

RE Newsletter – Lent term

Good Work Liturgies

We would love you to join your child and their class at their Class Liturgy. Once every 6 weeks (or so), a small group of children will be recognised for their super class work/kind behaviour/excellent contribution etc to class and school life. All Liturgies (except where stated) will begin at 2.40pm and finish by 3.10pm.

Classes	Lent Term
Mrs Chibarro and Miss Mitchel	15 th February 5 th April
Mrs Ellis and Miss Daykin	1 st February 22 nd March
Miss Coxhead, Miss Dickson and Mrs Pettifer	25 th January 15 th March
Miss Sweeney, Miss Pugh and Miss Macdonald	8 th February 29 th March

Prayer Journal

Throughout the year, your child will have the opportunity to bring the class prayer journal home. This is an opportunity for your family to reflect on global issues or more personal issues closer to home, and to write a short prayer to share with the class during the morning prayer time the following day. Reception children will receive a prayer intention slip which will be shared in a similar way.

During special times of the year, Lent and Christmas, we will send home a travelling nativity and a Lenten prayer journal to be shared as a family.

We have found the children have thoroughly enjoyed sharing their prayers and reflections with their class and are very proud of the journals. Some children enjoy decorating the pages with pictures and relish the opportunity to look over their friends' prayers too.



Masses and Class Liturgies

Celebrating Mass together as a school or a class is very special at English Martyrs' and we would like to take this opportunity to invite you to celebrate with us.

Whole School Mass 1:45	11 th January
Miss Daykin's Class Liturgy	5 th February
Higham House Mass	27 th February
Ash Wednesday Liturgy	6 th March
Easter Liturgy	11 th April

Easter Production 9th & 10th April 2019

Each year the children from Year 3 and 4 put on the Easter production. More information will follow closer to the time.

Open Door

23 rd January 2019 13 th March 2019	This is an opportunity for families to come together, share a drink and a chat in our school hall. Mrs McElhone will be overseeing these mornings and is looking forward to meeting you all.
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Fundraising at English Martyrs'

At English Martyrs' we fully embrace our worldwide family by fundraising for local, national and global charities. The children pride themselves on helping others and it is a great chance to develop their understanding of people less fortunate than themselves. This year, the Chaplaincy team announced a charity for each class, which they'll follow closely throughout the academic year – researching, learning, promoting awareness and fundraising for.

Year Group	Charity	Local/Global/National
Reception	The Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust	Local
Reception/Year 1	Canaan Trust	Local
Year 1/2	Guide Dogs UK	National
Year 2	Heartlink	Local
Year 3	Cancer Research UK	National
Year 3/4	Mary's Meals	National
Year 4	Bunkpurugu	Global
Year 5	Nottingham Children's	Local

	Hospital	
Year 5/6	Rainbows Children's Hospice	Local
Year 6	Treetops Hospice	National
School Council	Children in Need	National
Chaplaincy Team	CAFOD	Global
English Martyrs' Staff members	Cystic Fibrosis Trust	National

School Website

Please keep an eye on our website, as we are regularly updating the RE pages, which include: Chaplaincy team, Faith in Action, Catholic life and Collective worship. We celebrate the children's successes by updating the website with images of children's work and information about what the children have been part of during our Collective Worship time.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Chaplaincy Team Newsletter

Lent Term

Who are we?

We are the Year 6 Chaplaincy Team.

Our team will go throughout the school to help others understand religious beliefs and actions. We have meetings regularly to discuss ways that we can bring the faith in our school and to align this with their school work. Also, ways we can put our faith into action.



What did we get up to during the Advent term?

During our Advent term, we gave each class a charity. The charities we chose to support can be found in the picture on the left.

Some of our school members (Year 6) started their Faith in Action Award to show how they can put their faith into action.

Keep an eye out on our school website for more!!

What's happening during Lent term?

Every year during Lent, our Year 3 and Year 4 children perform a production for the school and their relatives. They are invited to come along to enjoy the Easter performance, showing how Jesus died for us. There will be hymns that bring us together in unity with Jesus. Every child has a role in the production.

During our Lent term, we will celebrate Ash Wednesday in school. Parents and family members can come along too. The Chaplaincy team will burn paper, which will have our sins written on it, then use these ashes to place on everybody's forehead.

At the end of Lent term, there will be the Stations of the Cross or an Easter Liturgy. This is a time when we reflect on Jesus' journey as he died for us. Parents are invited to join this celebration.

In October, every class was given a charity to work on throughout the year. During Lent, we, as a Chaplaincy team, will be focusing on our charity - raising money and awareness. We are looking forward to this.