



English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

"where everyone is special"

Newsletter 2: 11th September 2013

Welcome to the Foundation children who started school part time on Monday. They all looked very smart in their uniforms. Very few tears were shed by the children and they settled into the school day beautifully. Many thanks to the PTA who provided tea and coffee to the new parents.

School Photographs

The School Photographer will make the annual visit on 24th September. Family group photos for children not yet at school will be taken first from 8.30am. All photos are offered without any obligation.

Admissions 2013

The closing date for on-time admissions for places in Year R and Year 3 for September 2013 is 15th January, 2014. Applications may be made online at: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions

Irish Dancing

Irish Dancing (Y1-Y6) each Thursday after school in the hall. Please talk to the dancing teacher Mrs Pithie. Re-starts on 12th of September.

PTA

Friday September 27th. School Hall.

A Coffee Morning in support of Macmillan Nurses

9-11am

(In memory of Phyllis Webb)

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.

Parent Curriculum Meetings

Parents in key stage 1 and 2 are invited for a curriculum meeting with their child's new class teacher. During this meeting teachers will share with parents what their expectations are from the children and what the children will be covering in class. Parents will be able to ask the teachers any questions they may have.

The dates for these meetings are:

Year 1, Miss Ryan: 25th September 9am

Year 2, Mrs Butterfield: Thursday 19th September 9am

Year 3, Miss Petras: Tuesday 17th September 2:45pm

Year 4, Mrs Jones/Miss Skinner: Monday 23rd September 2:45pm

Year 5, Mrs Skuse: Wednesday 18th September 2:45pm

Year 6, Mrs Taylor: Thursday 19th September 2:45pm

The meetings will take place in the classrooms.

Parking

The Governors have asked me to remind parents that *only* those with disabled stickers or visitors to the school are allowed on the school drive at any time. Safety is the primary concern. The school received a phone call from a concerned parent due to people driving on the drive with a child narrowly avoiding an accident. For a nominal fee of £6 per year, parents may park in the Ex-Servicemen's Club across the main road. Application forms are available from the Ex-Servicemen's Club.

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.

Clubs

Football

Unfortunately Mr Waldron is unable to start the football training/team this term. We will keep parents updated of any changes. The school will endeavour to find alternative provision.

Netball

This will begin on Tuesday 17th 3:30-4:30pm. Permission slips will be going out soon.

Basketball

This is due to start on Monday 16th September 8:00-8:45am.

Father Malcolm

It is time to bid Father Malcolm a fond farewell as he takes up his new post at St. Francis of Assisi, in Shelfield in Walsall.

The Governors wish to thank Father Malcolm for his commitment to the school, particularly in his former role of Chair and in supporting the school in preparing the children to receive the Sacraments.

HALF TERM

October 28th - 1st November

Diary Dates

September

9 th -13 th	New Foundation Stage pupils attend part time (including lunch)
12 th	Mass Y6 (Y3)
16 th	New Foundation Stage pupils attend full time
17 th	Year 3 Parent Curriculum meeting 2:45pm
18 th	Year 5 Parent Curriculum meeting 2:45pm
19 th	Mass Y5 (Y3, Y1)
19 th	Year 2 Parent Curriculum meeting 9am
19 th	Year 6 Parent Curriculum meeting 2:45pm
24 th	School photographs 8:30am
25 th	Year 1 Parent Curriculum meeting 9am
26 th	Whole School Harvest Mass 9:15am
27 th	PTA Macmillian Coffee morning (9:00-11:00)
29 th	(Sunday) Mass of Commitment for the Confirmation Candidates, 11:00am in Church
30 th	Teacher Training Day: School Closed

October

3 rd	Mass Y4 (Y3, Y2)
10 th	Mass Y3
17 th	Mass FS/KS1 (Y3)
21 st	Parent Consultation Evenings 3:30-7:00pm
22 nd	Parent Consultation Evenings 3:30-7:00pm
23 rd	Year 4 Parent Curriculum meeting 2:45pm
24 th	Poppy Launch appeal at Caldecott Park 10:30-12:00 (School Council)
24 th	M & M theatre production of 'The Wizard of Oz'
24 th	Mass Y6 (Y3, Y2)

November

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

December

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

Peripatetic music lessons

Mrs Jill Waring will be teaching keyboard and flute/clarinet lessons in school.

Thursday: Flute and clarinet lessons.

Friday: Keyboard lessons

Termly cost: £62

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