
ENGLISH MARTYRS NEWSLETTER

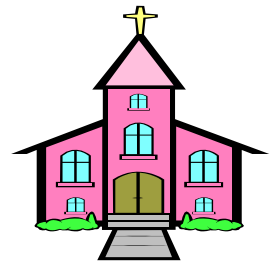
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PARISH MASS TIMES

Saturday Evening:	St. Austin's	6.15 p.m.
Sunday Morning:	St. Austin's	8.15 a.m.
	English Martyrs	9.30 a.m.
	St. Austin's	11.00 a.m.
Polish Mass:	St. Austin's	3.30 p.m.
Sunday Evening:	St. Austin's	6.00 p.m.



Statement to Live By: We are all special.

Overall school attendance for this academic year so far is 95.9% This is very slightly above the National Average (95.6%).

WELCOME BACK



Please be aware of the new telephone number 299244

LETTER FROM HEADTEACHER

September 2016

Dear parents and carers,

A warm welcome back to previous members of our community! I hope you have had a lovely, restful family summer holiday.

As the new term begins can I take this opportunity to re-iterate my vow that we work in partnership so that your child can develop into the best person they can be. As a mother I know how important your child is to you. As a teacher I know it is a privilege and an honour to be entrusted with the care and education of your child.

From time to time issues will arise that we need to solve. As Headteacher, I hope you find me approachable and focused on finding a solution. I have an open door policy and will make myself available as soon as possible to resolve issues. I also look forward to receiving positive feedback too! A special welcome to our new starters - Reception class, new Nursery pupils and pupils in other year groups; and our new staff – Miss Bracken! May your time at English Martyrs be rich and rewarding. The children have settled well into their new classes....

UNIFORM

The children look very smart in their uniforms: please can we ensure that standards of uniform are maintained with no 'additional extras' creeping in! Children in Y2-Y6 need indoor shoes. Please can Y1 parents ensure their children have a change of shoes by October half-term.

All items of clothing need to be clearly labelled. (We have a number of unclaimed items from last academic year in the lost property box)

Please can you ensure PE kit is clearly labelled and the children have trainers for outdoor PE. They cannot use their indoor shoes. PE kit is black shorts and a plain white T-shirt. In cold weather the children can wear a tracksuit for outdoor PE.

As the Autumn weather is unpredictable please ensure your child has a coat with them each day for school.

No jewellery should be worn – this includes 'bracelets'. Extreme hairstyles are not allowed.

Summer uniform can be worn until October half-term. After half-term we return to Winter uniform - at this point shirts and school ties need to be worn.

CATERING

Our catering provider changes on Monday to Dolce catering. Thank you to all of the families who have registered emails so that the choice of lunch can be made from home. School dinner money will be handled by Dolce staff and not school staff from Monday. Dinners cost £2.10/day.

ABSENCE

If your child has to be absent from school please telephone or write, giving the reason for the absence, as soon as possible. Please ensure we have up to date emergency contact numbers for you so that we can contact you during the school day if required. Please try to include a landline number as one of the emergency contact telephone numbers as mobiles can be switched off or out of range.

TERM DATES

Included in the newsletter are the term dates for this academic year.

As you are aware holidays taken in term time are not authorised unless there are strong mitigating circumstances.

As you can see we are taking two weeks at Spring Bank – this is a good time to take a family holiday as it is often cheaper than August, if you are in a position to do so. Two weeks at this time also allows the staff time to mark assessments, evaluate results and write reports.

CURRICULUM UPDATES

We will continue to send out the weekly newsletter on Friday. With this Friday's newsletter you will receive a copy of the 'Curriculum Information Sheet for the Autumn Term'. But don't forget to look on the school website too!

On behalf of all the staff can I say 'thank you' in anticipation of your continued and excellent support for the forthcoming academic year. I believe our past improvements have happened because we worked together in a spirit of mutual respect and trust.

I hope we all look forward to an exciting, fun-filled, learning rich year ahead!

