



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.”

Values: *Love – Respect - Honesty*

24th May 2024

Dear Parents,

Our staff training day when we return will be focused on behaviour and pupils’ emotional wellbeing, online safety and other curriculum aspects that have been updated. We wish you and your families a very safe and happy half term holiday and look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 4th June.

Healthy Friendships - Please make sure as parents that you keep positive relationships towards each other and towards our staff to set a good example for your children. If you have a query or need a meeting with your class teacher, please make an appointment and let the office staff know the subject. This gives teachers time to prepare and answer your questions in full.

Pupils experience many emotions during their time in school. These can sometimes damage friendships. Our aim in school is for all to be safe and happy and pupils are reminded constantly to let the adults know when they do not feel safe or happy so we can help solve problems. Please encourage your child to speak to the adults at school and we will give them support and guidance.

We have ‘drama workshops’ planned for pupils later this term which will help pupils understand the importance of maintaining good relationships and friendships.

Please keep your children safe on line.

We ask that all parents check out the Parents Tab on school website for guidance on online safety and urge you to check regularly what you child is accessing on their devices.

Free meals for kids - The following link identifies food outlets that serve free meals for children during holiday periods.

https://www.squaremeal.co.uk/restaurants/best-for/where-do-kids-eat-for-free-in-london-and-the-uk_10525

Parent Governor – We are pleased to announce our new Parent Governor Mrs Schirinzi, whose daughter Katherine is a pupil in Nursery. We look forward to working with her and thank her for offering her support as your parent representative governor.

D Day 80th anniversary – On Thursday 6th June we will commemorate 80 years since the D Day Landings with a special lunch in school and pupils are welcome to dress up as war veterans or evacuees.

Fundraising for School – The Parent Association have arranged a number of events to raise funds for school resources. Their efforts and your generous contributions last year allowed us to fund Music and Spanish lessons. We hope you will attend the events planned for the next half term. We urgently request more parent helpers for these events, please contact the office if you are able to offer your support.

More details for each of these events will follow after half term.

Friday 21st June - International Day and Bingo event

Friday 5th July - Wimbledon Tennis Day with parents’ coffee afternoon.

Saturday 13th July - Summer Fair

English Martyrs Church -You are welcome to join English Martyrs Parish at the Summer BBQ in English Martyrs School grounds on Sunday 7th July. Details to follow.

Summer term assessments –

Well done to Year 6 for their calm and diligent approach to their KS2 SATS assessments last week. Thank you to all staff who have worked hard to ensure that the children were well prepared for their tests.

The remaining classes, Years 1-5, will have summer assessments in Reading, Maths and SPAG in June.

Also please note, Year 1 will be assessed on their phonics knowledge using the 2024 Phonics Screening assessment.

Year 4 will be assessed on their speed and knowledge of the 'times tables' using the Multiplication Tables Checker.

Reception Class will be assessed according to the Foundation Stage Profiles.

Duracell Big Battery Hunt- The Eco -Warriors in each class have started to collect used batteries for recycling. So far Year 2 are in the lead with 201 batteries in their collection box. The collection will continue until Monday 10th June.

Holiday Childcare Scheme – The half term holiday childcare scheme is now open for bookings. It will be held in St Anne's and Guardian Angels Primary School, Underwood Road, London E1 5AW. More information can be found [here](#).

Sports Day - Sports Day for Years 1-6 will be in Wapping Park on Tuesday 9th July. As in previous years teachers will bring their classes from school and arrive at the park at 9:45 am where they will meet up with families who have made their own way to the park. Children in the park should be accompanied by an adult until staff arrive at 9:45am. Children should not be left in the park unaccompanied. Teachers will leave the park at 2:30pm to return to school.

Thanking you all for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely

Miss B Nugent