



MARTYRS NEWS

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NEWSLETTER OF ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Collective Worship



BY MR DINSDALE

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term and with the clocks going back and stormy weather this week, it's certainly feeling wintry!

All children have visited church this week as they celebrated All Saints day on 1st November; this was a wonderful way for all year groups to take part in collective worship on this Holy day of obligation.

Today, we talked about the importance of being humble and what it means to each of us. Jesus in the Matthew's gospel calls us to be a "humble servant" of others - we can show this in the way we speak and act towards those around us.

It was wonderful to see so many parents attending our open evenings before half-term. I have asked all teachers to let the office know if there were any missed appointments, so you may be contacted to see if you would like a follow-up appointment either face to face or over the phone at some point in the coming week.

Finally, I spoke to the children about being safe, being seen on these darker evenings (wearing lighter coats, reflectors for their bags etc). With our older children walking to and from school on their own, it is important that they are doing all they can to keep themselves safe. Thanks for your help with these matters too.

Attendance

It is important that all children attend school regularly so that they can get achieve their very best. We are continuing to monitor attendance this academic year and will celebrate positive attendance in our Star of the Week assemblies. Well done to **Class 4A** with their fantastic level of attendance during October!



Key Dates

Date:	Event:
Mon 6th Nov	End of Topic Y6 - 9am
Tue 7th Nov	Y6 trip to Lanc. Museum
Wed 8th Nov	End of Topic Y1 - 9am
Thu 9th Nov	End of Topic Y4 - 9am
Fri 10th Nov	Come & Read Y2 - 2.30pm
Wed 15th Nov	PTA Meeting - 6pm
Mon 27th Nov to Fri 1st Dec	Y5 CHET residential trip



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Any news, let us know:
news@englishmartyrs.co.uk

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Nursery

BY MRS HALSALL AND MRS GARVEY

This week in Nursery we have been cutting up pumpkins to see and describe what is inside. We have also been on a minibeast hunt outdoors using our microscopes to look closely at the different minibeasts, including spiders, slugs, snails and worms.



Reception

BY MRS MORRIS & MRS DOOLEY

On Wednesday, Reception visited church for All Saints day. We said our prayers and sang a special song.



As part of our new literacy book, we went on a walk around the school grounds to look for animals. We saw seagulls, pigeons, worms, spiders and lots of other insects.



Year 1

BY MRS BLACKLEDGE & MRS SOTHERN

This week Year One enjoyed children from Year Five visiting them in class to share stories with them. The Year Five pupils read a selection of stories to the younger children which they all thoroughly enjoyed. We are looking forward to their next visit and sharing some more of our favourite stories.



Year 2

BY MISS DRINKALL & MRS MCINTYRE

Year 2 had some very special guests in school on Monday. Lancashire Hawks and Owls came to visit prior to us beginning our new text called 'The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark'. We were able to see and learn about some different species of owls, a kestrel and a hawk. Lots of new facts were shared and the children were able to stroke some of the birds. It was a very special start to our half term!

Harry also said, "My favourite owl was Pixie because she was little and cute. She was Dixie's sister and I learnt that if she was in the wild she would screech wildly if a predator came into her hole, to try and scare it off.

"Fudge the Tawny Owl was my favourite. I held him - he was very light"

Seren - 2A

"I liked stroking Dixie the Burrowing Owl. He was very small and fluffy"

Harris - 2B



"My Favourite owl was Pixie because she was little and cute. I learnt that, in the wild, she would screech if a predator came close"

Harry - 2B

Year 5

BY MR BUCKTON & MISS GRAY

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Come and Read

BY MISS GRAY

We all know that there are few things more powerful than regularly reading with a child, and reading for pleasure with your child can make a big difference to their educational performance. Therefore, we are excited to invite parents and guardians (who have children in Year 1 - Year 4) back into school on the dates below to read with their children:

- Friday 10th November - Year 2
- Friday 17th November - Year 3
- Friday 24th November - Year 4
- Friday 12th January - Year 1
- Friday 19th January - Year 2
- Friday 26th January - Year 3
- Friday 2nd February - Year 4

Reading times are 2:30pm-2:50pm in your child's classroom.

Year 5 and 6 children are invited to bring in a favourite book and read whilst enjoying a drink of hot chocolate. We just need the children to bring in a mug on the day as we'll supply the hot chocolate.

- Friday 1st December - Year 6
- Friday 8th December - Year 5
- Friday 9th February - Year /6

3 Word Book Review

BY MIA YEAR 2

Funnybones by Janet and Allan Ahlberg.

"Scary, Funny, Interesting"



Break the Rules Day

BY ANDREA PANKIW

We are pleased to tell you that we made a total of **£570.94** that will be used for up coming activities throughout this school year. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Eco Councillors

BY MISS TIERNEY

The Eco Councillors for this academic year have now been appointed. These pupils will meet regularly to discuss ways in which our school can become more Eco friendly as well as raising awareness of Eco issues throughout school. The children have designed various posters to display around school.



PTA Toy Appeal

BY ANDREA PANKIW

This Christmas we will be supporting Sefton Community Pantry again by launching our toy appeal next week. If you are able to help out by donating a new toy then please leave it with the school office. Sefton Community Pantry do an amazing job supporting families in the local community and at our school.



Money Owed

BY MRS DELANEY

Please can you ensure that you make regular payments via the Arbor app for dinners, breakfast club and nursery fees. We have an increasing amount of parents who are failing to keep their children's accounts up to date. Please be respectful if staff contact you regarding your child's account. If you are struggling, please come and speak to us about this.

