



English Martyrs Catholic Primary School



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Term 3 Newsletter 2 20th January 2023



GOSPEL READING

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time : Year A

Matthew 4 : 12 - 17

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali.

In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

*'Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!*

*The people that live in darkness has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death
a light has dawned.'*

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message.
'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

Southern Gas have written to say that work to upgrade the gas network in the Dee Road area will be starting on 23rd January and continuing for approximately 28 weeks.



We have contacted the company to ask for urgent clarification on how this will impact on access up and down Dee Road.

Tickets for the Hexagon Concert on Tuesday 14th March are now on sale via the Hexagon Box Office. Our School Choir will be performing, along with children from schools across our area, to raise funds for two wonderful local charities.



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to be back in school after a couple of days away updating my Paediatric First Aid training with colleagues. Thank you to Mrs Dworzak for leading a great Therapeutic Thinking training session for teachers and to Mrs Taylor for facilitating access to the White Rose Maths online sessions on supporting higher attainers and lower attainers in Maths.

Continuing on the Maths theme, we would like to say a huge thank you to the 6th Form students from Reading school who are acting as Maths Mentors to some of our Year 5 children. The children's confidence is really growing and it is also great to hear from Reading School how much their students are enjoying it and looking forward to their weekly sessions.

A separate letter has gone out today about the NEU strike days in that have been announced for February and March. We anticipate SOME disruption on those days and we will keep you updated when we know more about the impact for our school.

Congratulations to Miss Simpson and family on the safe arrival of their gorgeous baby boy! We all look forward to meeting him.

We are looking for a new Parent Governor to join our Governing Body. Look out for a letter and nomination forms next week!

Wishing you a peaceful weekend,
Mrs Doberska - Headteacher

Nursery - Knowledge and Understanding of the World (learning that builds a strong foundation for History + Geography)

Over the last few days the children have been watching clips of parades, learning how to move their bodies to mimic the dragon and helped to construct the dragon head. We then went around KS1 wishing them Happy New Year. We have found China on the globe and explored artefacts from China. We made Chinese lanterns, rabbit biscuits, good luck envelopes with New Year promises in to give to our families and have learned about the story of the animal race!

Next week we look to make traditional vegetable noodles together and learn to use chopsticks!



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DIARY DATES

WEDS 1 FEB **NEU STRIKE DAY—DISRUPTION POSSIBLE**

Thurs 2 Feb Year 6 Wales Liturgical Prayer 9am
Parents welcome to attend

Fri 3 Feb NSPCC Number Day

Fri 10 Feb End of Term 3

HALF TERM HOLIDAY Monday 13 Feb - Friday 17 Feb

Mon 20 Feb **Start of Term 4**

Weds 22 Feb Ash Wednesday

Weds 22 Feb Parent Consultations (in person)
3.30pm - 6.00pm

Sat 25 Feb Reading FC vs Blackpool FC
(Discounted tickets for schools - see p3)

Weds 1 Mar St David's Day (patron saint of Wales)
Scouts, guides, cubs, brownies, rainbows,
beavers may wear group uniforms

Weds 1 Mar Year 3 Morse Liturgical Prayer 9am
Parents welcome to attend

Weds 1 Mar Parent Consultations (online)
4.30pm - 7.30pm

Thurs 2 Mar World Book Day **may be moved if needed**

THURS 2 MAR **NEU STRIKE DAY—DISRUPTION POSSIBLE**

Weds 8 Mar Year 3 Sherwin Liturgical Prayer 9am
Parents welcome to attend

Tues 14 Mar Children Helping Children Choir Concert
Hexagon Theatre 7pm

WEDS 15 MAR **NEU STRIKE DAY—DISRUPTION POSSIBLE**

THURS 16 MAR **NEU STRIKE DAY—DISRUPTION POSSIBLE**

Fri 17 Mar St Patrick's Day (patron saint of Ireland)
Scouts, guides, cubs, brownies, rainbows,
beavers may wear group uniforms

