

## English Martyrs School, St. Mark Street, London E1 8DJ Tel: 020 7709 0182 www.englishmartyrs.towerhamlets.sch.uk Headteacher - Miss B Nugent

Mission Statement "We are special people on a journey, growing and learning together in search of excellence, as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus."

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

Dear Parents.

We will hold the Leavers Mass tomorrow at 9:00am to pray with Year 6 and their families as they end their primary education in our school. We wish then every success and future happiness as they begin their secondary education in September. We thank Year 6 and their families for their support and commitment to our school and we will miss you.

We will also give thanks at this Mass for the hard work and loyal service Miss Freeman and Miss Hancock have given to our school - a combination of 36 years between them! Their work in our school has enabled so many children to overcome difficulties in Literacy and Numeracy and on behalf of our school community present and past, we thank them and wish them both a happy and healthy retirement.

Celebrating pupils' success - We are so proud of Year 6 for their hard work throughout the year in preparation for their end of KS2 SATS, they are so well prepared for their KS3 Secondary School curriculum. We are also proud of all children who have worked to the best of their abilities through the year and hope that as they move through the school they will make continued progress. Provisional results for our school compared with Local Authority and National percentages are attached below.

BBC Proms - Mrs Simon and her choir are very excited to be part of the BBC CBeebies Prom on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July. Part of the rehearsal on Friday will be recorded for Blue Peter and the 3pm performance on Saturday will be recorded for live broadcast on BBC Radio 3 and for CBeebies and BBC iPlayer in September.

New school time - The practice for new starting time arrangements began and your cooperation was much appreciated. Parents for Breakfast Club must have children in the hall before 8:15am to allow them time to eat breakfast

Tower Hamlets Penalty Notices - Tower Hamlets will implement the National Framework for Penalty Notices for poor school attendance and unauthorised leave in term time. This will come into effect from August 2024. Please see document on school website in the 'Attendance & Holidays' section under the 'Key Information' tab.

Wimbledon Day - Wimbledon Fundraising afternoon was celebrated on Friday  $5^{th}$  July. Pupils wore whites and paid £2 towards the school fundraising appeal. We raised a total of £487.50 which included the sale of refreshments. Thank you for your support.

Summer Fair - The Summer Fair was held in the school playground on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July to raise funds for the school. Activities included BBQ, drinks, cakes, face painting, raffle and games. Thank you to all who helped organise the day and run the stalls and activities.

**English Martyrs Got Talent** - The whole school was privileged to watch the KS2 performance of 'English Martyrs Got Talent' last week showing what great entertainers and performers your children are. The variety of talents on offer was amazing, well done to all who participated and we look forward to the KS1 show tomorrow.

Afterschool & Breakfast club - The cost for Afterschool Care and Breakfast Club will increase to £8.50 and £5 respectively.

Recycle clothing collection - The clothing recycling collection raised approximately £171, thank you for your donations.

Reading Books - Thank you for returning school reading books for stock taking purposes. We would like our pupils to continue writing in their reading record throughout the summer and then return them to their new class in September. This will encourage the continuation of good reading habits and inform the next teacher about their reading level. Children can read books from home or local library (including newspapers/magazines/audiobooks/kindles etc) OR if possible, they could participate in the Summer Reading Challenge, details found here.

Holiday Childcare Scheme - The Summer Holiday Childcare Scheme will be held in St Mary & St Michael School, Sutton Street, E1 OBD from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July until Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. For more details please click here.

Family Hub/Children & Family Centre Summer Activities - A variety of Summer activities are being held over various parts of the borough over the summer holidays from 22<sup>nd</sup> July until 30<sup>th</sup> August. Please see the 'Leaflets' section on the school website under the 'Newsletters' tab for fun and exciting activities. These activities are designed to offer something for everyone, ensuring a fun, engaging, and supportive environment for all families from outdoor adventure trips and creative workshops to family-friendly events and community service opportunities.

On behalf of all staff I wish you and your children a very happy, restful and safe summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming you and your children back to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 8.40 am.

Yours sincerely,

Miss B Nugent

## Provisional

## **Attainment Results 2024**

	Local Authority	National	English Martyrs
EYFS Good Level of Development	66.3%	67.8%	52%
Year 1 Phonics	79.7%	80.4%	85%
Key Stage 2 SATS Expected Standard			
Reading	80%	74%	78%
Writing	79%	72%	70%
Maths	82%	73%	74%
RWM Combined	70%	61%	65%
Grammar Punctuation and Spelling	81%	72%	87%
Key Stage 2 SATS Greater Depth			
Reading	32%	28%	48%
Writing	18%	13%	22%
Maths	32%	24%	52%
RWM Combined	11%	8%	17%
Grammar Punctuation and Spelling	43%	3%2	61%