Yours in continued partnership

C. M. Flood

Headteacher

DIARY DATES

- Friday 16th September - Start of Year Mass 10:30am - Parents welcome
- Thursday 29th September - Teacher/Parent welcome meeting YR-Y6 3:30-4:30pm
- Friday 7th October - CAFOD FAST Day - 1:30pm Liturgy 2:15pm Auction
- Tuesday 18th October - Nursery Stay n Play for Jan 2017 starters
- Thursday 20th October - School Closes for Half Term (21st is an inset day)
- Monday 31st October - School Reopens - Winter Uniform Please
- Tuesday 1st November - Nursery Stay n Play Day 2 for Jan 2017 starters
- Tuesday 1st November - Y6 Mass for All Saints (11am) - Parents Welcome
- Tuesday 8th November - Nursery Stay n Play Day 3 for Jan 2017 starters
- Friday 11th November - Bulb planting in Remembrance of November Dead List and
Remembrance Liturgy 1:30pm
- Tuesday 15th November - Parent Consultation Nursery - Year 6 1:30-6:30pm
(3-3:30pm break - no appts)
- Tuesday 15th November - Nursery Stay n Play Day 4 for Jan 2017 starters
- Tuesday 22nd November - Nursery Stay n Play Day 5 for Jan 2017 starters
- Friday 25th November - Nursery Home Visits
- Monday 28th November - Daily Advent Assembly & Walking Cribs start
- Tuesday 2nd December - Nursery Home Visits
- Tuesday 6th December - KS1 Nativity (2:15pm and 6pm)
- Wednesday 7th December - Foundation Stage Nativity - Reception and morning Nursery -
9:30am.
Foundation Stage Tableau and carols with afternoon Nursery
2:30pm
- Thursday 8th December - Years 3&4 Christmas Production 2:15pm
- Friday 9th December - Year 5&6 Christmas Reflection 2:15pm
- Friday 9th December - Christmas Fayre 3:30-5pm
- Monday 12th December - Grandparents and senior parishioners party 1:15pm
- Friday 16th December - End of Term Mass 9:30am
- Tuesday 19th December - School closes for Christmas

Dear parents and carers,

RE: After School Clubs Autumn Term 2016

Once more we will be running a range of after school clubs this half-term (October holidays).

All after school clubs run from 3.20 – 4.20. **Please ensure children are collected by 4.30.**

Please complete the permission slip at the bottom of this letter if you wish your child to attend any of the clubs. Attendance at a club in a previous term does not give automatic right to attend in the following term. Please return the reply slip and any contribution requested by noon Monday 12 September so that places can be offered on a first come basis. We can support any family if financial circumstances do not allow contributions towards clubs (speak to me in strict confidence).

Clubs will run for YReception to apply for in the Spring Term

Club	Member of staff leading	Year group	Day
Netball - 30places	Miss McGee	Y5 & Y6	Monday
Gardening Club – 24 places	Mrs Delany & Miss Keighley	Y1-Y6	Monday
Rugby – 20 places	Mr O'Brien & Mr Bamford	Y4, Y5 & Y6	Monday
Russian – 10 places	Mrs O'Brien	Y1-Y6	Monday
Multiskills – 22 places	Mr Bamford (PE Coach)	Y1 & Y2	Tuesday
Construction Club – 30 places	Miss Mountain/Mr Salkow	Y1-Y6	Wednesday
Computer Club – 24 places	Miss Starkey	Y3-Y6	Wednesday
Dance – 24 places	Mrs Mayfield	Y3-Y6	Thursday
Eco Club – 20 places, £2.50 per term for resources	Mrs Perkins	Y1-Y6	Thursday
Choir	Mrs Wainwright	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	Thursday
Study Club – 20 places	Mrs Clarke	Y6	Thursday
Football	Mr Donnelly	Y4, Y5, Y6	Friday
Karate	Sensei John		Friday
Bible Club	Miss Delany		Friday 12-12:30

Yours in partnership
C. M. Flood
Headteacher

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

I give permission for to attend

..... Club on

I enclose the requested contribution for Eco Club/I will speak to Mrs Flood re the contribution*

Signed



STARS OF THE WEEK

Leilen Goodwin

Reception - Arran Lyon - My first star of the week has to be Arran. He is one of the new starters and has settled in amazingly! He is always doing the right thing and has gorgeous manners. We are very lucky to have a friend like him.

Year 1 - Oscar Mannifield - The first star of the week is Oscar Mannifield. Oscar has come into Year 1 with a mature attitude and he is always ready to learn. He remembers to use his manners, always happy to help his friends and he has some wonderful ideas that he shares with the class!

Year 2 - Connor Chapman - I would like to give my first star of the week to Connor Chapman. He has come back to school with wonderful determination in his work. He always remembers to use his manners and has been helping his friends in their learning too! What a star.

