. We will be having a special lunch (thank you for returning your booking slips), party games/events in school as well as other activities. The children are invited to come to school in their party clothes to make the day even more special.

Year 6 SATs

Next week is the SATs tests for year 6. I have no doubt you will have seen (and will be seeing) a great deal in the media regarding the difficulty of the tests, leaking of the tests, stress that the tests are causing on children etc, etc. I am sure we all stand united in our belief that testing is not the best way to see what our children are capable of. That said, the year 6 children continue to impress us all, showing maturity, focus, intelligence, resilience and a passion for learning. In school we see the SATs week as a celebration of each pupils' educational journey. From those very early days of counting and phonics with Mrs Oldershaw and Miss Radford to algebra and subjunctive forms with Miss Macdonald and Miss Pugh! As teachers, we are very proud of each and every one of them.

Year 2 and Year 1 phonics screening

Year 1 phonics screening will be w/c 11th June 2018 and Year 2 SATs are taking place throughout May. Please do not make holiday plans, dental appointments etc during any of these dates.

Summer Watch Week

To support the KS1 children with their ongoing Science skills they will be taking part in a Summer Watch Week (W/c 4th June). The week will involve trips to West Park and investigations of our local areas. The children will be thinking about the changes in the environment, seasons etc that have taken place since Autumn Watch week. Further information and requests for support will be in your child's diary.

Summer School Uniform

Please note below the details of the summer uniform. Please note, the school colour is royal blue and not navy blue. The children are welcome to wear closed-toe sandals but must wear socks. Below is an extract from the prospectus:

BASIC UNIFORM	
Boys (Winter)	Girls (Winter)
White/grey shirt Royal blue and gold tie Grey flannel trousers Grey socks Brown/black shoes Royal blue pullover or sweatshirt	White blouse Royal blue and gold tie Grey skirt White socks Brown/black shoes Royal blue pullover or sweatshirt Grey Trousers (in the winter months)
Boys (Summer)	Girls (Summer)
Short sleeve white shirt Royal blue and gold tie Grey shorts Grey socks Royal blue pullover or sweatshirt Sunhat	Royal blue & white check/stripe dress Royal Blue cardigan /pullover/sweatshirt White socks Sunhat
No polo shirts to be worn	
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.	

School Contact Telephone Number

Please note that the school telephone contact number is 0115 9733209. We have several telephone lines that are used within the school that do not accept incoming calls which we may use on occasions when trying to contact parents. Please ensure that you have the correct telephone number stored in your devices.

FEM

Please find separate attachment from the Friends of English Martyrs'. May I take this opportunity to extend a warm thank you to all those currently involved with the FEM who have been incredibly positive, hard-working and committed to raising funds and improving the number of school community events we have at English Martyrs'. It feels like a very exciting time and start of a new era. If you would like to be involved, I urge you to make contact with the committee.

Yours sincerely



Kate Mann
Headteacher

SUMMER TERM			
May 2018			
10 th 11 th w/c 14 th 18 th w/c 21 st 23 rd 24 th 25 th	Y5 Trip to Galleries of Justice Y5/6 Good work Liturgy 2.40pm SATs week Royal Wedding Party Day Y6 Trip to Swadlincote Ski Centre Mrs Ellis & Miss Sweeney Good work Liturgy 2.40pm Mrs Pettifer class Mass 9.00am School Open Door 8.20-9.30am Film Night 3.10-5.15pm (more details to follow) Miss Radford/Mrs Oldershaw & Mrs Chibbaro's class trip to Warwick Castle Miss Radford/Mrs Oldershaw & Mrs Chibbaro Good work Liturgy 2.40pm Finish for Half Term 3.10pm		
June 2018		July 2018	
4 th 8 th w/c 11 th 12 th 13 th 15 th 22 nd 25 th 29 th 30 th	School re-opens KS1 Summer Watch Week FEM Disco-Long Eaton Rugby Club 6pm-8pm Year 1 Phonics screening Miss Radford/Mrs Oldershaw class Liturgy 9.00am Year ¾ Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park Y3/4 Good work Liturgy 2.40pm Mrs Ellis & Miss Sweeney Good work Liturgy 2.40pm Inset (school closed) First Holy Communion Celebration Mass 9.30a.m Summer Fayre (further details to follow)	5 th 6 th 9 th 10 th 11 th 13 th 18 th 19 th 20 th 23 rd	All day sports day(reserve 9.15-12.15 12 th July) Year 5/6 Good work Liturgy 2.40pm Reports/Class letters home New starters meeting 6.00pm Swap classes am New starter visit 8.50 – 11.30am Swap classes am New starter visit 8.50 – 11.30am Parents report meeting 3.30pm – 4.15pm House Celebration Picnic (West Park) Miss Radford/Mrs Oldershaw & Mrs Chibbaro Good work Liturgy 2.40pm Y5/6 end of year production 5.00pm (to be confirmed) Y5/6 end of year production 1.45pm & 6.00pm (to be confirmed) Leavers Mass 10.30am followed by Family Picnic School closes for summer break 3.10pm Y6 Leavers Ball (further details to follow) Inset (school closed)