ADDvanced Solutions

BY MRS WALSH

ADDvanced Solutions Community Network encourages, equips and empowers children, young people and their families living with neurodevelopmental conditions, learning difficulties and associated mental health needs. Please click on the link below to see the latest parent courses being offered by ADDvanced Solutions Community Network.

<https://www.addvancedsolutions.co.uk/news/newsletters/sefton.html>



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Good News from Home!

BY MRS MCGLYNN



The girls below (Daisie & Eyrse) shared their medals and certificates with Mr Dinsdale too!

Well done to the girls on the right, Abigail, Poppy, Emmie & Amelia for taking part in a regional Morris dancing competition recently. They did brilliantly as you can tell by the medals they received for their wonderful dancing!

If your child has any good news that they would like to share with school please get in touch. Pictures and a little bit of text can be sent to our dedicated newsletter email address.

Any news, let us know: news@englishmartyrs.co.uk

Staying Safe Online:

BY MR DINSDALE

Keeping your children safe online is not an easy task and requires effort on your part in order for safety to be maintained. We have gathered a number of brilliant guides below. Please use them to help you navigate the difficult waters of online safety as a parent.

Internet Matters:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/esafety-leaflets-resources/>

It has a lot of good advice on adding parental controls as well as on most aspects of online safety. Parental controls will only help keep children safe. The best safety feature that a child has is their parent or carer. Take the time to talk to your child about the apps and games they are using and don't be afraid to say no sometimes!

NSPCC Online Safety:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

The range of online apps changes on a regular basis and the NSPCC have a site called [Net Aware](#). This provides unbiased up-to-date information on current apps and sites along with advice to parents about dealing with issues. The NSPCC have teamed up with O2 to provide advice to parents and have a free helpline on **0808 800 5002**. They will also give support in any O2 shop – you do not have to be an O2 customer.

ThinkUKnow:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/>

ThinkUKnow is the website aimed at children and their parents from the National Crime Agency. It has lots of useful suggestions and advice on how to report issues. It also has lots of games and activities including Jessie and Friends for the younger children and Band Runner for the older ones.

Many children will at times suffer from online bullying. It is really important that they have someone they can talk to and know that it is not acceptable. Most apps and sites will have systems in place that allow bullying to be reported. Please raise a concern within school if this is the case.

EM STARS



Star of the Week
FRIDAY 20TH OCT

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FRIDAY 3RD NOV



Nursery All Day
Nursery AM
RA
RB
1A
1B
2A
2B
3A
3B
4A
4B
5A
5B
6A
6B

Teddy
Benjamin
Phoebe
Tommy
Sonny
Lucas
Sean
Phoebe
Jax
Daniella
Kenneth
Joanne
William
Ava
Tom
Liam

Nursery All Day
Nursery AM
RA
RB
1A
1B
2A
2B
3A
3B
4A
4B
5A
5B
6A
6B

Jacob
Frankie
Esmae
Reva
Matilda
Eva
Seren
Adam
William
Alfie
Lucas
Amber
James
Oliver
Harry
Abbie



Golden Pen Award Winners

KEY STAGE 1

Cecelia O - Y2A

KEY STAGE 2

Paul S - Y3B

Well done everyone!



YEAR DATES 2023/24

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AUTUMN TERM 2023

Mon 4th Sept	INSET (School closed for staff training)	
Tues 5th Sept	Term Begins	
Mon 23rd Oct	} Half Term	
Fri 27th Oct		
Mon 30th Oct	Term begins	Pupil Days - 72
Wed 20th Dec	Term ends - 2pm	Staff Days - 73

SPRING TERM 2024

Thurs 4th Jan	Term begins	
Mon 12th Feb	} Half Term	
Fri 16th Feb		
Mon 19th Feb	Term begins	Pupil Days - 56
Thurs 28th Mar	Term ends - 2pm	Staff Days - 56

SUMMER TERM 2024

Mon 15th April	Term begins	
Mon 6th May	Bank Holiday	
Mon 27th May	} Half term	
Fri 31st May		
Mon 3rd June	INSET (School closed for staff training)	
Tues 4th June	Term begins	
Thurs 18th July	Term ends - 2pm	
Fri 19th July	INSET (school closed for staff training)	
Mon 22nd July	INSET (school closed for staff training)	Pupil Days - 62
Tues 23rd July	INSET (school closed for staff training)	Staff Days - 66

Total Pupil Days - 190

Total Staff Days - 195

USEFUL INFO

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Sefton Women's & Childrens Aid

Contact number: 0151 922 8606

SWACA provide holistic services to women, young people and children affected by Domestic Abuse offering both effective crisis intervention and early intervention and preventative services.

 Venus
centre

Venus Centre Charity

Contact number: 0151 474 4744

VENUS provide service to empower, promote and support women, and their children in developing their potential, recognising their choices and achieving their goals and challenging injustice.

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trust

The Trussell Trust

Contact number: 01722 580180

The trust supports a nationwide network of food banks and together they provide emergency food and support to people locked in poverty, and campaign for change to end the need for food banks in the UK.



In Your Shoes

Contact number: 0151 345 9611

Located at 100 Moss Lane the charity supports our local community.

 Sefton Council

Litherland Wellbeing Centre

Contact number: 0151 288 6661

Family Well-being Centres provide joined up support for children and young people aged 0-19 years to make family life that little bit easier.

 Sefton Council

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One Stop Shop: 0345 140 0845

Affordable Warmth Service: 0151 934 2222

Free School Meals: 0151 934 3263

Emergency Limited Assistance: 0151 934 3377

Sefton at Work: 0151 934 2610

For further details visit Sefton Council's website:

<https://www.sefton.gov.uk/advice-benefits/cost-of-living/>

If you are struggling and would like support please do not hesitate to contact one of the above or the school office who will assist in any way they can.