Year 3 - Oonagh Stanton - Oonagh has come into Year 3 with confidence and determination. She has worked hard in all lessons and shared her ideas freely with her classmates. Great to see, keep it up.

Year 4 - Leilen Goodwin - We are so impressed with the mature start Leilen has made to Year 4. He has been a huge help in class and has impeccable manners. A fantastic start to the year.

Year 5 - Leo Annakin - The first star of the week goes to Leo Annakin. He has come into Year 5 with an amazing attitude. He is focussed and determined to learn and is working his socks off. Well done Leo.

Year 6 - James Cappleman - What a fantastic, mature start to Year 6. James has been focussed, motivated and contributed fantastically to all sessions. Well done and keep up this fantastic effort.

NOTICES FROM DIOCESE OF LEEDS

1. Celebration of Married Life: On Saturday 1st October, there will be a special Celebration Mass for Married Life at Leeds Cathedral for couples and their families celebrating their 25th (Silver), 40th (Ruby), 50th (Golden) and 60th (Diamond) wedding anniversaries this year. The 6 pm Mass will fulfil the Sunday Obligation and there will be an opportunity for couples, who wish to do so, to renew their marriage vows during the liturgy. If you are celebrating the anniversary of your wedding and you would like to take part, please fill out the application form, available at the back of church and send it to Mrs J Baker, Bishop's House, 13 North Grange Road, Leeds, LS6 2BR - 0113 230 4533 or email it to bishop@dioceseofleeds.org.uk by Tuesday, 6th September.

2. St Mary of the Angels Torchlight Procession Monday 3rd October – Led by Rt. Rev. Marcus Stock, Bishop of Leeds – Remembering out late MP, Jo Cox (RIP) starts 7:30pm at Batley Market Square processing to St Mary of the Angels' Church – followed by light refreshments – All welcome.

3. Catholic Care has 4 new retirement apartments at Leopold Villa located opposite St Robert's Church right in the heart of Harrogate. For further details or to arrange an appointment to view the apartments please call Brenda on 07540 047 973. Or visit www.leopoldvilla.co.uk

4. LIFE Walsingham Pilgrimage - twin bedded rooms available for anyone wishing to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage on Saturday and stay for the Pilgrimage on Sunday - Phone Pat Sammon 0113 2582745/07747698553

5. Health and Safety Officer - Job Vacancy - please see school office for more details.

6. Job Vacancy for a new Principal at All Saints Catholic High School in Huddersfield – see school office for more details.

7. Catholic Care has an exciting new opportunity for a Service Manager to join the Charity's Senior Management Team with a responsibility for Older People's Services Full details - Janet Flynn on 0113 3885400 or by email at janet.flynn@catholic-care.org.uk or alternatively go to www.catholic-care.org.uk to apply online. Closing Date - 21st September 2016

8. Please call in at the school office to see the Youth Service Summer Newsletter from Hannah, Youth Officer.

9. Retreat at The Briery "Mystic of Brokenness - An Introduction to the Spirituality of St. Paul of the Cross" by Fr. Paul Francis Spencer, C.P. 21st-23rd October 2016 - Contact details: 01943 607287 / booking form in school office.

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Holiday Pattern for 2016/2017

School opens to pupils Tuesday 6th September, 2016
(Teaching staff have INSET on Monday 5th September, 2016)

School closes for October half-term Thursday 20th October, 2016 at 3:15pm
School reopens Monday 31st October, 2016
(Teaching staff have INSET on Friday 21st October, 2016)

School closes for Christmas holidays Wednesday 21st December, 2016 at 2:00pm
School reopens Tuesday 10th January, 2017
(Teaching staff have INSET on Monday 9th January 2017)

School closes for February half-term Friday 10th February, 2017 at 3:15pm
School reopens Monday 20th February, 2017

School closes for Easter Wednesday 12th April 2017 at 3:15pm
School reopens Monday 24th April, 2017
(Teaching staff have INSET on Thursday 13th April 2017)

School is closed For Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2017

School closes for Spring Bank, Friday 26th May, 2017 at 3:15pm
School reopens to pupils Monday 12th June, 2017
(Teaching staff have INSET on Friday 9th June 2017)

School closes to pupils Wednesday 26th July, 2017 at 1:30pm