



English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

"where everyone is special"

Newsletter 1: 6th September 2013

Welcome Back!

A warm welcome back to all the children and their families as we start another new class year. The children in the Foundation Stage will be joining us at the start of next week and we also have other new pupils in different classes this September. A special welcome to Miss Ryan who is the year 1 teacher; Mrs Gettings who is a Teaching Assistant supporting in Foundation Stage; and Mrs Swaden who is a Teaching Assistant in year 3. English Martyrs is a family and I am sure they will feel very much part of this special community as they settle in over the next few weeks.

On a personal note it is lovely to be back at English Martyrs. When I left the school previously it was when the current year 6 were in the Foundation Stage. There are many familiar faces on the playground and lots of new ones too. English Martyrs has always been close to my heart as the school cares about and nurtures each individual child as well as having high standards and expectations. On leaving English Martyrs (as Deputy Head), I took up post as Head of St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, in Market Harborough and then became the Head of St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School in Radford, Coventry. You will often see me walking around the playground before and after school - so please say hello.

Rugby in Bloom 2013 Campaign

The school has achieved the Platinum Award in the schools category. Well done to the gardening club and all the volunteers and helpers as this is the highest award that can be achieved. The children from the gardening club in years 5 and 6 will be attending an award ceremony by the mayor in appreciation for their hard work. The gardening club are looking for helpers and volunteers who can continue this good work with the children, please give your name to the school office if you are able to help.

Unwanted Recorders

Mrs Robinson would like any homes which have unwanted recorders to donate them to the school. This means that we can begin to develop a class set for the future.

HALF TERM
October 28th - 1st November

Whole School Mass

It was lovely to see so many parents and families at the first mass of the school year. We will continue to have mass on a Thursday at 9:15am in the Church.

PTA

Friday September 27th. School Hall.

A Coffee Morning in support of Macmillan Nurses

9-11am

(In memory of Phyllis Webb)

Lateness

It is important that children arrive to school safely and on time. A school has a statutory duty to keep a record of children who are late, particularly those who are late on a regular basis. At 8:55am, for the security of the children on the school site, the gates will be locked. After 8:55am a child is late. In a couple of weeks time, to conform with current regulations, the school will be keeping a late book. Children should not be arriving late at the school without an adult having escorted them into the Reception Area. The adult will then be responsible for signing the late book and the reason for the lateness. We will inform parents when this system will begin. However parents should always accompany children who are late to the Reception Area.

The Great North Run
Sunday 15th September 2013

Mr Azim, who has a pupil in year 6, will be running in the Great North Run 2013 (Sunday 15th September 2013) to raise money for the School.

The PTA have set up a 'Just Giving Account', in the name of English Martyrs PTA, which has allowed Mr Azim to give all the donations to the School. This is his way to say thank you to the School for the time they have given his son Luca.

Below is the Just Giving account, which is a secure site, for all those who wish to support Mr Azim in his cause and at the same time raising much needed funds for the school. The page is - www.justgiving.com/Robert-Azim.

We wish Mr Azim well in his race and I am sure we will all be cheering him on.

Sacraments

Confirmation

Mass of Commitment: Sunday 29th September 2013
(All candidates to attend)

Confirmation: November 27th 7pm by Bishop Kenney C.P.

First Holy Communion

Saturday 7th June 2014 (time to be announced later)

Presentation of First Holy Communion Candidates to the Parish:
Sunday 8th June 2014 11:00am - Parish mass. All children are expected to attend the mass and be dressed in their Holy Communion outfits. The Parish will lead the mass as usual.

Diary Dates

September

3rd School opens to pupils
5th Whole School Mass (Led by Staff)
9th-13th New Foundation Stage pupils attend part time (including lunch)
12th Mass Y6 (Y3)
16th New Foundation Stage pupils attend full time
19th Mass Y5 (Y3, Y1)
24th School photographs 8:30am
26th Whole School Harvest Mass
27th PTA Macmillian Coffee morning (9:00-11:00)
29th (Sunday) Mass of Commitment for the Confirmation Candidates, 11:00am in Church
30th Teacher Training Day: School Closed

October

3rd Mass Y4 (Y3, Y2)
10th Mass Y3
17th Mass FS/KS1 (Y3)
21st Parent Consultation Evenings 3:30-7:00pm
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24th Poppy Launch appeal at Caldecott Park 10:30-12:00 (School Council)
24th M & M theatre production of 'The Wizard of Oz'
24th Mass Y6 (Y3, Y2)

November

7th Mass Y5 (Y3, Y1)
14th Mass Y4 (Y3, Y2)
21st Mass Y3
27th Confirmation: 7pm by Bishop Kenney C.P.
28th Mass FS/KS1 (Y3)

December

1st (Sunday) Parish Mass Y5 to lead 11:00 am in Church
5th Mass Y6
12th Mass Y5
13th Benediction/Blessing of the School Crib 2:45pm
19th Whole School Mass (Led by staff)
20th Carol Service and end of term presentations (Last day of term)

Teacher training day on Monday 6th January 2014, school reopens on Tuesday 7th January 2014.