



# EM NEWS

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THE NEWSLETTER FOR ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY  
SCHOOL, READING

*'Nurturing a relationship with Jesus Christ'*

## Gospel reading:

*Mark 1:21-28*

They went as far as Capernaum, and at once on the Sabbath he went into the synagogue and began to teach.

And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

And at once in their synagogue there was a man with an unclean spirit, and he shouted,

What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.'

But Jesus rebuked it saying, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him.

The people were so astonished that they started asking one another what it all meant, saying, 'Here is a teaching that is new, and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.'

## DIARY DATES:

Children leading Mass Saturday 3rd February at 6.30pm or Sunday 4th February 9.30am and 11.30am (it would be great to see children attending wearing their school uniform).

## Community Action Ark Project

On Tuesday the school council reps from each class met with Shiana and Sara who both volunteer for the Community Action Ark Project, a homelessness charity here in Reading. Just before Christmas, the Ark launched its 10 sleeper, mobile, homeless shelter and it has already helped many people who have had nowhere to call home. The bus ensures those who are staying on board are safe, have a hot meal and receive the support they need to secure accommodation, find employment and have access to local services. School council have chosen the Ark Project as the school's chosen charity and leading up to Lent will be organising fundraising events to support this fabulous cause.



For our first event our school council ask all in our community if they would kindly donate **toiletries (both men and women), socks, hats, gloves and blankets** for those people who use the Ark service.

If you are able to donate please do so via your child's class teacher by **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018**. We really appreciate your continued support and generosity.

**Parents Consultations Sessions** – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 5.30pm-8.00pm and Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 3.30pm-6.00pm. If you have not yet booked, the online booking is open until Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February via <https://emschool.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> (a separate letter has been sent regarding Mrs Tobin's bookings. If you have not yet booked with Mrs Tobin please make the booking via the front office as we have a few spaces left for 1st February).

**Week ahead** - I have had positive feedback regarding the week ahead sheet from parents. The brief insight into what your children get up to in school gives you the chance to talk with your children about school learning and also an opportunity to look into the areas of study either at the local library, museums or online. They may also be learning about something you are particularly interested in, giving you the chance to share your knowledge together.

**Coordinator of Social Justice and Evangelisation required for maternity cover**—The Governors of three Greater Reading schools English Martyrs, St Joseph's and Christ the King wish to appoint a suitably qualified person for the above post. Please see advert attached.

The Ark Project  
"Community in Action"

SPONSOR A HOMELESS PERSON

JUST £25 A WEEK WILL GET A HOMELESS PERSON A SAFE BED ON THE ARK BUS & OFF THE STREETS! INFO WWW.CAAP.ORG.UK

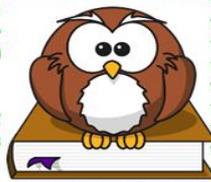
Follow our progress Facebook @wearethearkreading

The Ark Project is a bus we are converting into a mobile resource centre to be parked up in Town during the day as a safe place people can come to and get help for bullying, domestic abuse, depression, debt, substance addiction and housing issues. It has 10 beds upstairs & will double up as place for the homeless to sleep and get the help they need. It will convey with an ex-prison van that is being converted into a shower & toilet unit...find out more visit [www.caap.org.uk](http://www.caap.org.uk)

## Hearing your child read...

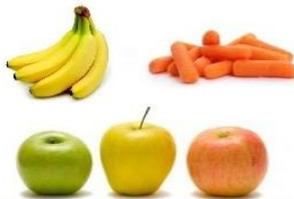
It is so important that parents support their children by hearing them read on a daily basis. Children can only make progress in reading with such support. When hearing your child read, try the following approach:

- Before beginning, go through the book, look at any illustrations and discuss what might happen in the story. Say tricky words that children will have to read, e.g. "Look at that big tortoise in the picture". This will help children later.
- Whilst reading, if your child gets stuck, try these methods:
  - sound out words phonetically: c-a-t = cat, sh-o-t = shot, h-oo-d = hood, l-ou-d = loud, r-ou-n-d = round, p-r-ou-d = proud
  - use the pictures as prompts for tricky words
  - encourage your child to read in context, eg: "The dog was hungry so he ate the b\_\_\_" (bone)
- When you have finished reading, ask your child about what they have read. Get them to talk about what has happened so that they can develop their comprehension skills. Ask them about how certain characters might be feeling in the story. Ask them how they know, where in the text does it give this information?
- Go over any words that your child got stuck on. Get them to read the words again, individually.



## Healthy Snacks

We try to encourage our pupils to live healthy lifestyles. Please support us in this by supplying snacks and packed lunches that are free from crisps and chocolates. Thank you.



## Online Safety

The key message is to be SMART on the Internet



### The 5 P's for Parents

1	<b>POSITIVE</b> Stay positive about social networking sites. Strike a balance between educating children to behave safely and trusting them to get on with it.
2	<b>PRIVACY</b> Make sure children know how to use privacy settings. Explain the importance of keeping information private and not sharing everything with everyone. Check they know all their online friends. If they don't, delete them.
3	<b>PHOTOS</b> Check that any photos posted are suitable. Photos can easily be copied, changed or circulated. They can potentially stay online forever.
4	<b>POSTINGS</b> Establish ground rules about what is and isn't acceptable to say - about themselves and others.
5	<b>PARENTS</b> Encourage children to tell you about inappropriate contact that makes them feel uncomfortable. Offensive images or messages can be reported to the police via the: <a href="http://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/">www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/</a>



**ZIP IT**  
Keep your personal stuff private and think about what you say and do online.



**BLOCK IT**  
Block people who send nasty messages and don't open unknown links and attachments.



**FLAG IT**  
Flag up with someone you trust if anything upsets you or if someone asks to meet you offline.

Congratulations to these wonderful children who received the following awards in our Laudate assembly today

### Merit

Andrea Desamparado  
Dannie Okeke  
Kornelia Hryniewicz  
Micky Conroy  
Adam Netherton  
Jacob Grigg  
Adam Harris  
Mateusz Dawid  
2 Barlow  
Victoria Dwornik  
Lily Holloway-Wride  
Tamar Bickersteth  
Kacper Krzacynski  
Eziuche Obanzu-King

### Courtesy Awards

Thomas Blackburn  
Xavia Gooding-Ziregbe  
Oscar Nowakowski  
Gabriela Kalinowska  
Sally Mwangi  
Obed Oteng  
Talia Chapman  
Maya Lucz  
2 Barlow  
Dominik Skrabut  
Wojciech Sciesinski  
Amelia Kopycynska  
Martyna Basinska  
Oliver Boyd

### Best Class Attendance

EYFS Gwyn 99%

### Headteacher's Award

Matthew Sheldon

### Deputy Headteacher's Award

Michael Sowah

*As a community centred on Jesus Christ, we strive to educate the whole child, supporting and celebrating their spiritual, moral, social and academic journey. We aim to be a community which inspires a sense of wonder and awe in which everyone feels happy, safe and secure.*

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Have a great weekend

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