Thurs 23 Mar Year 4 Stations of the Cross 9am

Fri 31 Mar End of Term 4 - 2pm

EASTER HOLIDAY Monday 3 Apr - Friday 14 Apr

Mon 17 Apr **Start of Term 5**

Mon 1 May **BANK HOLIDAY - school CLOSED**

Mon 8 May **BANK HOLIDAY - school CLOSED**

9 - 12 May Year 6 SATs tests

Fri 26 May End of Term 5

HALF TERM HOLIDAY Monday 29 May - Friday 2 Jun

Mon 5 Jun **Start of Term 6**

Fri 7 Jul **INSET DAY - school CLOSED to pupils**

Thurs 20 Jul **End of School Year - 2pm**



Led by Mr Grosvenor + Mrs Jackson-Reilly

Assisted Daniella, Kam, Noah + Tamar

Merit + Courtesy Awards

Year 1 Rigby: Ryan (merit) + Jessica S (courtesy)
Year 1 Ward: Noah D (merit) + Nikodem (courtesy)
Year 2 Barlow: Nathan (merit) + Mila (courtesy)
Year 2 Lawrence: Mustafa (merit) + Hasina (courtesy)
Year 3 Morse: Daniel (merit) + Georgi (courtesy)
Year 3 Sherwin: Carly (merit) + Lavin (courtesy)
Year 4 Almond: Chris (merit) + Whole Class (courtesy)
Year 4 Arrowsmith: Tantu (merit) + Aanu (courtesy)
Year 5 Line: Tamia (merit) + Ruairi (courtesy)
Year 5 Mayne: Jess (merit) + Sydney (courtesy)
Year 6 Evans: Kiran (merit) + Natalie (courtesy)
Year 6 Stone: Serena (merit) + Oliver L (courtesy)

Deputy Head's Award

Charlie (Year 5)

Assistant Head's Award

Year 5 Maths Mentors Group

Golden Broom - awarded by caretaker for tidiest classroom

Year 3 Morse

HOUSE POINTS



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Mass Times

SATURDAY : 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)

SUNDAY : 9.00am
: 11.30am
: 5.00pm

MON-FRI : 9.30am
(10am Bank Holidays)

SATURDAY : 10.00am



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**Reading Football Club's 3rd School and Grassroots
Fixture of 2022-23!**

**SCHOOLS & GRASSROOTS INITIATIVE MAKES A
RETURN AGAINST BLACKPOOL**



When?

Reading vs Blackpool
Saturday 25th February, 3pm

Where?

Select Car Leasing Stadium

How to qualify for the discount and confirm your attendance?

We would be delighted if you could join us for our 3rd schools and grassroots fixture of 2022-23.
And as part of our special invitation, we would like to offer the below discounted prices:

12 and Under: £1

17 and Under: £3

18 to 24: £5

65 and over: £5

Adult: £10

To redeem, please visit <https://ticketing.readingfc.co.uk> and enter the following unique coupon code: **#EnglishMartyrsCatholicPrimary** in the basket once you have logged in and selected your tickets.

How many tickets can we purchase?

There is no limit on the number of tickets you can buy using your unique code. And, for every ticket which is purchased you will receive one entry in a prize draw for a chance to win a series of 'money can't buy experience' prizes!

Important! This offer applies to tickets in the Eamonn Dolan Stand blocks and Y19/Y20 of the Sir John Madejski. Coupon codes are valid up until 4 hours before kick-off and availability is limited, so please act quickly to avoid disappointment.

If you have any questions about this offer, please email sales@readingfc.co.uk
or call 0118 968 1313.

We hope to see you all on Saturday 25th February 2023!

Come on URRRZZZ!

Yours Sincerely

Paul Collins

**Head of Ticketing
Reading Football Club**

Don't forget that Breakfast/
After School Club have a great
selection of good quality
second hand uniform available
at very low prices!



Ties are presented to children at special ceremonies in school



Please make sure
everything is NAMED!

