



# English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

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**Term 5 - Letter 1**

**Friday 13th April 2018**



## GOSPEL READING

**SUNDAY 15th APRIL 2018**  
**3rd SUNDAY of EASTER**

Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.'

Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

**Luke : 24 : 35 - 48**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful break.

Actually, it feels slightly odd to be welcoming you back when I only started here myself at the beginning of the week, but I guess it is what headteachers are supposed to do in the first newsletter after a school holiday!

Thank you to everyone who has made me so welcome in my first week back at English Martyrs.

The children in Year 1 had a wonderfully exciting time on Wednesday morning meeting the spiders, iguanas and other creatures from Tom's Talking Reptiles. They had the opportunity to handle some of the creatures and learned lots of amazing facts about them. The children were much braver than the staff when it came to the huge tarantula!

On Wednesday afternoon Fr Michael joined us to celebrate Mass with the whole school. The children from Year 6 read beautifully and the singing was fantastic.

I am busy trying to learn as many names as possible. As part of this I would like to invite you to a "meet the head" coffee afternoon on Tuesday 24th April at 2.30pm, just before the afternoon pickup. This will be a chance get to know you better and to find out more about what you think we do well as well as what we could do even better.

Have a lovely weekend,

Cathy Doberska - Headteacher.



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## DIARY DATES

<b>Mon 9 April</b>	<b>Start of Term 5</b>
Thurs 19 April	5 Line Class Worship - 9.00am
Sat 21 April	Children leading 6.30pm Mass
Sun 22 April	Children leading 9.30am and 11.30 Mass
Mon 23 April	St George's Day (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Guides, Brownies, Rainbows may wear uniforms to school)
Tues 24 April	Meet the Head in hall - 2.30-3.00pm
Thurs 26 April	5 Mayne Class Worship - 9.00am
Thurs 3 May	4 Arrowsmith Class Worship - 9.00am
Fri 4 May	Feast of English Martyrs - walking to 9.30am Mass at Church
<b>Mon 7 May</b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY - School closed</b>
Thurs 10 May	4 Almond Class Worship - 9.00am
w/c 14 May	Year 6 SATs week
<b>Fri 25 May</b>	<b>End of Term 5</b>
<b>28 May - 1 Jun</b>	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Mon 4 Jun</b>	<b>Start of Term 6</b>
<b>Fri 8 Jun</b>	<b>INSET DAY (closed to children)</b>
<b>Fri 20 Jul</b>	<b>End of Term 6 (2pm)</b>
<b>23 Jul - 3 Sep</b>	<b>SUMMER HOLIDAYS</b>
<b>4 / 5 Sep</b>	<b>INSET DAYS (closed to children)</b>
<b>Thurs 6 Sep</b>	<b>Start of Term 1</b>
<b>Fri 19 Oct</b>	<b>End of Term 1</b>
<b>22 - 26 Oct</b>	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Mon 29 Oct</b>	<b>Start of Term 2</b>
<b>Mon 5 Nov</b>	<b>INSET DAY (closed to children)</b>
<b>Fri 21 Dec</b>	<b>End of Term 2 (2pm)</b>
<b>24 Dec - 4 Jan</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b>
<b>Mon 7 Jan</b>	<b>Start of Term 3</b>



## CONGRATULATIONS TO these wonderful children who received the following awards in our Laudate assembly today

### Merit Awards

Martin Patecki  
Noah Simpson Holland  
Gene Shaw  
Micky Conroy  
Zofia Medrak  
Lena Kolanowska  
Ava Dunlop  
James Oxley  
Purity Osei-Asante  
Giovanni Orrea  
Eva Sebastian  
Serena Hughes  
Tyler Cavannagh  
Tamia McCabe

### Courtesy Awards

Riley Sheehan  
Aidan Hobbs  
Samuel Hussey  
Jacob Millar  
Magnolia Stevens  
Kornelia Woznicka  
Sebastiao Ochnicki De  
Almeida Bento  
Bartosz Skrabut  
Mya Hindmarsh  
Jacob Hussey  
Michele Serra  
Elsie Bonner  
Vanessa Myca

### Best Class Attendance

3 Sherwin— 99%

### Headteacher's Award

Grace Hobbs

## SAFETY REMINDERS

Children should NOT be using the adventure playground area at the end of the school day. Thank you for your support in reminding them of this!



Dee Road is an important through road for emergency vehicles as well as a major bus route. Thank you for your efforts to park considerately so that traffic is not held up and neighbours' drives are not blocked or obstructed. The Police Community Support Officers and Traffic Enforcement Team do patrol outside schools on a regular basis and may issue penalty notices to illegally or inconsiderately parked vehicles.

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.